

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF
REGISTERED NURSES
January 9, 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 JANUARY 9, 2026.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

CHAD T. CALLEN, SECRETARY

TERESA RITCHIE, DNP, APRN FNP-BC

WANDA MARKS, RN

LESLIE D. PERINE, RN

CATHY CHILDERS, DT

JASON VANHOOSE, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

DR. SUE PAINTER, DNP, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

MICHAEL D. PAYNE, Esq. GENERAL COUNSEL

LESLIE JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE

MARGARET "MARTY" ALSTON, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tara Hulse, Board President, at 9:31 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 Jason Vanhose to approve the agenda. Chad Callen offered the second. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried.

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

Teresa Ritchie made a motion for the Board to convene in Executive Session. Leslie Perrine offered the second. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session.

Tara Hulse, 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

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

a. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF HEARING EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION AND TRANSCRIPT FOR L. SMITH VA MSL 01273665

Jason Vanhose made a motion to adopt the 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 Smith's multi-state privilege to practice in West Virginia.

Should Smith resume practice as a registered nurse in the state of West Virginia on a multi-state privilege to practice SMITH must notify the Board via certified mail within seven (7) to ten (10) business days.

Should Smith attempt to practice registered professional nursing in the State of West Virginia on a single-state license, she must submit an Endorsement Application (Application) to the Board. Along with the Application SMITH shall submit the following but not limited to; evidence of an unencumbered license in all states that SMITH currently holds or held RN licensure for review. After Smith's Application is deemed complete, Smith shall contact the Board and schedule an appointment to appear before the Board's Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC). The Board must receive the documents at least thirty (30) days prior to the next scheduled DRC meeting. Following Smith's appearance, the DRC shall render a decision regarding her Application.

Violation of any of the above shall constitute grounds for denial of SMITH's Application and/or further action as warranted.

Teresa Ritchie offered the second. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried

6. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by. The motion was seconded by. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.



Minutes taken and prepared by

Margaret E. Alston

Director of Finance and Operations



Respectfully submitted by

Chad Callen

Board Secretary