

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 19, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair) Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member) Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member) Jason Blando - (Public Member) Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member) (8:59 a.m.) Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member) Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member) Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH Stacy Schulman, Staff Attorney, Board Counsel Jeff Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH Dianne Bertucio, Interim Board Liaison, DPH

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

#### **Chair Updates**

Nothing to report.

#### **Additional Agenda Items and Reordering of Agenda**

Jeff Kardys reported that there is a revision to the agenda to add a summary suspension for Tabitha Moche. A motion to add the summary suspension of Tabitha Wanjiru Moche to the agenda was made by Gina Reiners, seconded by Cynthia Arpin. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Gina Reiners to approve the agenda as revised, seconded by Cynthia April. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Open Forum**

No reports.

#### **National Council of State Boards of Nursing – Update**

Chair Bouffard reported that there was an Education Committee call regarding NCSBN encouraging to submit articles to the Journal Nursing Regulation. In addition, the updated NexGen exam is going into effect April 1, 2023. Chair Bouffard encouraged people to go to the website to information about the updated test.

#### **THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC – Monthly Update**

Linda Wagner, co-chair for Deans and Directors, reported on the meeting yesterday. Linda requested an update on the nursing regulations. Chair Bouffard reported that there was a special Board meeting in September and the committee needs to reconvene to review the revisions. There was discussion regarding the grants coming from the state and federal government to bolster the nursing school programs and if the Board can assist with these grants. The schools are looking to expand enrollments, bolstering faculty, innovative programs to get nurses into the

workforce quicker. The grants are time-sensitive in regarding to outcomes so projects will need to move quickly.

Marcia Proto reported that the Center for Nursing Workforce is hosting their 43<sup>rd</sup> annual student day virtually and Chair Bouffard will be a guest speaker. The Center is moving quickly with the development of the full-time nurse faculty prep course to help full-time faculty prepare for teaching. Dawn Bunting is the point person for the program. Hawaii is sending 50 nurses to participate in the online clinical faculty prep course. The Statewide Nursing Workforce and Education Summit is going to be held on April 5, 2023 at the Aqua Turf and Dan Weaver will be keynote speaker.

## **MINUTES**

February 16, 2022; March 2, 2022; April 6, 2022; May 11, 2022; May 18, 2022

Cynthia Aprin made a motion to approve the minutes for February 16, 2022, seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion unanimously passed.

Cynthia Aprin made a motion to approve the minutes for March 2, 2022, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Chair Bouffard, who abstained.

Cynthia Aprin made a motion to approve the minutes for April 6, 2022, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia Aprin made a motion to approve the minutes for May 11, 2022, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Lisa Freeman, who abstained.

Gina Reiners made a motion to approve the minutes for May 18, 2022, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Cynthia Aprin, who abstained.

Lisa Freeman left the meeting.

## **SCHOOL ISSUES**

### *Goodwin University – Appointment of Interim Dean of Nursing*

Gina Reiners recused herself from the discussion.

Dr. Vivienne Friday and Dr. Michael Pardalis appeared on behalf of Goodwin University.

Cynthia Aprin made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Vivienne Friday as the Interim Dean of Nursing for Goodwin University, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously [however, not sure if there was a quorum because Lisa Freeman left the meeting (said she was leaving for 5 minutes) and was not in attendance for this vote and Gina Reiners recused herself.]

### *Porter & Chester*

Holly Breault and Attorney Joan Feldman appeared on behalf of Porter & Chester Institute.

#### *1. Temporary Waiver Request*

Gina Reiners made a motion to approve a nine-month temporary waiver request for Lakeisah Mitchell, RN BSN as a clinical instructor at Porter & Chester Institute, seconded by Cynthia Aprin. The motion passed unanimously.

#### *2. Rocky Hill Campus closure*

Porter & Chester Institute provided notice that the Rocky Hill campus will be closing in October 2022. Students of the practical nursing program were notified in September 2022 and provided with multiple options.

Southern Connecticut State University – Permanent Waiver Request

Maria Kroll appeared on behalf of Southern Connecticut State University.

Gina Reiners made a motion to accept a permanent waiver for Joan Cagginello, RN, BSN, MS as an adjunct clinical instructor for the Nursing 442 Public Health Course for senior level students at Southern State University, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Cynthia April who abstained.

Three Rivers Community College – Appointment of Division Director for Nursing & Allied Health

Cynthia Aprin recused herself from the discussion.

Ken Barfield appeared on behalf of Three Rivers Community College.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Cynthia Aprin as Division Director of Nursing and Allied Health at Three Rivers Community College, seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy – West Haven Campus – Revised Fact-finding

Dr. Erin Walton appeared on behalf of Stone Academy.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to re-open the fact-finding for the Stone Academy West Haven Campus in order to issue a new order, seconded by Cynthia Aprin.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to table fact-finding for Stone Academy West Haven Campus for November 16, 2022 in order to receive additional information, seconded by Cynthia Aprin. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy needs to provide the information to the Department of Public Health by October 30, 2022.

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

Steven M. Lamoureux, APRN, RN Petition Nos 2021-652; 2021-653                      Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Steven M. Lamoureux. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion to accept the Department’s Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges against Steven M. Lamoureux. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously.

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Kristin Brice, LPN                      Petition No. 2022-913                      Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kristen Brice. Respondent was present, but not represented.

Cynthia Aprin 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 November 16, 2022.

