

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: November 15, 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	Helen Smith, DPH	Y
Jason Blando	Public	Y	Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	N	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	Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	Y	Susanne Cammarata, DPH	Y
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	N		

CALL TO ORDER 8:35am

- Cynthia Arpin moved to add discussion of the site visit of Griffin Hospital to the agenda. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion passed unanimously.
- Cynthia Arpin moved to add Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Ugwunna Peter Ogugua, Petition No. 2022-1117. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Cynthia Arpin moved to add Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matters of Michelle Rosa-Harris, Petition Nos. 2023-483 and 2023-886. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. CHAIR UPDATE

The Chair informed the Board that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) scores for the 3rd Quarter are now published.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023, SPECIAL MEETING

Jason Blando moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023, special meeting, as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. Gina Reiners and Cynthia Arpin abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jason Blando moved to vacate the vote approving the minutes of the November 1, 2023, special meeting as presented. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Gina Reiners and Cynthia Arpin abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rebecca Martinez moved to amend the minutes of the November 1, 2023, special meeting. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Gina Reiners and Cynthia Arpin abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023, special meeting, as amended. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. Gina Reiners and Cynthia Arpin abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Arizona College of Nursing. The quarterly update was provided by Susanna Cammarata for the Department. Vincent Salyers and Catherine Holton appeared for the school. The update was provided for informational purposes and no votes were taken.
- Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health, Request for Approval of Second Location. Helen Smith for the Department. Amanda Bell and Kayla Bennett appeared for the school to request Board approval of the second location. Following discussion, Gina Reiners moved to approve a second site location in Naugatuck. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. The motion passed unanimously.

6. MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

- Ugwunna Pete Oguqua, Petition No. 2022-1117. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's motion to withdraw Statement of Charges. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Michelle Rosa-Harris, Petition Nos. 2023-483; 2023-886. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's motion to withdraw Statement of

Charges. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. MOTION TO REOPEN FACT-FINDING

- Christopher Kay, Petition No. 2023-696. Cynthia Arpin moved to reopen fact-finding. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Gina Reiners moved to modify the Board's findings of fact. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

8. HEARINGS

- Melonie J. Daley, Petition No. 2023-135. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. The Respondent appeared on her own behalf. Respondent orally answered the Charges on the record.

At 10:22, Cynthia Arpin moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of academic information. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board returned to public session at 11:54am. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during Executive Session. The following individuals attended the executive session: all members of the Board, Attorney Stacy Schulman, Attorney Aden Baume, Respondent Melonie Daley, Department Attorney Craig Sullivan, Board Liaison Tyra Anne Peluso, and the Court Stenographer.

Gina Reiners moved to continue the hearing. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Hearing on Removal of Lincoln Technical Institute ("LTI") Shelton Campus, Day Group LPN Nursing Program. Helen Smith appeared for the Department. Patricia DeLucia, Deborah Little, Ruth-Sarah Mazzaferro and Francis Giglio appeared on behalf of LTI.

Following the close of the hearing, the Chair continued the matter to December 6, 2023, to conduct fact-finding after Cynthia Arpin and Salvatore Diaz recused themselves, which resulted in a lack of quorum.

- Katie Ann Martins, Reinstatement Hearing. Petition No. 2023-313. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. Respondent appeared on her own behalf. Gina Reiners moved to continue the hearing to December 6, 2023. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Hearing on Removal of Porter and Chester Institute ("PCI") Waterbury Campus, Evening Group LPN Nursing Program. Sherry Geifzu and Helen Smith appeared

for the Department. Attorney Joan Feldman and Attorney Eric Del Pozo appeared on behalf of PCI.

Following the close of the hearing, the Chair continued the matter to December 6, 2023, to conduct fact-finding after Cynthia Arpin and Salvatore Diaz recused themselves which resulted in a lack of quorum.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.

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