

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

**November 17, 2021**

**Panel - A**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:03 A.M. on November 17, 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  
Laurie Buchwald, MSN, WHNP, FNP  
James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K  
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN  
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN  
Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN, 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 six members of the Board present, a panel was established.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**#3 – Joan M. Blocher, CNA**

**1401-121649**

Ms. Blocher did not appear.

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certification of Joan M. Blocher to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

**#5 – Lauren Brooke Antill, RN**

**0001-269116**

Ms. Antill submitted a written response.

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to issue an order of reprimand and suspend the license of Lauren Brooke Antill to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the suspension stayed upon

proof of entry into and compliance with HPMP. The motion was seconded by Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

**#9 – Charideas Castillo, CNA** **1401-172015**  
Ms. Castillo did not appear.

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certification of Charideas Castillo to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia, with a finding of abuse. The motion was seconded by Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

**#13 – Marlene Logan Clay, CNA** **1401-078321**  
Ms. Clay did not appear.

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the certification of Marlene Logan Clay to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

**#15 – Tatiana G. Harris, CNA** **1401-175187**  
Ms. Harris did not appear.

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certification of Tatiana G. Harris to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

**#11 – Christopher Lee Coker, RN** **0001-289044**  
Mr. Coker did not appear.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker recused himself from this recommendation consideration.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:09 A.M., for the purpose of consideration of the agency subordinate recommendation regarding Mr. Coker. Additionally, Ms. Shah 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 Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:17 A.M.

Ms. Shah 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. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to require Mr. Coker to provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of Board approved courses in the subject areas: Proper Handling and Documentation of Medications; Proper Documentation and Professional Accountability and Legal Liability for Nurses within 90 days from the date of entry of the order. The motion was seconded by Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker returned to the meeting at 9:17 A.M.

**#1 – Sarah Rose Ferriter, RN** **0001-220716**  
Ms. Ferriter did not appear.

**#7 – Rhonda G. Frazier, LPN** **0002-068169**  
Ms. Frazier submitted a written response.

**CLOSED MEETING:**

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 9:19 A.M., for the purpose of consideration of the agency subordinate recommendations regarding Ms. Ferriter and Ms. Frazier. Additionally, Ms. Shah 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 Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:**

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:33 A.M.

Ms. Shah 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. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing modify the recommended decision of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend Ms. Ferriter’s right to renew and privilege to practice as a professional nurse until such

time that Ms. Ferriter can provide proof that she is safe and competent to practice. The motion was seconded by Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing modify Finding of Fact #5 of the recommended decision of the agency subordinate by removing the last sentence: “Ms. Frazier did not provide a reason for her absence at the informal conference, although she had previously indicated her intention to appear.” The motion was seconded by Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

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Claire Morris, RN, LNHA  
Deputy Executive Director

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
FORMAL HEARINGS  
PANEL A  
November 17, 2021**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 11:01 A.M., on November 17, 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  
Laurie Buchwald, MSN, WHNP, FNP  
James L. Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K  
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN  
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN  
Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE

STAFF PRESENT:

Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advance Practice  
Claire Morris, RN, LNHA, Deputy Executive Director  
Cathy Hanchey, Senior Licensing/Discipline Specialist  
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
**(Koren Lee Karlsen, LPN case only)**  
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Julia Bennett, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Ka Yu-Cheng, Enforcement Division - **joined at 11:00A.M.**

ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARING:

**Koren Lee Karlsen, LPN Reinstatement Applicant      0002-078056**

Ms. Karlsen appeared 15 minutes late.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Mr. Rutkowski was legal counsel for the Board. Renee M. Cordero Larkin, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Kelly Carter, LNHA, Joyce Johnson, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Kim Lynch, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 12:20 P.M., for

the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Koren Lee Karlsen**. Additionally, Ms. Shah moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Hanchey, Ms. Goode and Mr. Rutkowski 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 and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:34 P.M.

Ms. Shah 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 and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing deny the reinstatement application of **Koren Lee Karlsen** to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded 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.

Mr. Rutkowski left the meeting at 12:36 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:36 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:10 P.M.

Ms. Mitchell joined the meeting at 1:10 P.M.

FORMAL HEARING: **Sharon Meadows, RN**                      **0001-078324**

Ms. Meadows did not appear.

Mandy Wilson, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Renee M. Cordero Larkin, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

MOTION: The Commonwealth moved for a continuance, stating it received a motion for continuance on November 16, 2021, from Ms. Meadows' daughter,

Theresa Dawn Eddins, who advised the Commonwealth that she was designated as Ms. Meadows' guardian and conservator on November 15, 2021. The motion for continuance was denied.

Steve Keene, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Kristin Allen, RN, and Tonya James, Board of Nursing Compliance Case Manager, were present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Shah moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:56 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Sharon Meadows**. Additionally, Ms. Shah moved that Dr. Hills, 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 and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 2:12 P.M.

Ms. Shah 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 and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of **Sharon Meadows** to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded 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.

Ms. Shah left the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

FORMAL HEARING: **Christina Gill, CNA**                      **1401-180685**

Ms. Gill appeared.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Renee M. Cordero Larkin, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Janet Yearout, RN, was present and testified. Amy Tanner, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, testified via phone.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:16 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter **Christina Gill**. Additionally, Mr. Hermansen-Parker moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Hanchey, 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 and carried unanimously.

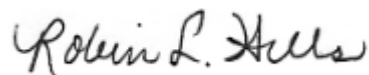
RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:35 P.M.

Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Swineford moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the certificate of **Christina Gill** to practice as a certified nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia based upon a Finding of Neglect. The motion was seconded 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 3:36 P.M.



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Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP  
Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice