

**BOARD OR COMMISSION: Nursing Board (Regular Meeting)**

**DATE: September 20, 2023**

**TIME: 8:30 AM**

**LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Name	Member	Present (Y/N)		DPH STAFF	Present (Y/N)
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	N		Helen Smith, DPH	Y
Jason Blando	Public	Y		Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y		Laura Morris, DPH	Y
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	N		Tyra Peluso, Board Liaison	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y		Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y		Susanna Camarata, DPH	Y
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	Y			
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y			

**CALL TO ORDER 8:30 AM**

**1. CHAIR UPDATE**

National Council of State Boards of Nursing NCLEX (exam to test the competency of nursing school graduates in the US and Canada) scores for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are posted to the National Council website.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Gina Reiners moved to approve the September 6, 2023, minutes. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **4. THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC.**

Linda Wagner, Deans and Directors Council, provided an update. Dana Dalton will follow up with the Governor's Office on the revised School Regulations. In addition, she will follow-up with the Department on distributions of stipends for BSN adjunct faculty as provided in SB9.

#### **5. SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Albertus Magnus College Campus Tour
  - Cindy Jeffrey, Program Director for Albertus Magnus. Susanne Cammarata of DPH provided the informational update. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the physical facilities as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Connecticut State Community College – Capital Community College – Corrective Action Plan
  - Catherine Leary, Director of Nursing appeared on behalf of CCC to request approval of its corrective action plan. Also present was Dr. Paula Dowd. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the plan as presented. Gina Reiners seconded. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Connecticut State Community College – Naugatuck Valley – Corrective Action Plan
  - Dr. Carol Gabriele, Dean for Health Sciences, appeared on behalf of NVCC to request approval of its corrective action plan. Also present was Dr. Paula Dowd. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the plan as presented. Gina Reiners seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Cornerstone Medical Training Center
  - Notice provided to the Board of the Center's intent to establish a licensed practical nursing program.
- St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University – Corrective Action Plan
  - Tammy Dickerson appeared on behalf of St. Vincent's to request approval of its corrective action plan. Also present was Dean Karen Daley. Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the plan as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded. Jason Blando abstained. Mary Dietmann recused herself. The motion was approved unanimously.
- University of Bridgeport
  - Linda Wagner. Director School of Nursing for the University was present on behalf of the university. Susan Cammarata of DPH presented the request for two waivers of time to complete program requirements.
    - Mary Dietmann moved to approve an 18-month waiver for Amanda Johnson Adams. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. Gina Reiners and Salvatore Diaz recused themselves. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Rebecca Martinez moved to approve a six-month waiver for Andrew Michaud. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. Gina Reiners and Salvatore Diaz recused themselves. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **6. MOTION TO MODIFY CONSENT ORDER**

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan for the Department. Attorney Bucci for the Respondent Kelly Bucci. Mary Dietmann moved to deny the motion. Salvatore Diaz seconded. Brett Prestia abstained. The motion was denied unanimously.

## **7. MOTION REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT HEARING**

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan for the Department. Respondent Kelly Gordon appeared on her own behalf. Salvatore Diaz moved to deny the motion. Mary Dietmann seconded. Brett Prestia abstained. The motion was denied unanimously.

## **8. MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan for the Department. Gina Reiners moved to approve the motion. Brett Prestia seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **9. MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

- Margaret Dunnan, Petition No. 2021-1098. Gina Reiners moved to affirm the MOD as presented, revoking the respondent's license. The motion was seconded by Salvatore Diaz. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Marcus Garcia, Petition No. 2023-407. Gina Reiners moved to affirm the MOD as presented, revoking the respondent's license. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Martinez. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Proctor Norman Hayes, Petition No. 2022-409. Gina Reiners moved to affirm the MOD as presented, revoking the respondent's license. The motion was seconded by Salvatore Diaz. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **5. MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

- Krystle Fabozzi, LPN: Petition No. 2022-748, Staff Attorney Joelle Newton for the Department. Respondent appeared on her own behalf. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the summary suspension as presented. Gina Reiners seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Kenisha Hieka Rose, RN: Petition No. 2022-1119, Staff Attorney Joelle Newton for the Department. Attorney James Demetrides appeared for the Respondent; Respondent also present. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the summary suspension as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Sheila M. Harrington: Petition No. 2023-271, Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina for the Department. Respondent appeared on her own behalf. Rebecca Martinez moved to grant the summary suspension as presented. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Ugwunna Peter Ogugua, RN: Petition No. 2022-1117, Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan for the Department. Attorney Richard Brown appeared for the respondent; Respondent also present. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the summary suspension as presented. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Conrado Macapagal Valido, Jr., LPN: Petition No. 2023-1071, Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina for the Department. Respondent appeared on her own behalf. . Gina Reiners moved to grant the summary suspension as presented. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **8. HEARINGS**

- Mike Yovel Robert, RN: Petition No. 2022-1118, Staff Attorney Joelle Newton for the Department. Respondent appeared on his own behalf and requested a continuance. Gina Reiners moved to grant the respondent's request for a continuance to October 18, 2023. Jason Blando seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Awa Ndao, RN: Petition No. 2022-1116 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton for the Department. The respondent nor counsel were present.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to grant the Department of Public Health's oral request 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 Mary Dietmann, that the respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion that the respondent's license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously.

- Beatriz McMillian, RN: Petition No. 2023-681 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton for the Department. Respondent was present but not represented. Respondent provided an answer on the record.

At 11:49 am Gina Reiners moved to go into executive session. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board returned to the public meeting at 12:14pm. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners moved, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to find on all charges. The motion was approved unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, that the respondent be placed on probation, seconded by Mary Dietmann. Brett Prestia abstained. After Board discussion the motion was denied.

Gina Reiners made a new motion, seconded by Brett Prestia, that the respondent be placed on probation with conditions. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Heidi A. Smith, RN: Petition No. 2023-954, Staff Attorney Joelle Newton for the Department. Respondent appeared on her own behalf. and provided an answer on the record.

At 1:21pm Gina Reiners moved to go into executive session. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board returned to the public meeting at 1:32pm. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Jason Blando moved, seconded by Gina Reiners, to find on all charges. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jason Blando made a motion, that the respondent be placed on probation. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners. After Board discussion, the motion was denied.

Salvatore Diaz made a new motion, seconded by Gina Reiners. that placed respondent on a 1-year probation with course work. The motion was approved unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:51pm. Brett Prestia Seconded. The motion passed unanimously.