

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS  
MINUTES**

**September 15, 2021**

**Panel - A**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:15 A.M. on September 15, 2021, in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC, Second Vice President  
Yvette L. Dorsey, DNP, RN  
James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K  
Ann Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member  
Felisa A. Smith, PhD, RN, MSA, MSN/Ed, CNE

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director  
Claire Morris, RN, LNHA, Deputy Executive Director  
Cathy Hanchey, Senior Licensing/Discipline Specialist  
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:**

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

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**#1 Victoria Elizabeth Briggs, CNA**

**1401-199737**

Ms. Briggs did not appear.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:15 A.M., for the purpose of consideration of the agency subordinate recommendation regarding Ms. Briggs. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Hanchey, Ms. Goode, and Ms. Mitchell, 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 Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:**

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:21 A.M.

Dr. Smith 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 Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the right to renew the certificate of Victoria Elizabeth Briggs to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

**#3 – Toni Bridgett Hall, CNA**

**1401-181763**

Ms. Hall did not appear.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Dr. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:15 A.M., for the purpose of consideration of the agency subordinate recommendation regarding Ms. Hall. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Hanchey, Ms. Goode, and Ms. Mitchell, 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 Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:**

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:21 A.M.

Dr. Smith 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 Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

Dr. Gleason moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the right to renew the certificate of Toni Bridgett Hall to practice as a nurse aide with a Finding of Abuse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Board adjourned at 10:46 A.M.

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Claire Morris, RN, LNHA  
Deputy Executive Director

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
FORMAL HEARINGS  
September 15, 2021**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 1:00 P.M., on September 15, 2021 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC; President  
Yvette L. Dorsey, DNP, RN  
Ann Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member  
James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K  
Felisa Smith, PhD, RN, MSA, MSN/Ed, CNE

STAFF PRESENT: Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director  
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director  
Patricia Dewey, RN, BSN, Discipline Case Manager  
Cathy Hanchey, Senior Licensing/Discipline Specialist  
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT: Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Julia K. Bennett, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Ka Yu-Cheng, Enforcement Division

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL: With five members of the Board present, a panel was established.

FORMAL HEARING: **Vera Komarova, RMA** **0031-001218**  
  
Ms. Komarova did not appear.  
  
Mandy Wilson, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Tammy S. Keckley, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.  
  
Ann Hardy, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Kim Newton-Sage, Kristy Smith, and Detective Michael Tedeshchi, City of Richmond Police Department, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:29 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Vera Komarova**. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Hanchey, Ms. Goode, and Ms. Mitchell 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. Gleason and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 1:38 P.M.

Dr. Smith 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. Dorsey and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the registration of **Vera Komarova** to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dorsey 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 1:39 P.M.

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Claire Morris, RN, LNHA  
Deputy Executive Director