

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
FORMAL HEARINGS  
February 28, 2022**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:49 A.M., on February 28, 2022 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marie Gerardo, MS, RN, ANP-BC; **Chair**  
Felisa A. Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE, Second Vice President  
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member  
James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K  
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director  
Randall Mangrum, DNP, RN; Nursing Education Program Manager  
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director  
Jacquelyn Wilmoth, Deputy Executive Director for Education  
Kathleen Kincheloe, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)

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

**FORMAL HEARING:** **Medical Learning Center Practical Nursing (MLC-PN) Education Program (US28110500)**  
  
Representative from Medical Learning Center Practical Nursing Education Program did not appear.  
  
Sean Murphy, Assistant Attorney General, and Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Wanda Blanks, Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting, recorded the proceedings.  
  
Patricia Dewey, RN, BSN, Discipline Case Manager, and Charlette Ridout, RN, MS, CNE, Board of Nursing staff, were present and testified.

**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 10:18 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Medical

Learning Center Practical Nursing Education Program. Additionally, Dr. Smith moved that Ms. Morris, Dr. Mangrum, 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 Mr. Hermansen-Parker and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 12:06 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 Ms. Shah and carried unanimously.

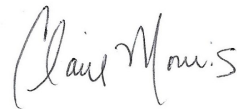
ACTION:

Dr. Smith moved that the Board of Nursing continue Medical Learning Center Practical Nursing Education Program on initial approval with terms and conditions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hermansen-Parker 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 12:08 P.M.



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Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA  
Deputy Executive Director