

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 17, 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)
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN 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)

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Leslie Scoville, 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 via Microsoft TEAMS.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard and Geraldine Marrocco gave an update on the workgroup discussions pertaining to the nursing licensure compacts.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez to add a Department of Public Health Motion to Withdraw Charges in the matter of Chanelle Walker, RN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy - West Haven Campus Day Program

Deputy Associate Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro and Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon were present to provide advice to the Board concerning whether the Board may grant a nursing program conditional approval beyond two years.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard reported that the State of New Jersey has recently implemented the nurse licensure compact.

MINUTES

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the minutes from September 15, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

Marcia Proto and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Deans and Directors.

REGULATIONS - NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

Jill Kennedy-Kentfield, Health Program Associate, Department of Public Health, had discussion with the Board regarding the Board's desire to review and update the current nursing education regulations.

Ms. Kentfield explained the regulatory approval process.

Current draft changes proposed by the Department of Public Health will be shared with the Board for review.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Kristin Brice, LPN addressed the Board requesting the Board reconsider her Memorandum of Decision adopted on October 20, 2021.

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

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Sarah Croteau, LPN - Petition No. 2021-739

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sarah Croteau. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long 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 Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for December 15, 2021.

Corey Richmond, RN - Petition No. 2021-48

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Corey Richmond. Attorney Ellen Costello was present with Respondent.

The Board entered executive session from 11:08 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. to discuss confidential medical treatment records. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following the executive session Geraldine Marrocco moved to reject the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed unanimously.

Martine Pyram, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2021-70; 2021-17

Staff Attorney Joelle presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Martine Pyram Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension of respondent's registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse licenses in that her continued practice is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety, and welfare. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for December 15, 2021

CONSENT ORDERS

Kelly M. Bucci, APRN - Petition No. 2020-1067

Staff Attorney, Aden Baume, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Kelly Bucci, APRN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$2,500.00 civil penalty and a practice restriction. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Dunnigan, RN - Petition No. 2020-244

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Susan Duncan, RN. Attorney Ellen Costello was present with Respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order. Following discussion the motion failed with all in favor except Gina Reiners and Jennifer Long who voted to approve the Consent Order.

Chanise Harris, RN - Petition No. 2020-1148

Staff Attorney, Aden Baume, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Chanise Harris, RN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Chanelle Walker, RN - Petition No. 2021-516

Staff Attorney, Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on Ms. Walker's surrender of her license. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present on behalf of the respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to grant the withdrawal of the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Donna Duncan, RN - Petition No. 2020-1231

Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Duncan be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Duncan's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy - West Haven Campus Day Program

The board commenced a hearing regarding the nursing program's failure to correct the deficiencies which caused the Program to be placed on conditional approval on June 19, 2019 and June 17, 2020. Attorney Aaron Bayer was present on behalf of Stone Academy.

The Board accepted testimony from Helen Smith, RN on behalf of the Department of Public Health, and from Linda Dahlin, Executive Director, on behalf of Stone Academy.

Following testimony the Board continued the hearing for supplemental evidence to be submitted by Stone Academy.

Geraldine Marrocco left the meeting at this time

Dazella Peoples, LPN - Petition No. 2020-588

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Peoples be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Peoples' license be reprimanded. The motion passed with Gina Reiners, Jason Blando, Cynthia Arpin and Chair Bouffard in favor. Jennifer Long and Rebecca Martinez were opposed.

Sara Smith, RN - Petition No. 2021-557

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Cody Guarnieri.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Smith be found as charged on paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Statement of Charges and not found on paragraphs 4, 5 and 6. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Smith continue with the probation as set forth in a Memorandum of Decision dated January 20, 2021 and that no further discipline be imposed. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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