

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 18, 2012 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Tarah Cherry, Public Member  
Jennifer Long, APRN  
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Heidi Darling, LPN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Porter and Chester & Stone Academy LPN Programs.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the following Memoranda of Decision to the Board.

#### LISA BRETON, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Breton's license. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MARCELLE GRENIER, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to reinstate Ms. Grenier's license to probationary status with restrictions for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

#### LYNN BRADLEY, RN

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Bradley's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

#### REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – HELEN SATKUNAS, RN

Legal Office Attorney, Ellen M. Shanley, presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Helen Satkunas. Ms. Satkunas was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Jeffrey Marvin, to accept the Reinstatement Consent Order as written which reinstates Ms. Satkunas' license to probation for four years with conditions. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – CARLA LaMENDOLA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Carla LaMendola. Ms. LaMendola was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to deny the Consent Order as written. It was the recommendation of the Board that this matter be dismissed as it does not rise to a level which requires discipline in Connecticut.

#### CONSENT ORDER – MARIA ZANDONELLA, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with a Consent Order for Maria Zandonello. Ms. Zandonella was present with counsel, Attorney Curt Fortuna, Jr. Esq. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Consent Order as written which places her license on probation for one year with restrictions. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

#### HEARING – STARR NELSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Nelson has signed a Voluntary Agreement not to renew or reinstate her licensure. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – WILLIAM DiCHELLO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. DiChello was not present nor did he have representation at this hearing. On December 6, 2011 Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez advised Jeffrey A. Kardys that this hearing be reopened due to notice issues. The Board was e-mailed the transcripts and the exhibits on January 3, 2012. Mr. DiChello was mailed a Rescheduling of Hearing Notice on December 8, 2011 via certified mail, return receipt request, and first class mail. The certified mail was returned to the Board Office on December 30, 2011 marked "unclaimed" by the USPS. The first class mailing has not been returned.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jeffrey Marvin, that Ms. DiChello has had proper notice for this hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The Department entered Exhibits into the record, Board discussion completed, and the hearing record was closed.

Jeffrey Marvin moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono that Mr. DiChello be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Marvin moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono that Mr. DiChello's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## HEARING - LISA ENGENGRO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Engengro was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. At the December 21, 2011 hearing there was a question of notice. The Board requested that the hearing be rescheduled with the rescheduling notice being sent to Branford and New Haven addresses.

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Engengro be found on all charges as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded that Ms. Engengro's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## HEARING - TRACY MALUK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. On December 7, 2011 Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision Modification. The Board was advised by their counsel not to rule on this request and that this matter be scheduled for a hearing. A Notice of Hearing regarding the Department of Public Health's Request for Modification of Memorandum of Decision was sent to Ms. Maluk via certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail on December 13, 2011. On December 28, 2011 an inquiry to the USPS Track and Confirm website confirmed that the certified mail was delivered on December 14, 2011 at 2:27 PM to Hamden, CT 06514. Testimony was provided by Ms. Maluk who was present without representation at this hearing.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to accept the Department's request for Modification of Memorandum of Decision by adding a new subparagraph 2.R. to the Order portion as follows: *All urines screens shall be analyzed for creatinine and specific gravity. Any urine screen result determined to be an invalid sample by the testing laboratory as a result of abnormal creatinine and/or abnormal specific gravity shall be deemed to be a missed urine screen. Any missed or late urine screens shall be deemed to be a positive urine screen result and may subject respondent's license to further discipline.*

The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Maria Pietrantuono who was opposed.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:05 AM.

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