

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 16, 2022 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)
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)
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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
Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that a recent meeting was held concerning revisions to the nurse education regulations. Suggested revisions will be shared with Board members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Mary Dietmann provided an update from the NCSBN education committee meeting.

Rebecca Martinez arrived at 8:43 p.m.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

The Board received an update from Marcia Proto of Connecticut League for Nursing and the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce and from Audrey Beauvais on behalf of the Deans and Directors.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Alexia Young, LPN – Petition No. 2020-331

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer C. Long, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Alexia Young, LPN. The motion passed unanimously. This case is dismissed in that the allegations do not rise to a level that warrants disciplinary action.

PREHEARING REVIEW OF CURRENT SUMMARY SUSPENSION STATUS

Danielle Howley, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2021-557

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

The Board recommended a period of suspension followed by probation for four years with employer reporting and a restriction from employment in homecare.

Sharon Owen, R.N. - Petition No.: 2019-326

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Attorney Robert Kolesnick was not present with respondent.

On a motion by Geraldine Marrocco, seconded by Mary Dietmann, the Board entered executive session from 9:40 a.m. until 10:05 to discuss confidential medical treatment records. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

The Board recommended the standard 4 year probation.

Lisa Freeman arrived at 10:10 p.m.

Angela Waskiewicz, R.N. Petition No. 2021-497

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Respondent was present but was not represented.

The Board recommended a period of probation during which course work in medication administration and documentation should-be completed

CONSENT ORDERS

Deborah A. Slota-Novak a/k/a Deborah A. Slota, L.P.N. Petition No. 2021-916

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of three years. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Cindy Jean Featherston, R.N. Petition No. 2020-391

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Heidi Cilano and Attorney Joseph Ferrantelli.

The Board entered executive session from 9:58 a.m. to 12:58 p.m. to accept testimony regarding confidential health information. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

On a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Mary Dietmann, the Board entered executive session to accept testimony regarding confidential health information from Sara Cohen, RN. No motions were made-and no votes were taken during executive session.

On a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, the Board entered executive session to accept testimony regarding confidential health information from Cindy Featherston, RN. No motions were made-and no votes were taken during executive session.

The hearing was continued to April 20, 2022.

Rebecca S. Berlepsch, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2021-946

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Respondent orally answered the Statement of Charges. The hearing was continued to March 2, 2022 to allow respondent to obtain documents.

Amanda Espinosa, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2021-1222

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

Respondent orally answered the Statement of Charges. The hearing was continued to April 20, 2022 to allow respondent to obtain documents.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Mary Dietmann the meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
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