

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 2, 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)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: 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 Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH

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 Cynthia Arpin, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard reported that Vermont just became the 36th State to implement the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Everyone was reminded that the mid-year meeting is scheduled for March 14 – 17, 2022

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.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR RNs AND LPNs

Dana Dalton presented information regarding Public Act 21-46 which requires continuing education for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Department of Public Health Legislative Liaison Jill Kennedy provided background information.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- Lincoln Technical Institute

Patty DeLucia and Sara Johnson were present for Lincoln Technical Institute.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Sara Johnson as Regional Director of Nursing for Lincoln Technical Institute. The motion passed unanimously.

- Sacred Heart University

Elizabeth Denny was present from Sacred Heart University.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant a 6-month temporary waiver for Karen DeCato, BSN as a clinical instructor for NU 340: Introduction to Adult Nursing for the Spring 2022 semester. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando who recused themselves from voting.

- Three Rivers Community College

Cynthia L. Arpin recused herself in this matter.

Kem Barfield was present from Three Rivers Community College.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Cynthia L. Arpin as Interim Director of Nursing for Three Rivers Community College. The motion passed unanimously.

- University of Connecticut

Angela Starkweather was present from The University of Connecticut.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a 12-month temporary waiver for Carly Muller, BSN as a clinical instructor for NU 3334: Theory and Nursing Practice for Perinatal and Women's Health. The motion passed unanimously

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 37 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during December 2021.

REVIEW OF CURRENT SUMMARY SUSPENSION STATUS

Ashley Lambert, L.P.N - Petition No. 2021-931

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to vacate the Summary Suspension of respondent's licensed practical nurse license, No. 040682, which was ordered on December 21, 2021.

Pending the issuance of a Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 2021-931, respondent's license is reinstated to probation subject to the terms of a January 15, 2020 Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Jason Blando who abstained.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Natalie Primini, LPN – Reinstatement Request

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Natalie Primini, LPN which reinstates her license to probation for a period of two years. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Steven M. Lamoureux, APRN, RN - Petition Nos. 2021-652; 2021-653

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Amend Statement of Charges in the matter of Steven Lamoureux. Respondent and his attorney were not present. Respondent's license was summarily suspended on September 15, 2021

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant the Department's motion to amend the Statement of Charges.– The motion to amend passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused her self from voting.

Sheryl Lacoursiere, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2021-1072; 2021-1199

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Amend Statement of Charges in the matter of Sheryl Lacoursiere. Attorney Ellen Costello was present for respondent and objected to the Department's motion. Respondent's license was summarily suspended on January 5, 2022.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant the Department's motion to amend the Statement of Charges. The motion to amend passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Amanda Espinosa., LPN - Petition No. 2021-1222

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Amanda Espinosa. Respondent 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 Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for February 16, 2022.

Rebecca S. Berslepsch, LPN - Petition No. 2021-946

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Rebecca S. Berslepsch. 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 February 16, 2022.

CONSENT ORDERS

Bryan Smith, RN - Petition No. 2019-827

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in the matter of Bryan Smith, RN. Respondent was not present or represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary, Kelley RN -Petition No. 2019-827

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in the matter of, Mary Kelley, RN. Respondent was present with Attorney Phillip Walker.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Geraldine Marrocco, seconded by Cynthia Arpin the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.