

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: March 20, 2024

TIME: 8:30 AM

LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS

MEETING MINUTES

| Name | Member | Present (Y/N) | DPH STAFF | Present (Y/N) |
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| Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, DNSc, Chairperson | RN Member | Y | Tyra Peluso, Board Liaison | Y |
| Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN | RN Member | N | Elizabeth Bannon, AAG | Y |
| Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE | RN Member | Y | Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, AAG | Y |
| Lisa S. Freeman, BA | Public | Y | Cindy Mahon, AAG | Y |
| Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN | RN Member | Y | Stacy Schulman, DPH | Y |
| Rebecca Martinez, LPN | LPN Member | Y | Aden Baume, DPH | Y |
| Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC | RN Member | Y | Derrick Williams, Board Liaison | Y |
| Brett M. Prestia, MD | Public Member | N | Ryan Burns, DPH Deputy Legal Director | Y |
| Camille Payne, MD | APRN Member | Y | Inna Erlikh, DPH | Y |
| Michael Cartier, Esq. | Public Member | Y | Helen Smith, DPH | Y |
| Cheryl-Ann Resha | Public Member | Y | Dana Dalton, DPH | Y |

CALL TO ORDER 8:43AM

MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

Lisa Freeman moved to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2024, regular meeting, as amended. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. Cheryl-Ann Resha and Mary Dietmann abstained. The remaining members voted to approve the motion.

SUMMARY SUSPEMSION

Alexandra Kavanagh, RN, Petition No. 2023-249. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear.

Mary Dietmann moved to deny Respondent's Motion for continuance, objected to by the Department. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mary Dietmann moved to grant the Department's motion to summarily suspend Respondent and overrule the Respondent's objection to the Departments' motion. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Janice Pierre, RN, Petition No. 2023-248. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the Department's motion to summarily suspend Respondent. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Simone Elizabeth Escoffery-Dick, RN, Petition No. 2023-246. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzino appeared for the Department. Respondent not present. Gina Reiners moved to deny Respondent's Motion for continuance, objected to by the Department. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's motion to summarily suspend Respondent. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Tracy L. Rosenzweig, LPN Petition No. 2022-859. Gina Reiners moved to approve the memorandum of decision as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. Michael Cartier and Camille Payne abstained. The remaining members voted to approve the motion.

Sheila Harrington, RN*, Petition No. 2023-271. Gina Reiners moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision, as presented. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. Michael Cartier abstained. The motion was denied following vote by roll call.

Mary Dietmann moved to table the matter to the April 3, 2024, regular meeting. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. The motion was approved following vote by roll call.

Christopher J. Kay, RN*, Petition No. 2023-1397. Rebecca Martinez moved to approve the memorandum of decision as presented. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved following vote by roll call.

[Awa Ndao, RN*](#), [Petition No. 2022-1116](#). Mary Dietmann moved to approve the memorandum of decision as presented. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved following vote by roll call.

MODIFICATION OF CONSENT ORDER

[Christopher Lee Bruender, RN](#), [Petition No. 2024-79](#). Staff Attorney Linda Fazzino appeared for the Department. Respondent present. Attorney Leonhardt present for Respondent. Mary Dietmann moved to accept the modification of consent order. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved following vote by roll call.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER

[Naomi Williams-Wal, RN](#), [Petition No. 2023-186](#). Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent was not present. Gina Reiners moved to accept the reinstatement consent order. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved following vote by roll call.

CONSENT ORDER

[Viktoriya Stork, APRN](#), [Petition Nos. 2019-1241 and 2021-227](#). Staff Attorney Linda Fazzino appeared for the Department. Respondent was present. Attorney Ed Mayer present for Respondent. Gina Reiners moved to accept the consent order. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved following vote by roll call.

HEARINGS

[Christopher Lee Bruender, RN](#), [Petition No. 2024-79](#). Gina Reiners moved to remove this item from the agenda based on the earlier approval of the modification of consent order. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

[Samantha Barletta, RN*](#), [Petition No. 2024-88](#). Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent was not present.

Mary Dietmann moved to grant the Department's motion to deem allegations admitted. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

Following the close of hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that the respondent be found on all charges. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that respondent's license be revoked. The remaining board members approved the motion.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW

[Melissa M. Castelli, RN](#), [Petition No. 2023-903](#). Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent was not present. Following a brief discussion a recommendation was provided. No votes were made.

Laura L. Stewart, RN, Petition No. 2023-530. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent was not present. Following a brief discussion a recommendation was provided. No votes were made.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Albertus Magnus College. Cindy Jeffrey present. An informational update was provided related to the establishment of a new Licensed Practical Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. No votes were made.

Eastern Connecticut State University. Review of the Feasibility Study and qualifications of Christina Nadeau to be appointed as a Nursing Administrator. Christina Nadeau, Lindsay Boucher, and Geeta Thapa present.

Gina Reiners made a motion to approve the Feasibility Study proposal for Eastern Connecticut State University. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. Mary Dietmann recused herself. Salvatore Diaz and Cheryl-Ann Resha abstained. The remaining board members approved the motion by roll call vote.

Gina Reiners moved to accept the appointment of Christina Nadeau as nursing administrator at Eastern Connecticut State University. Pat Bouffard seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Goodwin University. Review of the Feasibility Study and qualifications of a candidate to be appointed as a Nursing Administrator. Vivian Friday, Karen Therian, Michael Paradles, and Robert Decrescenzo present.

The consideration of the Feasibility Study is tabled to the April 3, 2024, regular meeting.

Gina Reiners made a motion to accept the appointment of Karen Therian, as Program Director, new licensed practical nurse program at Goodwin University, pending submission of filing of updated documentation. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers Practical Nursing Program. Amanda Bell and Kaylan Bennett appeared for Griffin Hospital and discussed the proposed decrease in program hours to align with new federal requirements.

Mary Dietmann moved to approve the change to curriculum. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mitchell College. Updated Organizational Chart. An informational update was provided by Jaime Sinutko related to the submission of an organizational chart. No votes were made.

Western Connecticut State University. An informational update was provided by Inna Erlikh related to the completion of onsite visit. Jeanette Lupinacci was present for Western Connecticut State University. Gina Reiners moved to approve facilities for Western Connecticut State University. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC. – Monthly Update
The update was deferred to the April 3, 2024, regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment made related to the number of regular meetings conducted by the Nursing Board as well as the organization of agenda items. Counsel to the Board will provide guidance to the Board on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Freeman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Salvatore Diaz. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26p.m.