

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
FORMAL HEARINGS
PANEL A
March 22, 2023

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 1:08 P.M., on March 22, 2022, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Brandon A. Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC; President
Laurie Buchwald, MSN, WHNP, FNP
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN
Yvette L. Dorsey, DNP, RN
Ann T. Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN

STAFF PRESENT:

Robin Hills DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Nursing Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Laura A. Booberg, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

**ESTABLISHMENT
OF A PANEL:**

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

FORMAL HEARINGS:

Anna Christine Gemerek, RN 0001-221755

Ms. Gemerek appeared.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. L. Kim Taylor, court reporter with Farnsworth and Taylor Reporting, LLC, recorded the proceedings.

Sherry Gibson, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Debra Hay-Pierce, former Senior Investigator, Madeline Powell, Behavioral Specialist, Cumberland Hospital, Amanda Hayes-Wilkins, Nurse Supervisor, Cumberland Hospital, were present and testified.

RECESS:

The Board recessed at 2:32 P.M.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened at 2:39 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:36 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Anna Christine Gemerek**. Additionally, Ms. Cartte moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg 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. Dorsey and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:26 P.M.

Dr. Dorsey 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. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Cartte moved that the Board of Nursing issue a reprimand to **Anna Christine Gemerek** to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia and require continuing education in ethics and professionalism in nursing, sharpening critical thinking, and professional boundaries in nursing. Three hours of each course for a total of nine hours. 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 4:28 P.M.

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN
Deputy Executive Director