The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on December 20, 2017 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  
|                       | Elizaida Delgado, LPN  
|                       | Mary Dietmann, RN  
|                       | Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
|                       | Jennifer Long, APRN  
|                       | Geraldine Marrocco, RN  
|                       | Gina M. Reiners, RN  
| BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: | Aimee Ballard, LPN  
| ALSO PRESENT: | Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
|               | Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH  
|               | Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
|               | Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
|               | Sara Montauti, HPA, DPH  
|               | Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH  
|               | Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
|               | Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter  

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:33 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

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING
Chair Bouffard reported that the National Council Mid-Year Meeting is scheduled for March 5-7, 2018 in Chicago.
Chair Bouffard provided an update regarding the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact and proposed revisions to the NCLEX examination.
The Board engaged in discussion with Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH regarding the Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Licensure Compacts.

MINUTES
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the minutes from November 15, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.
SCHOOL ISSUES

Central Connecticut State University - Temporary Waiver Request (Franklin Quider, RN, BSN)
Catherine Thomas, Leona Konieczny and Franklin Quider were present from Central Connecticut State University.
Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant a 6 month temporary waiver for Mr. Quider. The motion passed unanimously.

University of St. Joseph - Temporary Waiver Request (Melanie Tidmarsh, RN, BSN)
Kathleen Conway and Melanie Tidmarsh were present from the University of St. Joseph.
Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a 6 month temporary waiver for Ms. Tidmarsh. The motion passed unanimously.

Western Connecticut State University - Temporary Waiver Requests (Kevin Jimenez, BSN, RN and Christopher Balsamo, RN)
Joan Palladino was present from Western Connecticut State University.
Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a one-year temporary waiver for Mr. Jimenez. The motion passed unanimously.
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a one-year temporary waiver for Mr. Balsamo. The motion passed unanimously.

Pre-licensure annual nursing school surveys
Marcia Proto was present on behalf of the Connecticut League for Nursing (CLN). She reported that the CLN would like to indicate its willingness to conduct the Annual Pre-licensure Nursing Surveys of the Connecticut nursing schools and programs beginning January 1, 2018.
CLN will conduct the pre-licensure survey for both the Registered Nurse (RN) and licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) credentials and report out the data on an annual basis.
In 2018, CLN will conduct the surveys in January with data capture, analysis and report results of the surveys to be shared at the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (BOEN) in the month of April.
In future years, CLN will assess the most appropriate time period to conduct the survey and will share the results with the BOEN on an annual basis.

Connecticut RN schools – Letters of Accreditation
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided the Board with the accreditation review letters from the 18 nursing schools.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE
Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquires received by the Department of Public Health in November 2017.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION
Enrique Lopez, RN - Petition No. 2017-39
Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board’s prior decision that Mr. Lopez’s registered nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.
John Dube-Gallo, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2017-668
Mary Brown moved to affirm the Board’s prior decision that Mr. Dube-Gallo’s licensed practical nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDERS
Alice J. Miller, RN - Petition No. 2016-1553
Staff Attorney Brittany Allen from the Department of Public Health presented the Board with a Consent Order for Alice Miller. Ms. Miller was not present nor represented by counsel. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a 6 month license suspension followed by probation for a period of four years.

Deidre T. Kenny, RN - Petition No. 2017-791
Staff Attorney Brittany Allen from the Department of Public Health presented the Board with a Consent Order for Deirdre Kenny. Attorney Daniel Mara was present with respondent. Mary Dietmann moved and Mary Brown seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a two year probation of respondent’s license.

ADJOURNMENT
It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 9:41 a.m.

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