

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF
REGISTERED NURSES
FEBRUARY 13, 2026**

**A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSES AT 5001 MACCORKLE AVENUE, SOUTH
CHARLESTON WV 25309, ON FEBRUARY 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

TARA HULSEY, PHD, RN, CNE, FAAN, PRESIDENT

TERESA RITCHIE, DNP, APRN FNP-BC

WANDA MARKS, RN

LESLIE D. PERINE, RN

CATHY CHILDERS, DT

CHAD T. CALLEN

JASON VANHOOSE, RN

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

DR. SUE PAINTER, DNP, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**ROBIN A. LEWIS, ED D, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, NP-C, DIRECTOR OF PRACTICE AND
EDUCATION**

LESLIE JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE

MARGARET ALSTON, DIRECTOR OF FIANANCE AND OPERATIONS

MICHAEL D. PAYNE, Esq. GENERAL COUNSEL

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tara Hulsey, Board President, at 9:00 a.m.

2. QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The Board reviewed the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Tara Hulsey to approve the agenda with removal of minutes approval. Jason Vanhooose offered the second. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A FINAL ORDER

Jason Vanhooose made a motion for the Board to convene in Executive Session. Chad Callen offered the second. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session.

Tara Hulsey, Board President, announced that in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 4(2)(A), of the Code of West Virginia, Executive Sessions may be held by governmental agencies to consider matters. All motions arising from the discussion during the Executive Session shall be made and voted on in an open meeting immediately following an Executive Session.

5. PUBLIC SESSION FOR MOTIONS RELATED TO MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cathy Childers made a motion for the Board to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the meeting in Public Session. Teresa Ritchie seconded. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried and the Board reentered Public Session.

a. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF ALJ DECISION AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RN 49508

Wanda Marks made a motion to adopt findings of fact, conclusions of law and hearing examiners recommendations and on the basis of the foregoing, the West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses (Board) hereby suspends, the license number 49508 from the date of issued to Jeffrey Claude Jeffers (Jeffers), for one (1) year February 18, 2026. The Board further modifies the Hearing Examiner's recommendation as set out herein. Jeffers shall submit to a psychiatric mental health evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. Prior to his evaluation Jeffers shall Board request that a complete copy of his file, which includes this Final Order, be sent to the evaluator. Further, Jeffers shall complete ten (10) hours of anger management by a Board approved provider and ten (10) hours of continuing education in crisis/deescalation by a Board approved provider.

Once Jeffers has received an evaluation, he shall submit the on-line Reinstatement Application (Application), along with a copy of his evaluation, the anger management classes and crisis/deescalation classes for the Board to review.

Jeffers shall contact the Board and schedule an appointment to appear before the Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) after he has provided the above documentation. The Board must receive all required documents at least thirty (30) days prior to the next scheduled DRC meeting. Following Jeffers' appearance, the DRC shall render a decision regarding his Application. Violation of any of the above shall constitute grounds for denial of Jeffers' Application.

Cathy Childers offered the second. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Legislative Update

Informational: Sue Painter gave a verbal report on legislative update for HB 5021 and SB 189.

b. Proposed WV BON comments on a proposal to redefine "professional degree"

Informational: Sue Painter gave a verbal report on proposed WV RN Board comment letter on proposal to redefine "professional degree"

Teresa Ritcie made a motion to send WV RN Board comments letter on proposal to redefine "professional degree". Leslie Perrine seconded. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried.

7. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leslie Perrine. The motion was seconded by Wanda Marks. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.



**Minutes taken and prepared by
Margaret "Marty" Alston
Director of Finance and Operations**



**Respectfully submitted by
Chad Callen,
Board Secretary**