

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 15, 2016 at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 2-E.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Geraldine Marrocco, RN
Gina M. Reiners, RN
Carrie Simon, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy M. Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Pamela Pelletier-Stevens, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, OLRC, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Porter and Chester, Rocky Hill and Branford campuses and from Norwich Regional Technical School.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 20, 2016

Gina Reiners moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed with all in favor except Jennifer Long and Geraldine Marrocco who abstained.

May 18, 2016

Gina Reiners moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously.

YALE SCHOOL OF NURSING - INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE

Representatives from the Yale School of Nursing were present to provide an overview of the program's Longitudinal Clinical Experience offered with pre-licensure nursing students, medical and physician assistant students.

The Board commented that the number of credits for this program are within the parameters set forth in the Section 20-90-5 of the regulations.

LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – WAIVER REQUEST

Lincoln Technical Institute is requesting a one year temporary waiver for Holly Brancato. Present from the program were Rosemarie Baker and Carolyn Nicholson. Gina Reiners moved to grant the one year temporary faculty education waiver for Holly Brancato. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously.

LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – APPROVAL OF DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Lincoln Technical Institute is requesting that Carolyn Nicholson be approved as the Director of Nursing for the New Britain campus. Present from the program were Rosemarie Baker and Carolyn Nicholson. Gina Reiners moved to approved Carolyn Nicholson as the Director of Nursing for Lincoln Technical Institute's, New Britain campus. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously.

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH – WAIVER REQUESTS

The University of Saint Joseph is requesting a one year temporary waiver for Brain Gomes. Present from the program Patricia Padula Morgan and Brian Gomes.

Mary Brown moved to grant the one year temporary faculty education waiver for Brain Gomes. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long. The motion passed with all in favor except Lisa Freeman and Geraldine Marrocco who were opposed and Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting.

The University of Saint Joseph is requesting a one year temporary waiver for Antonio Lopera.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the one year temporary faculty education waiver for Antonio Lopera. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting.

CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY – PLAN OF CORRECTION – NCLEX SCORES

At the Board's May 18, 2016 meeting, Central Connecticut State University was placed on conditional status because their first time NCLEX pass rate was below 80%.

Present from the program were Margaret Levvis, Katherine Thomas and Leona Konieczny to submit its Plan of Correction for the Board's review. During review of the plan, Geraldine Marrocco requested that more detailed information be submitted.

Mary Brown moved to table this matter to allow for a revised the Plan of Correction to be submitted. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. JOSEPH ASD PROGRAM – PLAN OF CORRECTION – NCLEX SCORES

At the Board's May 18, 2016 meeting, the University of St. Joseph - ASD Program was placed on conditional status because their first time NCLEX pass rate was below 80%.

Present from the program were Patricia Padula Morgan and Mimi Snyder to submit its Plan of Correction for the Board's review.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to accept the Plan of Correction that has was presented. The motion was seconded by Jennifer. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – PLAN OF CORRECTION – NCLEX SCORES

At the Board's May 18, 2016 meeting, Gateway Community College was placed on conditional status because their first time NCLEX pass rate was below 80%.

Sheila Solernou was present from the program to submit its Plan of Correction for the Board's review.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to accept the Plan of Correction that has been presented. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Centeno, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in May 2016.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Jennifer Reinhard, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2015-1394

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Reinhardt's license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Melody L. Williams-Destra, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-128

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision placing Ms. Williams-Destra's license on probation for one year. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Lori Karen Salupen, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-1168

Mary Brown moved to affirm the Board's prior decision placing Ms. Salupen's license on probation for four years. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Leslie Matejek, R.N. - Petition No. 2015-888

Jennifer Long moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Matejek's license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

John Sherman, R.N. – Petition No. 2014-1199

Mary Brown moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Sherman's license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Vinal Technical High School LPN Program

Geraldine Marrocco moved to affirm the Board's prior decision recommending to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health that the Vinal Technical High School LPN Program be removed from the list of approved nursing programs. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed with all in favor except Mary Brown who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Proposed Order which will be forwarded to Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Dorsey Saunders, LPN

Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Dorsey Saunders. Ms. Saunders was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for July 20, 2016.

Dawn Noyce, LPN

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Dawn Noyce. Ms. Noyce was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for July 20, 2016.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Brenda Berg, RN. Ms. Berg was not present nor represented by counsel.

Ms. Berg voluntarily surrendered her license on May 18, 2016. Mary Brown moved to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges, which was seconded by Gina Reiners, and passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Staff Attorney David Tilles presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Robbin Cappa, RN. Ms. Cappa was not present nor represented by counsel.

Ms. Cappa voluntarily surrendered her license effective the date of this meeting. Mary Brown moved to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges, which was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, and passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS

Lindsay Wayman, RN - Petition No. 2016-175

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lindsay Wayman, RN.

Ms. Wayman was not present and was not represented by counsel. Jennifer Long moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDERS

Alyssa Graham, APRN - Petition No. 2015-980

Staff Attorney Britany Allen presented the Board with a Consent Order for Alyssa Graham, APRN.

Ms. Graham was not present and was not represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Carrie Simon and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDERS

Jamie Libertini, RN - Petition No. 2015-382

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Janie Libertini, RN.

Ms. Libertini was present but was not represented by counsel. Mary Brown moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDERS

Shelly Volpe, LPN - Petition No. 2014-729

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Shelly Volpe, LPN.

Ms. Volpe was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mary Brown moved to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARING

Holly Cocchiola LPN – Petition No. 2016-186

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Cocchiola was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Gina Reiners seconded, that Ms. Cocchiola be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Gina Reiners seconded, to issue an Order revoking Ms. Cocchiola's practical nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING

Bethany Cejer, RN – Petition No. 2015-486

Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Cejer was not present and was not represented by counsel. During the hearing the Department of Public Health withdrew paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Statement of Charges

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded, that Ms. Cejer be found as charged for paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco and Gina Reiners who were opposed.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded, to issue a decision that this case does not rise to a level to warrant discipline in the State of Connecticut. The motion passed with all in favor except Lisa Freeman, Geraldine Marrocco and Carrie Simon who were opposed.

HEARING

Christa McGuire, LPN – Petition No. 2015-689

Staff Attorney Ellen Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. McGuire was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, that Ms. McGuire be found as charged except for the allegation that she is resident of the State of North Carolina. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to issue a decision that this case does not rise to a level to warrant discipline in the State of Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:52 p.m.

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