

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 19, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Aimee Ballard, LPN  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Elizaida Delgado, LPN  
Mary Dietmann, RN  
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member  
Geraldine Marrocco, RN  
Gina M. Reiners, RN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jennifer Long, APRN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH  
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:40a.m.

#### **STUDENTS**

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute, New Britain and Shelton, and Stone Academy, East Hartford.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Aimee Ballard was welcomed to her meeting as a member of the Board.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments or concerns from the audience.

#### **NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

- The annual meeting of the NCSBN will be held August 16-18, 2017 in Chicago. Chair Bouffard, Mary Dietmann, Geraldine Marrocco and Dana Dalton from the DPH will be attending.

#### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

##### **South Dakota State University (SDSU) - Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse Refresher Programs**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, reported that as of 07/01/2017, SDSU will no longer accept applicants who hold a current consent order or agreement with their Board of Nursing. Applicants with prior felony convictions will also no longer be accepted into the course.

##### **Central Connecticut State University – Approval of Interim Chairperson of the Nursing Department**

Meg Levvis and Catherine Thomas were present from Central Connecticut State University to discuss a request for approval of Dr. Thomas as interim director of the Department of Nursing. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve Dr. Thomas as interim director for the time period of August 2017 to January 2018. The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained.

Gateway Community College – Bethany Larkin, R.N., M.S. Permanent Waiver Request

Shelia Solernou was present from Gateway Community College.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a permanent waiver for Ms. Larkin to teach Nursing 101. The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained.

St. Vincent's College – Approval of Associate Dean of Nursing

The Board reviewed a request to approve Maryanne Davidson, DNSc, APRN, CPNP, RN as Associate Dean of Nursing. No representatives from St. Vincent's College were present for this matter.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant this request. Following discussion, the motion failed.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to table this matter to allow for additional information to be presented to the Board. This motion passed.

Aimee Ballard abstained and Mary Dietmann was recused from voting regarding this matter.

University of St. Joseph – Approval of Chair of the Department of Nursing

Theodora Sirota, PhD, RN, APN, CNL, PMHCNS-BC was present from the University of St. Joseph's to discuss a request for approval of Dr. Sirota as Chair of the Department of Nursing.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve Dr. Sirota as Chair of the Department of Nursing. The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained and Gina Reiners who was recused.

**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 June 2017.

**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

John Ayers, RN - Petition No. 2015-1120

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Mr. Ayers' registered nurse license be placed on probation for a period of two years. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard, Mary Brown and Geraldine Marrocco who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Fernando Roldan, R.N. Petition No. 2017-778

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Fernando Roldan. Mr. Roldan was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Mary Brown 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 Geraldine Marrocco and passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for August 9, 2017.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Anne Sullivan, RN - Petition No. 2016-1540

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

The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a probation for a period of four years.

Mark Scott, R.N. - Petition No. 2017-302

Principal Attorney Mathew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mark Scott. Mr. Scott was not present nor represented by counsel. Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a one-year license suspension.

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

Jermaine Richards, R.N - Petition No. 2016-668

A hearing in this matter was held on June 21, 2017. Subsequently on June 26, 2017, a request for continuance dated June 2, 2017 was received from respondent. Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present for the Department of Public Health and objected to the request.

Upon advice from counsel, Gina Reiners moved and Mary Brown seconded, to grant to the continuance request and to reopen the hearing. The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to vacate the fact-finding that the followed the hearing on June 21, 2017. The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained.

**HEARINGS**

Diane Meadows, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2016-779

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann that the Board grant the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted based on an Answer to the Statement of Charges not being filed. The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained.

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

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Ms. Meadows be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded to issue an Order revoking Ms. Meadows' licensed practical nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:40 p.m.

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