

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Nursing Board (Regular Meeting)
DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2023
TIME: 8:30 AM
LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS

MEETING MINUTES

| Name | Member | Present (Y/N) | | DPH STAFF | Present (Y/N) |
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| Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, DNSc, Chairperson | RN Member | Y | | Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board | Y |
| Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN | RN Member | Y | | Helen Smith, DPH | Y |
| Jason Blando | Public | N | | Dana Dalton, DPH | Y |
| Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE | RN Member | N | | Laura Morris, DPH | Y |
| Lisa S. Freeman, BA | Public | Y | | Tyra Peluso, Board Liaison | Y |
| Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN | RN Member | Y | | Charai Bellini, DPH | Y |
| Rebecca Martinez, LPN | LPN Member | Y | | Inna Erlikh, DPH | Y |
| Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC | RN Member | Y | | Demetra Kourtzidis | Y |
| Brett M. Prestia, MD | Public Member | Y | | | |

CALL TO ORDER 8:31 AM

1. CHAIR UPDATE

- National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) . The Council's Education Consultant Committee met on October 16 to set the 2023-2024 agenda.
- Chair Bouffard is a member of the Nursing Workforce Group taskforce. The Legislature has asked for a report to be issued in January 2024. The report is on the nursing shortage.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Several students of Porter and Chester Institute, Bridgeport campus, attended to express concerns. A contact name and the school process on filing complaints were provided. Students were advised of Agenda Item 5 that includes PCI matters.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the October 4, 2023, minutes, as presented. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. Gina Reiners abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC.

- Monthly update provided by Marcia Proto, Executive Director. Linda Wagner, Co-Chair for Deans and Directors was also present.

5. SCHOOL ISSUES

- Stone Academy. Timothy Larson, Executive Director, Office of Higher Education (OHE), provided a student update. Specific student issues can be addressed with Timothy Larson or Sean Seepersad, Director Academic Affairs, OHE.
- Discussion on timing of conditional approval. Going forward *Conditional Approvals* will be determined at the time the Corrective Action Plans are presented.
- Porter and Chester Institute (PCI)
 - 5-year self-study. Sherry Greifzu appeared on behalf of PCI. Helen Smith provided an overview of the study. Lisa Freeman moved to accept the study as presented. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. Brett Prestia abstained. The motion was approved.
 - Corrective Action Plan (CAP) – Bridgeport Campus Physical Site
 - Gina Reiners moved to approve the Bridgeport campus physical site as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - CAP- Revised
 - Gina Reiners moved to approve the revised Corrective Action Plan for the Bridgeport, Hamden, and Waterbury campuses, currently on conditional approval. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Brett Prestia and Lisa Freeman abstained. The motion was approved.
 - Anonymous Letter - Edtjoauan Valentine, PCI Bridgeport Campus Student, appeared on behalf of this matter. Sherry Greifzu stated that because PCI is not in receipt of said letter that she would not be in a position to respond at present. Sherry will contact Edtjoauan directly to discuss the concerns. Sherry is to provide an update by December 4, 2023 on both the letter and students' concerns so that the item can be addressed during the December 20, 2023, Board meeting.

6. MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

- Angel Predzmirski, Petition No. 2023-569. Gina Reiners moved to affirm the MOD as presented. Brett Prestia seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

- Melonie J. Daley, RN: Petition No. 2023-135, Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Gina Reiners moved to grant the summary suspension as presented. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. HEARINGS

- Mike Yovel Robert, RN, Petition No. 2022-1118. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. The Respondent did not appear. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, that the respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, that the respondent's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

- Krysbeth Jean, RN, Petition No. 2022-110. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Attorney Brown appeared for the respondent. Attorney Brown requested that the hearing be continued to November 1, 2023. Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant the continuance. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:28pm. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.