

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 23, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Dietmann, RN
Elizaida Delgado, LPN

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

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute, New Britain and Shelton campuses.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that as of July 20, 2017, 26 States have enacted legislation regarding the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (eNLC). The eNLC will be rolled out in January 2018, almost a year ahead of schedule.

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments or concerns from the audience.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard, Mary Dietmann, Geraldine Marrocco and Dana Dalton from the DPH attended the annual meeting of the NCSBN held on August 16-18, 2017.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to add a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Fernando Roldan, RN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve the minutes from June 21, 2017. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco, Jennifer Long and Aimee Ballard who abstained.

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

SCHOOL ISSUES

Sacred Heart University, College of Nursing – Change of Location

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, reported that on July 12, 2017 a visit was made to Sacred Heart University College of Nursing for an inspection of a new location.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve the new location for the Sacred Heart University College of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Michael Gargano, JR., EdD, President, was present on behalf of St. Vincent's College. Dr. Gargano provided an overview of the merger between St. Vincent's College and Sacred Heart University and discussed the request for approval of Maryanne Davidson, RN, DNSc. as the Associate Dean of Nursing.

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Dr. Davidson as the Associate Dean of Nursing at St. Vincent's College of Nursing. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco who was opposed.

Three Rivers Community College – Leanne LaRose, BSN, RN Temporary Waiver Request

Edith Ouellet MSN, RN, Director of Nursing was present from Three Rivers Community College.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to grant a one year temporary permanent waiver for Ms. LaRose. The motion passed unanimously.

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 July 2017.

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Kokumo Lauray, LPN

The Board reviewed a request for a reinstatement hearing from Kokumo Lauray, LPN who had her license revoked in May 2010.

Ms. Lauray was present without representation.

Due to the lack of sufficient information presented by Ms. Lauray, the Board did not act on this request at this time.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Kathleen Baran, RN - Petition No. 2017-878

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathleen Baran. Ms. Baran 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 Brown and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for September 20, 2017.

Dian Miller-Francis, LPN Petition No. 2017-737

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Dian Miller-Francis. Ms. Miller-Francis was present but 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 Gina Reiners and passed with all in favor except Aimee Ballard who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for September 20, 2017.

Jennifer Ressa, LPN Petition No. 2017-377

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Ressa. Ms. Ressa 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 Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing is scheduled for September 20, 2017.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

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

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Fernando Roldan, R.N. Mr. Roldan was not present nor represented by counsel. Mr. Roldan's license was summarily suspended on July 21, 2017 and he subsequently voluntarily surrendered his license on July 25, 2017.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded, to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges based on Mr. Roldan's license surrender. The Motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDERS

Vittoria Guerrera, R.N. Petition No. 2016-606

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Vittoria Guerrera. Ms. Guerrera was not present nor represented by counsel. Lisa Freeman moved and Geraldine Marrocco 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 reprimand and a \$3000.00 civil penalty.

Jennifer Long left for the day at 9:45 a.m.

HEARINGS

Bethany Bozzuto, LPN – Reinstatement Hearing

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Bozzuto was present but was not represented by counsel.

This hearing was continued to September 20, 2017 to allow Ms. Bozzuto to forward updated information to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 9:57 a.m.

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