The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on July 20, 2016 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Mary Dietmann, RN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Long, APRN
Geraldine Marrocco, RN
Gina M. Reiners, RN
Carrie Simon, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute, New Britain and Shelton campuses.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

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Chair Bouffard participated in an education conference call during which the New Research director was introduced.

HEARING

Dorsey Saunders, RN – Petition No. 2016-623

Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Saunders was not present and was not represented by counsel. Due to the lack of a quorum, fact-finding will take place during the August 3, 2016 Board meeting.
HEARING
Sara Kaiser, LPN – Reinstatement Request
Ms. Kaiser was present without counsel. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health.
The Board heard testimony from Ms. Kaiser, Sean Stack, Derek Santavenere, Matthew Eacott and Maureen Dinnan, Esq.
Due to the lack of a quorum, fact-finding will take place during the August 3, 2016 Board meeting.

HEARING
Dorsey Saunders, RN – Petition No. 2016-623
Ms. Saunders arrived at 10:00 a.m. The hearing in this matter was re-opened at which time Ms. Saunders requested that the hearing be continued to a later date. The request was granted. The hearing will be rescheduled to October 19, 2016.

HEARING
Arlene Dumais, RN, APRN – Petition Nos. 2015-1184; 2015-1207
Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dumais was present but was not represented by counsel. Respondent’s Conservator of Estate, Pamela Dole was present to assist respondent.
The Board heard testimony from John Varone, Lieutenant, Groton, Connecticut Police Department and from respondent.
Due to the lack of a quorum, fact-finding will take place during the August 3, 2016 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 1:23 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing