

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
VIRTUAL FORMAL HEARING
MINUTES
February 8, 2021

TIME AND PLACE: The virtual Webex hearing of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was called to order at 10:00 A.M., on February 8, 2021.

Due to COVID-19 declared state of emergency and consistent with Amendment 28 to HB29 (Budget Bill for 2018-2020) and the applicable provision of §2.2-3708.2 in the Freedom of Information Act, the Committee convened a virtual meeting to consider such regulatory and business matters as was presented on the agenda for the Committee to discharge its lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS
PARTICIPATED**

VIRTUALLY: Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC, Chair
Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA;
Ann Tucker Gleason, PhD
Lori Conklin, MD
David Archer, MD

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Ransone, MD

STAFF PARTICIPATED

VIRTUALLY: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director; Board of Nursing
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice; Board of Nursing
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Discipline Specialist Team Coordinator
Huong Vu, Executive Assistant; Board of Nursing
Sally Ragsdale, Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PARTICIPATED

VIRTUALLY: Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General; Board Counsel
Andrea Pegram, Court Reporter
Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative Proceedings Division (APD)
Julia Bennett, Deputy Executive Director, APD
David Robinson, Adjudication Specialist, APD
Rai K. Minor, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions Enforcement

PUBLIC PARTICIPATED

VIRTUALLY: Etta Bruton

ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM:

Ms. Gerardo called the meeting to order and established that a quorum consisting of 5 members was present.

CONSENT ORDER CONSIDERATION

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Gleason moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:04 A.M., for the purpose to reach a decision regarding Consent Orders. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Vu, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk 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 properly seconded by Ms. Hershkowitz. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 10:24 A.M.

Dr. Gleason moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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 properly seconded by Dr. Conklin. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Heather M. Poe, LNP

0024-173082

Ms. Hershowitz moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine defer the consideration of the consent order of Heather M. Poe to February 17, 2021. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Conklin. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Jessica Anne Landrum Webb, LNP

0024-170802

Ms. Hershowitz moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine to accept the consent order of Jessica Anne Landrum Webb to reprimand Ms. Webb and to indefinitely suspend the right of Ms. Webb to renew her nurse practitioner license. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Conklin. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

FORMAL HEARING:

Jennifer Ranae Perry Battani, LNP Reinstatement Applicant
0024-171773

Ms. Battani participated.

Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal

counsel for the Board. Andrea Pegram, court reporter with Andrea Pegram Reporting Service, recorded the proceeding.

Rai K. Minor, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, participated and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Gleason moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(28) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:04 A.M. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Jennifer Ranae Perry Battani. Additionally, Dr. Gleason moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk, Ms. Vu 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 Committee in its deliberations. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Hershkowitz. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:32 A.M.

Dr. Gleason moved that the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine 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 properly seconded by Dr. Conklin. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hershkowitz moved to approve the application of Jennifer Ranae Perry Battani for reinstatement of her license to practice as a nurse practitioner in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Ms. Battani at her address of record. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Conklin. A roll call was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 P.M.

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