

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**POSSIBLE SUMMARY SUSPENSION TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL**  
**May 8, 2023**

A possible summary suspension telephone conference call of the Virginia Board of Nursing was held May 8, 2023, at 4:35 P.M.

**The Board of Nursing members participating in the call were:**

Brandon Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC; **Chair**  
Carol Cartte, RN, BSN  
Yvette L. Dorsey, DNP, RN  
Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member  
A. Tucker Gleason, PhD, Citizen Member  
Paul Hogan, Citizen Member  
Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN  
Meenakshi Shah, BA, RN  
Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CEN

**Others participating in the meeting were:**

Laura Booberg, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
David Robinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Michael Parson, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division  
Jay Douglas, RN, MSM, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director  
Robin Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice  
Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director  
Francesca Iyengar, MSN, RN; Discipline Case Manager  
Huong Vu, Operations Manager

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

David Robinson, Senior Assistant Attorney General, presented evidence that the continued practice of professional nursing by **James Larry Gorham, RN (NC license #121804 with multistate privilege)** in the Commonwealth of Virginia 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 5:09 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **James Larry Gorham**. Additionally, Ms. Swineford moved that Ms. Douglas, Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Iyengar, Ms. Vu 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 5:25 P.M.

Mr. Robinson re-joined the meeting at 5:25 P.M.

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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 Ms. Shah and carried unanimously.

Dr. Gleason moved to summarily suspend the privilege to practice professional nursing of **James Larry Gorham**. The motion was seconded by Ms. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 P.M.

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Claire Morris, RN, LNHA  
Deputy Executive Director