

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 17, 2017 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-A/B, 470 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
Gina M. Reiners, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Geraldine Marrocco, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Connecticut.

CHAIR UPDATES

No report/update

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments or concerns from the audience.

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- There was discussion amongst Board members regarding the Nurse Licensure Compact.
- Chair Bouffard reported that she participated in a Nursing Education telephone conference.
- There was discussion regarding NCLEX Examination statistics.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Ponce Health Sciences University, Ponce, Puerto Rico

The Department of Public Health was contacted by Ponce Health Sciences University School of Nursing, located in Ponce, Puerto Rico, to discuss if a pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduate would be declared eligible to sit for the CT NCLEX-RN without engaging in the Commission of Graduate of Foreign Nursing School (CGFNS) process. The Department informed Ponce Health Sciences University School of Nursing that graduates from that program would not be considered foreign trained and would not need to complete the CG NFS process to be authorized to sit for the NCLEX exam.

NCLEX Examination Scores

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH reported Registered Nurse and License Practical Nurse NCLEX Examination scores for May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. Schools which did not have an 80% pass rate will be invited to a Board meeting to discuss their results.

Mary Brown moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to remove Gateway Community College from conditional approval because they now have a 93% pass rate. The motion passed unanimously/

Mary Brown moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to remove the University of St. Joseph Accelerated Program from conditional approval because they now have a 96% pass rate. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who abstained.

MINUTES

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the minutes from March 22, 2017. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Brown and Gina Reiners who abstained.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve the minutes from April 19, 2017. The motion passed with all in favor except Lisa Freeman who abstained.

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 April 2017.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Mary Field, R.N. - Petition No. 2016-1387

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Field's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Lynn Fletcher, A.P.R.N.; R.N. - Petition Nos. 2016-517 and 2016-749

Lisa Freeman moved to affirm the Board's prior decision imposing a four year probation of Ms. Fletcher's advance practice registered nurse and registered nurse licenses and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Jennifer McArdle, RN - Petition No. 2016-584

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. McArdle's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Hester E. Munyon, RN - Petition No. 2016-1382

Mary Dietmann moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Munyon's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Lori Riley, RN - Petition No. 2015-1518

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to table this matter to allow for a modification of the proposed probationary terms. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Concetta Mancini, RN - Petition No. 2015-1518

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH presented a reinstatement request for Concetta Mancini. Ms. Mancini's license was placed on probation subsequent to a July 18, 2012 Consent Order. Ms. Mancini's license lapsed on September 30, 2013 prior to the completion of probation.

It was the consensus of the Board to recommend license reinstatement pursuant to a Reinstatement Consent Order which imposes a four year probation with the usual conditions.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Enrique Lopez, RN - Petition No. 2017-39

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Enrique Lopez. Mr. Lopez was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare.

The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for June 21, 2017.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW

Mary Howe, RN - Petition No. 2015-370

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in the matter of Mary Howe, RN. Ms. Howe was present with Attorney Richard Brown.

Following a review of the exhibits the Board Mary Brown made a recommendation for probation for a period of six months to one year with monthly employer reports and completion of course work relating to the assessment and care of patients with a head trauma and stroke patients. Following additional discussion, it was recommended that this matter be scheduled for a hearing in that the information currently presented is not sufficient for the Board to make an informed decision.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Diane Cabral, RN - Petition No. 2015-1555

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Diane Cabral, RN. Ms. Cabral was not present nor represented by counsel.

Ms. Cabral voluntarily surrendered her license on May 2, 2017. Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges. The Motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER

Amanda Espinosa, LPN - Petition No. 2017-206

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Amanda Espinosa. Ms. Espinosa was not present or represented by counsel. Mary Brown moved and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a probation for a period of one year.

HEARING

Maria Roach, R.N - Petition No. 2015-160

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Mary Dietmann moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to enter executive session to obtain testimony regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 11:50 a.m. until 12:38 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Mary Brown left for the day at 12:39 p.m.

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

Gina Reiners moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Roach be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Jennifer Long seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Roach's registered nurse license. The motion passed unanimously.

Sara Sanders, R.N - Petition No. 2015-160

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Jennifer Long left for the day at 2:39 p.m.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to enter executive session to obtain testimony regarding confidential medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 3:20 a.m. until 3:55 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Fact-Finding in this matter will be held during the June 21, 2017 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 3:58 p.m.

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