## VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS

## **MINUTES**

**September 15, 2021** 

Panel - B

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:04

A.M. on September 15, 2021 in Board Room 4, Department of Health

Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS** 

PRESENT: Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, DNP, MSN, RN, BC; Second Vice-President –

joined at 9:13 A.M.

Margaret Friedenberg, Citizen Member Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA Brandon Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC

Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN

Cynthia Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director

Francesca Iyengar, MSN, RN; Discipline Case Manager

Huong Vu, Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PANEL:

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

## **CONSIDERATION OF AGENCY SUBORDINATE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

#2 – Whitney Dawn Whitt, CNA 1401-201533

Ms. Whitt did not appear.

ACTION: Ms. McElfresh moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended

decision of the agency subordinate to revoke the certificate of Whitney Dawn Whitt to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia and enter a Finding of Abuse against her in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry. The

motion was seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously.

Dr. McQueen-Gibson joined the meeting at 9:13 A.M.

#4 – Tiffany Ann D'Angelo, RN Florida License No.: 9512275 with Multistate Privileges

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Ms. D'Angelo did not appear.

ACTION: Mr. Jones moved that the Board of Nursing accept the recommended decision

of the agency subordinate to indefinitely suspend the multi-state privilege of

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Tiffany Ann D'Angelo to practice professional nursing for a period of not less than two years from the date of entry of the Order and to indefinitely suspend her right to renew her license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than two years from the date of entry of the Order. The motion was seconded by Ms. Swineford and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:16 A.M.

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN Deputy Executive Director

## VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING FORMAL HEARINGS Panel B

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TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Virginia Board of Nursing was called to order at 11:26 A.M.,

on September 15, 2021 in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions,

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

**BOARD MEMBERS** 

PRESENT: Ethlyn McQueen-Gibson, DNP, MSN, RN, BC; Second Vice-President

Margaret J. Friedenberg, Citizen Member Brandon A. Jones, MSN, RN, CEN, NEA-BC

Dixie L. McElfresh, LPN

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN, CNE Louise Hershkowitz, CRNA, MSHA

Shaunte Peterson, LMT

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director

Lelia Claire Morris, RN, LNHA; Deputy Executive Director – joined

11:55 A.M.

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN; Deputy Executive Director

Huong Vu, Executive Assistant

Francesca Iyengar, MSN, RN; Discipline Case Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Erin Barrett, Assistant Attorney General

**ESTABLISHMENT OF** 

A PANEL:

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

FORMAL HEARINGS: Wassel Ltifi, LMT 0019-016938

Mr. Ltifi appeared.

David Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Barrett was legal counsel for the Board. Renee Larkin court reporter with Veteran Reporters,

recorded the proceedings.

Cheryl Strait, Senior Investigator, Enforcement Division, testified via

phone. Client A and Client B were present and testified.

Ms. Douglas left the hearing at 11:54 A.M.

Ms. Morris joined the hearing at 11:55 A.M.

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RECESS: The board recessed at 12:38 P.M.

RECONVENED: The board reconvened at 12:50 P.M.

Ms. Morris left the hearing at 12:57 P.M.

Ms. Douglas re-joined the hearing at 12:57 P.M.

CLOSED MEETING: Mr. Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting

pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 1:14 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Wassel Ltifi**. Additionally, Mr. Jones moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Vu, Ms. Iyengar and Ms. Barrett 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. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Board reconvened in open session at 1:57 P.M.

Mr. Jones 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. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Board of Nursing indefinitely suspend

the license of Wassel Ltifi to practice massage therapy in the

Commonwealth of Virginia for a period of not less than one year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Swineford 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 1:59 P.M.

RECONVENED: The board reconvened at 2:30 P.M.

FORMAL HEARINGS: Wendy Katherine Smith, LMT 0019-003161

Ms. Smith did not appear.

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> Claire Foley, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division, represented the Commonwealth. Ms. Barrett was legal counsel for the Board. Renee Larkin, court reporter with Veteran Reporters, recorded the proceedings.

Amy Ressler, Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (HPMP) Administrative Director, testified via phone.

CLOSED MEETING:

Mr. Jones moved that the Board of Nursing convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia at 2:42 P.M., for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Wendy **Katherine Smith** Additionally, Mr. Jones moved that Ms. Douglas, Ms. Bargdill, Ms. Ivengar, Ms. Vu and Ms. Barrett 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. Hershkowitz and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENTION:** 

The Board reconvened in open session at 2:54 P.M.

Mr. Jones 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. McElfresh and carried unanimously.

**ACTION:** 

Ms. Hershkowitz moved that the Board of Nursing reprimand Wendy Katherine Smith and indefinitely suspend her license to practice massage therapy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The motion was seconded by Ms. Swineford 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 2:55 P.M.

Christina Bargdill, BSN, MHS, RN Deputy Executive Director