

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING**

**DATE: December 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	Y	Tyra Peluso, Board Liaison	Y
Jason Blando	Public	Y	Inna Erlikh	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	N	Aden Baume, Hearing Office Staff Attorney	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	Y
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	Y	Susanne Cammarata	Y
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y		

**CALL TO ORDER 8:33 am**

- Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cindy Arpin, to remove the Antoinette Morris hearing from the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.
- A moment of silence was observed for Joyce Grayson, a Connecticut nurse tragically killed performing her duties in October.

**1. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2023, SPECIAL MEETING**

- Rebecca Martinez moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2023, special meeting, as presented. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. Gina Reiners and Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **2. CHAIR UPDATE**

- The 2024 Regular Meeting Dates were reviewed:

January 3	January 17	July 3	July 17
February 7	February 21	August 7	August 21
March 6	March 20	September 4	September 18
April 3	April 17	October 2	October 16
May 1	May 15	November 6	November 20
June 5	June 19	December 4	December 18

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There was no public comment.

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

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

## **5. SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Porter and Chester Institute (PCI). Sherry Greifzu appeared for the school and informed the Board about PCI's response to an anonymous letter dated August 7, 2023. The response pertained to individual students' concerns about PCI's corrective action plan approved by the Board at its October 18, 2023, meeting.
- University of Bridgeport. Linda Wagner appeared for the school and provided verbal notice of intent to establish an Associate Degree in Nursing/ADN program.

## **6. MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

- Christopher J. Kay, RN\*, Petition No. 2023-696. Gina Reiners moved to approve the MOD as presented. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

- Krysbeth Jean, RN, Petition No. 2022-1106. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Lisa Freeman moved to grant the motion to withdraw the statement of charges. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Antoinette Morris, RN\*, Petition No. 2022-1115. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Rebecca Martinez moved to grant the motion to withdraw the statement of charges. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **8. DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION OF REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER**

- Fernando Roldan, Unlicensed RN, Petition No. 2021-786. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Respondent appeared on his own behalf. A discussion by the Board as to the terms of the consent order followed a presentation by Attorney Sullivan. No votes were taken.

## **9. PRE-HEARING REVIEW**

- Sarah Valentine, LPN, Petition No. 2023-335. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent appeared on her own behalf. The Board recommended the matter proceed to hearing following a presentation by Attorney Newton. No votes were taken.

## **10. HEARINGS**

- Christopher J. Kay, RN\*, Petition No. 2023-1397. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Gina Reiners moved to grant Attorney Fazzina's motion to deem the allegations admitted. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, that the respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, that respondent's license be revoked. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Jennifer Barr, RN\*, Petition No. 2022-734. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Attorney Gretchen Randall appeared for the Respondent.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential medical and treatment records. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 10:04 a.m. All members of the Board, Attorney Stacy Schulman, Attorney Newton, Attorney Gretchen Randall, the Respondent, Board Liaison Tyra Anne Peluso, and the stenographer were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during the executive session. Public session resumed at 10:33 a.m.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cindy Arpin, that respondent be found on charges 1, 2, 3, and 5. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Cindy Arpin made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to vacate the summary suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- Rebecca Martinez made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.