

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
FORMAL HEARINGS  
November 21, 2019**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 10:10 A.M. on November 21, 2019 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA, President  
Yvette L. Dorsey, DNP, RN  
Dixie McElfresh, LPN  
Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, DNP, MSN, RN, BC  
Mark D. Monson, Citizen Member  
Kristina Page, LMT – **LMT cases only**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Jodi Power, RN, JD, Senior Deputy Executive Director  
Terri Clinger, DNP, RN, CPNP-PC, Deputy Executive Director  
Charlette N. Ridout, RN, MS, CNE, Deputy Executive Director  
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP, Deputy Executive Director (**joined at 11:29 A.M.**)  
Sylvia Tamayo-Suijk, Discipline Team Coordinator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Senior Nursing students and faculty from Riverside College of Health Careers  
Nurse Aide students and faculty from Chesterfield County Public Schools  
Senior Nursing students and faculty from South University

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:**

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

**FORMAL HEARINGS:**

**Oumie Sabally, CNA Reinstatement Applicant** **1401-124968**  
Ms. Sabally appeared, accompanied by her attorneys, Michael Goodman and Nora Ciancio.

Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Holly M. Bush, court reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting LLC, recorded the proceedings.

Marie Umar-Kamara, DNP, FNP, teacher and mentor to Ms. Sabally, was present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 10:54 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Sabally. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Power, Dr. Clinger, Ms. Ridout, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Mitchell, 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 and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened in open session at 11:11 A.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 and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Mr. Monson moved that the Board of Nursing approve the application of Oumie Sabally for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Ms. Sabally at her address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

Ms. Power and Ms. Ridout left the meeting at 11:20 A.M. Dr. Robin Hills joined the meeting.

**FORMAL HEARINGS:** **Sheena A. Gentry, RN** **0001-203271**  
Ms. Gentry did not appear.

Tammie Jones, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Holly M. Bush, court reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting LLC, recorded the proceedings.

Wendy Morris, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, was present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 11:49 A.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Gentry.

Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Dr. Hills, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Mitchell, 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 and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 12:03 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 and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend the license of Sheena A. Gentry to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Ms. Gentry at her address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

Dr. Hills left the meeting. Students and faculty from Riverside College of Health Careers, Chesterfield County Public Schools, and South University left the meeting.

RECESS: The Board recessed at 12:04 P.M.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened at 1:01 P.M.  
Ms. Power and Ms. Ridout rejoined the meeting.  
Kristina Page, LMT Advisory Board Member joined the meeting.

FORMAL HEARINGS: **YanXing Zeng, LMT** **0019-015641**  
Ms. Zeng did not appear.

Holly Walker, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Holly M. Bush, court reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting LLC, recorded the proceedings.

Kimberly Lynch, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions, and Detective Willie Dunn, Henrico County Police Division, were present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:** Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 1:36 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Zeng. Additionally, Ms. McElfresh moved that Ms. Power, Dr. Clinger, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Mitchell, 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 and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened in open session at 2:09 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 and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the license of YanXing Zeng to practice massage therapy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Ms. Zeng at her address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

**RECESS:** The Board recessed at 2:10 P.M.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened at 2:19 P.M.

**FORMAL HEARINGS:** **Joseff C. Scott Salyer, LMT** **0019-015094**  
Mr. Salyer did not appear.

Julia Bennett, Assistant Attorney General, and Grace Stewart, Adjudication Specialist for the Department of Health Professions, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Mitchell was legal counsel for the Board. Holly M. Bush, court reporter with Farnsworth & Taylor Reporting LLC, recorded the proceedings.

Kelley Ashley, Senior Investigator, Department of Health Professions was present and testified. Clients A, B, and C were also present and testified.

**CLOSED MEETING:** McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the *Code of Virginia* at 3:10 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Mr. Salyer. Additionally, McElfresh moved that Ms. Power, Dr. Clinger, Ms. Ridout, Ms. Tamayo-Suijk and Ms. Mitchell, 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 and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** The Board reconvened in open session at 3:22 P.M.

Ms. McElfresh 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 and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** Dr. Dorsey moved that the Board of Nursing revoke the license of Joseff C. Scott Salyer to practice massage therapy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board Order which will be sent to Mr. Salyer at his address of record. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

This decision shall be effective upon the entry by the Board of a written Order stating the findings, conclusions, and decision of this formal hearing panel.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 3:23 P.M.

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Jodi Power, RN, JD  
Senior Deputy Executive Director