

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR  
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES  
JULY 6, 2021**

**A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WAS HELD VIA WEB-EX AND PUBLIC CALL-IN AT THE OFFICE OF  
THE WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES AT 5001  
MACCORKLE AVENUE, SW, SOUTH CHARLESTON WV 25309, ON JULY 6, 2021.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**TERESA RITCHIE, DNP, APRN FNP-BC,**

**NANCY V. ATKINS, MSN, APRN, WHNP-BC**

**JOHN MARTIN, PUBLIC MEMBER**

**THERESA L. DENNISON, PUBLIC MEMBER**

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**L. ANN BOSTIC, DNP, MSN APRN FNP-BC**

**DORIS BURKEY, DNP, APRN FNP-BC**

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

**DR. SUE PAINTER, DNP, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**MARGARET "MARTY" ALSTON, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS**

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

**LESLIE JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 11:30 am.

## **2. Quorum**

A quorum was established.

## **3. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

The Board reviewed the agenda. Teresa Ritchie made a motion to accept the agenda as written. The second was offered by Theresa Dennison. The motion carried.

## **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OR HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

Nancy Atkins made a motion for the Board to enter Executive Session. John Martin offered the second. The motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session.

Tara Hulseley, 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 REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF HEARING TRANSCRIPT AND HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

5. Nancy Atkins made a motion for the Board to end the Executive Session and return to Public Session. Theresa Dennison offered the second. The motion passed and the Board reentered Public Session.

## **6. PUBLIC SESSION FOR MOTIONS RELATED TO MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR a. T. HAMILTON #55685**

Teresa Ritchie made a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Examiner and that the Board hereby indefinitely suspend the license number 55685, issued to Hamilton. The Board further modifies the Hearing Examiner's recommendation as set out herein. The Board ORDERS Hamilton to submit to a psychiatric mental health evaluation and substance abuse evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. Hamilton shall request that a complete copy of her Board file, which includes this Final Order, be sent to the evaluator performing Hamilton's evaluation before her evaluation. Once Hamilton has received an evaluation and has been deemed safe to practice. Hamilton shall complete a Reinstatement Application (Application) and submit the Application, along with a copy of her evaluation to the Board's Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) for review. Hamilton shall contact the Board and schedule an appointment to appear before the DRC after she has provided the above information. Following Hamilton's appearance, the DRC shall render a decision regarding her Reinstatement Application. Violation of any of the above shall constitute grounds for denial of Hamilton's license.

The second was offered by Nancy Atkins. The motion carried.

**b. J. ANDREWS #54020**

Teresa Ritchie made a motion to adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Hearing Examiner and that the Board hereby indefinitely suspend the license number 54020, issued to Fortune. The Board further modifies the Hearing Examiner's recommendation as set out herein. The Board ORDERS Andrews to submit to a psychiatric mental health evaluation and substance abuse evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. Andrew shall request that a complete copy of her Board file, which includes this Final Order, be sent to the evaluator performing Andrew's evaluation before her evaluation. Once Andrew has received an evaluation and has been deemed safe to practice. Andrew shall complete a Reinstatement Application (Application) and submit the Application, along with a copy of her evaluation to the Board's Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) for review. Andrew shall contact the Board and schedule an appointment to appear before the DRC after she has provided the above information. Following Andrew's appearance, the DRC shall render a decision regarding her Reinstatement Application. Violation of any of the above shall constitute grounds for denial of Andrew's license.

The second was offered by John Martin. The motion carried.


**7. MISCELLANEOUS**

**a. 19CSR16 (NEW RULE FOR TELEHEALTH)**

The Executive Director explained that the rule had not had any public comments at this time. A motion was made by Nancy Atkins to move forward and approve the rule as agency approved if no public comments are received by the deadline. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. *The motion carried.*

**8. ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Teresa Dennison. The motion was seconded by John Martin. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



Minutes taken and prepared by  
Margaret E. Alston  
Director of Finance and Operations



Respectfully submitted by  
Teresa Ritchie, DNP, APRN FNP-BC  
Board Secretary