

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**FORMAL HEARINGS**  
**July 21, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 2:30 P.M., on July 21, 2026, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:

Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC; **First Vice-President**  
Pamela Davis, LPN  
Yessenia Nunez, MSN, FNP-BC  
Dolores Valenta, LPN  
Kathleen Ware, DNP, MSN, RN

STAFF PRESENT:

Ann Hardy, MSN, RN; Deputy Executive Director  
Tamika Claiborne, BS, Senior Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Sara A. Blose, Senior Assistant Attorney General

ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

**Mercy E. Sarsah Thompson, RN**

**0001-300181**

Ms. Thompson did not appear.

Aaron Timberlake, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Blose was legal counsel for the Board. Annette Imbriaco, court reporter, recorded the proceedings.

Gayle Miller, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Nunez moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:41 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Mercy E. Sarsah Thompson**. Additionally, Ms. Nunez moved that Ms. Hardy, Ms. Claiborne, and Ms. Blose, 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. Ware and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:49 P.M.

Ms. Nunez 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. Davis and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Davis moved that the Board revoke the right of **Mercy E. Sarsah Thompson** to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ware and carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

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Ann Hardy, RN, MSN  
Deputy Executive Director