

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: **TAMELA WILLIAMSON, R.N., C.N.S.**
License Number: **0001-094356**
Registration Number: **0015-000199**
Issue Dates: **August 22, 1984; January 23, 1991**
Suspension Date: **January 27, 2017**
Case Numbers: **178557, 178559**

**NOTICE OF FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

You are hereby notified that a Formal Hearing has been scheduled before the Board of Nursing ("Board") regarding your license to practice professional nursing and your registration to practice as a clinical nurse specialist in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

TYPE OF PROCEEDING:	This is a formal administrative hearing before a panel of the Board.
DATE AND TIME:	May 15, 2017 9:00 A.M.
PLACE:	Virginia Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center - 9960 Mayland Drive 2 nd Floor - Virginia Conference Center Henrico, Virginia 23233

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION:

1. This formal hearing is being held pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11). This proceeding will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3700.

2. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Board is authorized to take any of the following actions:

- Exonerate you;
- Reprimand you;
- Require you to pay a monetary penalty;
- Place you on probation and/or under terms and conditions;
- Suspend your license and/or registration;
- Revoke your license and/or registration.

ABSENCE OF RESPONDENT AND RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL:

If you fail to appear at the formal hearing, the Board may proceed to hear this matter in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above.

RESPONDENT'S LEGAL RIGHTS:

You have the right to the information on which the Board will rely in making its decision, to be represented by counsel at this proceeding, to subpoena witnesses and/or documents, and to present relevant evidence on your behalf.

COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBITS:

Enclosed is a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the members of the Board and will be considered by the Board when discussing any allegations with you and when deliberating on your case. **These documents are enclosed only with the notice sent by certified mail, which you may be required to claim at the post office. Please bring these documents with you to the formal hearing.**

FILING DEADLINES:

1. Deadline for filing exhibits: **May 4, 2017**. Submit 15 copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Darlene Graham, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail.

The Commonwealth must file any objections to your submissions in writing, addressed to Darlene Graham at the Board office, no later than **May 10, 2017**. If no objections have been received by **May 10, 2017**, the evidence will be distributed to the Board members for their review, and will be considered by the Board as evidence when it deliberates upon your case. If the Commonwealth raises objections, you have until **May 12, 2017**, to file your response to the objections, in writing and addressed to Darlene Graham at the Board office. The Chair of the proceeding will rule on the motion.

2. Deadline for filing motions: **May 4, 2017**, addressed to Darlene Graham at the above address.

3. Deadline for filing any objections to the Commonwealth's exhibits, in writing, to Darlene Graham at the above address: **May 4, 2017**. If you do not file objections by this date, the exhibits will be distributed to the Board members for their review prior to your hearing, and will be considered by the Board as evidence when it deliberates on your case. If you do file objections, the Commonwealth has until **May 4, 2017** to file a response to the objections, in writing, and addressed to Darlene Graham at the Board office. The Chair of the proceeding will rule on the motion. NOTE: failure to object to the distribution of the Commonwealth's exhibits prior to the proceeding will not affect your right to contest any information contained in those exhibits at the proceeding.


REQUEST FOR A CONTINUANCE:

Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **May 4, 2017** will not be considered. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, as a motion for a continuance due to the unavailability of counsel will not be considered unless received by **May 4, 2017**.

STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS

The Board alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Tamela Williamson, R.N., C.N.S., was licensed to practice professional nursing and registered to practice as a clinical nurse specialist in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. By Order entered July 22, 2015 (“Board’s Order”), the Board suspended Ms. Williamson’s license and registration and stayed the suspension contingent on her re-entry into and compliance with the Health Practitioners’ Monitoring Program (“HPMP”).
3. Tamela Williamson, R.N., C.N.S., violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) and Term Number 6(a) of the Board’s Order, which required her to comply with the terms and conditions of the HPMP for the period specified by the HPMP, in that on or about January 20, 2017, Ms. Williamson was dismissed from the HPMP for noncompliance. Specifically, she had failed to enter and complete treatment as recommended, continued to use alcohol, failed to comply with the toxicology screening program, failed to submit monthly reports, and failed to respond to HPMP communications.



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Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

4/21/17

Date