

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 16, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)
Jason Blando - (Public Member)
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN 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
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present by video or telephone conference.

Cynthia Arpin was welcomed to her meeting as member of the Board.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported on the presentation she made to the Connecticut Nurses Association on May 26, 2021.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the reordering of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference.
Chair Bouffard reported on networking session she attended June 14, 2021.
The 2022 annual meeting is scheduled for August 17-19.

MINUTES

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the minutes from April 21, 2021. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- Porter & Chester Institute
Approval Interim Nursing Director for the Practical Nursing Program
Nancy Brunet and Vicky Kane, Vice President of Academics were present from Porter & Chester
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez to approve Ms. Brunet as the Interim Nursing Director. Gina Reiners and Cynthia Arpin voted in favor. Jason Blando, Mary Dietmann, Geraldine Marrocco and Rebecca Martinez abstained. The motion failed.
Gina Reiners withdrew the motion and made a new motion to table all Porter & Chester matters until the July 221, 2021 meeting. The motion to table was seconded by Rebecca Martinez and passed unanimously.

- University of Bridgeport Plan of Correction

Gina Reiners recused herself in this matter.

Linda Wagner and Cynthia Jeffrey were present from the University of Bridgeport.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to place the University of Bridgeport on conditional status for one year. The motion passed.

- Gateway Community College Plan of Correction

Chair Bouffard recused herself in this matter

Shelia Solernou was present from the Gateway Community College.

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to place the Gateway Community College on conditional status for one year. The motion passed.

- Norwalk Community College Plan of Correction

Ezechiel Dominique was present from the Gateway Community College.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to place the Norwalk Community College on conditional status for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

- St. Vincent's College Plan of Correction

Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando recused themselves in this matter.

Rosemarie Baker, Maryanne Davidson and Tammy Dickerson were present from the St. Vincent's College.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to place the St. Vincent's College on conditional status for one year. The motion passed.

- Lincoln Technical Institute

Patricia DeLucia and Deborah Little were present from the Lincoln Technical Institute.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to place the Norwalk Community College on conditional status for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUR FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

Marcia Proto, Executive Director and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing.

Topics of discussion included:

- CNA and Connecticut Hospital Associations Health Educators Group work meetings regarding communications, clinical placement, and transition to practice.
- National Academy of Medicine Future of Nursing Report
- Robert Wood Johnson, AARP meeting
- National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers meeting

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 April 2021.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Sandra J. Blanchette, R.N. Petition No. 2020-431

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Blanchette. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Kandance Edmondson, R.N. Petition No. 2019-725

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Edmondson. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Karina Francis, R.N. Petition No. 2020-157

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Francis. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Amanda Hart, R.N. Petition No. 2020-552

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to table this matter. The motion passed,

Terri Howell, R.N. Petition No. 2019-623

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Howell. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Linda Lee, R.N. Petition No. 2019-362

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Blanchette. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Concetta Mancini, R.N. Petition No. 2019-1109

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision dismissing Statement of Charges in this matter. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Heather Spaulding, R.N. Petition No. 2019-1224

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Spaulding. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Jessica Vitale, R.N. Petition No. 2020-669

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Vitale. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Kimberly Lemire, RN - Petition No. 2017-50

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Lemire was not present or represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that the Department's Motion for Reconsideration dated June 3, 2021 be denied because it was not timely filed. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a discussion Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, that tolling language be added to the April 21, 2021 Memorandum of Decision pertaining to any periods of time that Ms. Lemire may practice nursing outside of Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Patricia Winter, APRN – Petition No. 2021-487

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request for Patricia Winter, RN.

Following review, the Board concurred with the DPH recommendation that Ms. Winters' license be reinstated without further discipline.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW

Lashanan Massey, LPN – Petition No. 2021-487

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review in the matter of Lashanan Massey, LPN. Ms. Massey was not present.

Following a review of stipulated exhibits the consensus of the Board to recommend a reprimand a one year probation and monthly employer reports.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Angel Predzimirski, R.N - Petition No. 2020-1221

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Angel Predzimirski. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, 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 July 21, 2021.

Christopher Morahan, RN - Petition No. 2020-1009

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christopher Morahan. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, 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 July 21, 2021.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Amanda Claffey, RN - Petition No. 2021-2847

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges in the matter of Amanda Claffey based on Ms. Claffey's surrender of her license. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS

Melissa Dang, LPN - Petition No.: 2019-800

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Melissa Dang, LPN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to approve the Consent which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacey Kinsley, RN - Petition No. 2020-972

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stacey Kinsley, RN. Attorney Eric Chester was present on behalf of respondent.

Rebecca Martinez moved, and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered a request filed by Attorney Chester asking that the Summary Suspension of respondent's license be immediately vacated and that the Consent Order become effective immediately. Attorney Newton objected to respondent's request. Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded that Attorney Chester's request be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Ryan, RN - Petition No. 2020-626

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stephanie Ryan, RN. Attorney Denis Mancini was present on behalf of respondent.

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Mancini made an oral request that the Summary Suspension of respondent's license be immediately vacated and that the Consent Order become effective immediately. Attorney Newton objected to respondent's request. Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded that Attorney Mancini's request be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacey Thompson, LPN - Petition No.: 2019-727

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stacey Thompson, LPN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to approve the Consent which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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