

VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING
POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
August 22, 2022

A possible summary suspension telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Nursing was held August 22, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

The Board of Nursing members participating in the call were:

Brandon Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC; **Chair**
Yvette Dorsey, DNP, RN
Margaret Friedenber, Citizen Member
Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member
James Hermansen-Parker, MSN, RN, PCCN-K
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN
Mark Monson, Citizen Member
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN
Felisa A. Smith, PhD, MSA, RN, CNE
Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CEN, NEA-BC

Others participating in the meeting were:

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Erin Weaver, Assistant Attorney General
Rebecca Ribley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division
Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director
Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Christina Bargdill BSN, MHS; Deputy Executive Director
Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director
Francesca Iyengar, MSN, RN, Discipline Case Manager
Huong Vu, Operations Manager
Breana Renick, Administrative Support Specialist
Lakisha Goode, Discipline Team Coordinator
Tamika Claiborne, Senior Licensing/Discipline Specialist
Eileen Talamante, RN, JD, Goodman/Allen/Donnelly, Attorney for the Respondent

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jones. With 10 members of the Board of Nursing participating, a quorum was established.

Erin Weaver, Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continue practice of professional nursing by **Judith Smart (0001-252988)** may present a substantial danger to the health and safety of the public.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Swineford moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 4:43 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Judith Smart, RN** . Additionally, Ms. Swineford moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Morris, Ms. Iyengar, Ms. Vu, Ms. Renick, Ms. Goode, Ms. Claiborne and Ms.

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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. Monson and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 4:52 P.M.

Ms. Talamante and Ms. Weaver re-joined the meeting at 4:52 P.M.

Ms. Swineford 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. Smith and carried unanimously.

Mr. Monson moved to summarily suspend the right to renew the license of **Judith Smart, RN** to practice professional nursing and her privilege to practice in Virginia under her multistate privilege pending a formal administrative hearing and to offer a consent order for indefinite suspension of her license in lieu of a formal hearing. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dorsey and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE
Executive Director