

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: January 17, 2024

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	Tyra Peluso, Board Liaison	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Ryan Burns, DPH	Y
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	Y	Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Laura Morris, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	Y	Susanna Cammarata	Y
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y		

CALL TO ORDER 8:36am

ROLE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE

Dan Shapiro, Deputy Associate Attorney General and Chief of the Health and Education Section, informed the Board that the Attorney General’s Office will provide legal advice to the Board during its meetings and hearings, effective as of today’s meeting.

Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Elizabeth Bannon, AAG Cynthia Mahon, and AAG Alina Bricklan-Goldstein also attended the meeting..

MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

- Lisa Freeman moved to amend the minutes of the January 3, 2024, regular meeting. Brett Prestia seconded the motion. The motion was ‘tabled’. Lisa Freeman moved to approve the amended minutes of the January 3, 2024, regular meeting. Brett Prestia seconded the motion. Mary Dietmann abstained. Following vote by roll the motion was approved.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

- Mary Elizabeth Taylor, RN, Petition No. 2023-581. Gina Reiners moved to approve the MOD as presented. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Beatriz McMillian, RN, Petition No. 2023-681. Mary Dietmann moved to correct the petition number on the agenda from 2023-687 to 2023-681. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the MOD as presented. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- Sacred Heart University – Continued discussion of an associate degree program (“ADN”) at the Davis/Henley College of Nursing. Professor Tammey Dickerson and Dean Karen Daley appeared for Sacred Heart University. Following discussion, the Board concluded that the matter is an administrative name change with no Board action needed. No votes were taken.
- Mitchell College – Notice of Intent to Establish a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Susanne Cammarata presented the notice of intent on behalf of Mitchell College. Tracy Espy appeared for Mitchell College. No votes were taken.

REVIEW OF REINSTATEMENT APPLICATION (Additional Information)

- Naomi Williams-Wal, RN, Petition No 2023-186. Dana Dalton presented the reinstatement documentation on behalf of DPH. Respondent appeared. Following discussion, the Board informed DPH staff on reinstatement requirements. No votes were taken.

CHAIR UPDATE

- 2024 Regular Meeting Dates. The June 19, 2024, regular meeting is canceled.

THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

- Mary Dietmann made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman. Brett Prestia abstained. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.