

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 1, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

**CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

Chair Bouffard reported that mid-year meeting is scheduled for March 15-17, 2022

**CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 43 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during October 2021.

**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

Kristin Brice, LPN - Petition No. 2020-1239

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to adopt an Amended Memorandum of Decision in which Ms. Brice's license probation is effective retroactive to March 17, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION**

Dana Gibson, RN

Ms. Gibson was present but was not represented. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present and spoke in objection to Ms. Gibson's request.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant Ms. Gibson's request to terminate the probation of her license.

Following discussion the motion to grant Ms. Gibson's request was denied unanimously.

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Ashley Lambert, LPN - Petition No. 2021-931

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Lambert. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety, and welfare.

The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for December 15, 2021.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Miranda Defelice aka Miranda Junk, RN - Petition No. 2020-222

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Miranda Defelice aka Miranda Junk, RN. Attorney Richard Brown was present on behalf of respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Michelle Fiala, R.N. - Petition No. 2019-234

Staff Attorney, Aden Baume, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michelle Fiala, R.N. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved, and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$500.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair  
Board of Examiners for Nursing