

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

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 inquiries 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