

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 17, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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)
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP -(RN 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)
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
Joelle Newton, 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.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference on February 3, 2021.

Chair Bouffard reported on a Presidents Network teleconference held on January 25, 2021.

MINUTES

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the minutes from January 20, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- Quinnipiac University – Permanent Waiver Request
Lisa Rebesch was present on behalf of Quinnipiac University.
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a permanent waiver for Joan Cagginello, MS, BSN, RN to teach Nursing 429: Community/Public Nursing. Following extensive discussion regarding Ms. Cagginello's credentials the motion to grant the permanent waiver passed unanimously.

VIRTUAL SIMULATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

An update from a February 3, 2021 meeting was provide by Chair Bouffard, Geraldine Marrocco and Gina Reiners. Draft Simulation Criteria Guidelines were reviewed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the guidelines as edited.

Following further discussion Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to table this matter so that the committee can have an additional meeting to discuss issues relative programs that are on conditional approval. The motion to table passed unanimously.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUR FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

Marcia Proto and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing on the following matters:

- The annual education survey.
- New York State residents enrolled in Connecticut nursing programs.
- Nursing Program faculty vacancies.
- Office of Workforce Strategy - Nursing and Healthcare Workforce December 2020 report.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 77 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during January, 2021.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Laura McCauley, RN Petition No. 2019-313

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Nichelle Robinson, RN Petition No. 2018-1078

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of six months. The motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly Smith LPN Petition No. 2019-592

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision that Ms. Smith's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Kristin Brice, L.P.N. Petition No. 2020-1239

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kristin Brice. Ms. Brice was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco 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 Gina Reiners and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for March 17, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:07 p.m.

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