

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**  
**FORMAL HEARINGS**  
**Thursday March 21, 2024**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:26 A.M., on March 21, 2024, in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, Rn, CNE; **President**  
Laurie Buchwald, MSN, WHNP, FNP  
Pamela Davis, LPN  
Helen Parke, DNP, FNP-BC  
Robert Scott, RN

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director  
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for  
Advanced Practice  
Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director- **joined  
at 4:00 P.M.**  
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Senior Discipline Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Laura A. Booberg, Assistant Attorney General

**ESTABLISHMENT  
OF A PANEL:**

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

**FORMAL HEARINGS:**

**Ashley Richardson, LPN**                      **0002-071382**

Ms. Richardson appeared.

Avi Efreom, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Virginia Mack, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Ashley Hester, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, Taquanna Lane, LPN, Parham Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, and Breanna Jacobs, LPN, Parham Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, were present and testified.

**RECESS:**

The Board recessed at 11:00 A.M.

**RECONVENTION:**

The Board reconvened at 11:12 A.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 11:20 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Ashley Richardson**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg, Board Counsel, 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 Ms. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:08 P.M.

Dr. Parke 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. Davis and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the license of **Ashley Richardson** to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchwald 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.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:09 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 12:50 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Tara Dawn Hammock, RN** **0001-170022**

Ms. Hammock appeared, accompanied by Woody Hammock, her son.

Christine Andreoli, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Virginia Mack, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

David Cowras, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, and Woody Hammock, respondent's son, were present and testified.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 2:16 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 2:29 A.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 3:06 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 3:14 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 3:34 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Tara Dawn Hammock**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Morris, 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 Ms. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 3:59 P.M.

Dr. Parke 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: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the license of **Tara Dawn Hammock** to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott and carried unanimously.

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Dr. Hills left the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Ms. Bargdill joined the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 4:00 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 4:10 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Jennifer Sherrell Bell, LPN Reinstatement Applicant**  
**0002-083320**

Ms. Bell appeared accompanied by Faye Moton, her mother.

Melissa Gray, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Virginia Mack, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Gayle Miller, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING: Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 5:07 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Jennifer Sherrell Bell**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Morris, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg, Board Counsel, 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 Ms. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 5:24 P.M.

Dr. Parke 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. Davis moved that the Board of Nursing approve the application for reinstatement of the license of **Jennifer Sherrell Bell** to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia, indefinitely suspend the practical nursing license of **Jennifer Sherrell Bell** and stay the suspension contingent upon entry into and compliance with Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) providing proof of completion of an approved nursing refresher course. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchwald 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.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **Janice Vernetta Gay, LPN Applicant**

Ms. Gay appeared.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Booberg was legal counsel for the Board. Virginia Mack, court reporter with County Court Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Stephen Shirley, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, was present and testified.

CLOSED MEETING:

Dr. Parke moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 6:11 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Janice Vernetta Gay**. Additionally, Dr. Parke moved that Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Morris, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Booberg, Board Counsel, 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. Scott and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION:

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:20 P.M.

Ms. Buchwald 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. Davis and carried unanimously.

ACTION:

Mr. Scott moved that the Board of Nursing deny the application of **Janice Vernetta Gay** to practice as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Buchwald and carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT:           The Board adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

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Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA  
Deputy Executive Director

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