WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF
REGISTERED NURSES
April 20, 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 APRIL 20, 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

LESLIE JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE

BOARD STAFF ABSENT:

MARGARET "MARTY" ALSTON, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

MICHAEL D. PAYNE, Esq. GENERAL COUNSEL

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tara Hulsey, Board President, at 1:00 p.m.

2. QUORUM

A quorum was established.

3. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The Board reviewed the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Chad Callen to approve the agenda. Jason Vanhoose offered the second. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried.

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

Leslie Perrine 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

Leslie Perine 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 SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF C. BENNETT LISCENSE #83829

Teresa Ritchie made a motion to adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law and Hearing Examiners recommendations on the basis of the foregoing, effective April 22, 2026, the West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses (Board) hereby suspends the nursing license number 83829 issued to Courtney Brooke Bennett (Bennett). This suspension remains in effect until Bennett is deemed safe to practice registered professional nursing by WV Restore (the Board's monitoring and recovery program).

Once WV Restore determines Bennett is safe to practice, the license will be immediately placed on probation for a minimum of five (5) years or until the successful completion of the WV Restore program, whichever is longer.

ORDER

1. Bennett shall contact WV Restore within five (5) days of receiving this Final Order as indicated by the certified return receipt mailer and submit to all treatment requirements recommended by WV Restore.

2. Once Bennett has contacted West Virginia Restore, and before attending any assessment, evaluation, or counseling session, she must contact the Board to request that a copy of her pertinent Board file be sent to West Virginia Restore for the evaluator.

3. Bennett shall comply with all treatment recommendations mandated by West Virginia Restore.

4. Bennett shall not practice as a registered professional nurse until Bennett is permitted practice by WV Restore and her license is reinstated by the Board.

5. Bennett shall comply with all treatment recommendations mandated by WV Restore within the time frame required by West Virginia Restore.

6. WV Restore shall monitor Bennett's practice and her ability to safely practice registered professional while on probation.

7. Violating the WV Restore contract or failing to comply with any treatment recommendation or timeframe may result in further disciplinary action against Bennett.

8. Bennett shall not commit any act which would be a crime under West Virginia or federal law. If Bennett is charged by any law enforcement agency with committing any such criminal act, she shall notify the Board and WV Restore in writing of the formal charge(s) against her, and resolution of the same.

9. After Bennett's license is reinstated and placed on probation, she must maintain a current active license in the State of West Virginia. Bennett must not allow her license to lapse or become inactive.

10. Bennett understands she is not eligible for a multi-state license while on probation.

11. Following completion of the WV Restore program; Bennett must petition to appear before the Board and submit satisfactory evidence that she is presently able to safely engage in the practice of registered professional nursing. Evidence in support of this request shall include but not limited to:

a. Evidence of completion of the WV Restore program;

b. Letter from Bennett outlining her future plans;

c. A letter from Bennett explaining what she has learned from this experience.

To be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled Disciplinary Review Committee meeting, the Board office must receive all supporting petitioning documents, at least thirty (30) days in advance.

The terms of this Final Order shall remain in effect and subject to yearly review and appropriate revision by the Board until such time as Bennett's license is no longer on probation.

Chad Callen 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 Teresa Ritchie. The motion was seconded by Leslie Perine. No abstentions. No opposition. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sue Painter DNP, RN

Minutes taken and prepared by
Sue Painter
Executive Director

Respectfully submitted by
Chad Callen
Board Secretary