

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**FORMAL HEARINGS**  
**July 22, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:03 A.M., on July 22, 2024, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

A Tucker Gleason, PhD; First Vice-**President**  
Delia Acuna, FNP-C  
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN  
Victoria Cox, DNP, RN  
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member  
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC

STAFF PRESENT:

Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for  
Advanced Practice  
Ann Hardy, MSN, RN, Compliance and Case Adjudication Manager  
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director – **joined  
at 10:39 A.M.**  
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Nursing Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General  
Practical Nursing students from Paul D. Camp Community College

ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A PANEL:

With six members of the Board present, a panel was established.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

**Dekara Johnson, RN** **0001-316039**

Ms. Johnson appeared.

Christine Andreoli and Jovanni Armstead, Adjudication Specialists, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Earlina King, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Katie Land, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 9:55 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Dekara**

**Johnson.** Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg, Board Counsel, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:16 A.M.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Dr. Parke moved that the Board revoke the license of **Dekara Johnson** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusion, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

Dr. Hills left the meeting at 10:19 A.M.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 10:19 A.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 10:39 P.M.

Ms. Bargdill joined the meeting at 10:39 A.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS:

**Rebecca Anne Tolbert, LPN**

**0002-053554**

Ms. Tolbert appeared and was accompanied by Regina Brittingham, friend and previous co-worker.

Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Earlina King, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Tonya James, Board of Nursing Compliance Case Manager, Jackie Holloway, RN, DON at Shore Health & Rehab Center, and Regina Brittingham, LPN, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:47 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Rebecca Anne Tolbert**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Hardy, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg, Board Counsel, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Board in its deliberations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cox and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:21 P.M.

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded by Ms. Acuna and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Dr. Cox moved that the Board revoke the license of **Rebecca Anne Tolbert** to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cartte and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusion, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 12:22 P.M.

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A Tucker Gleason, PhD  
First Vice-President