

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 21, 2018 the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 1-D.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Elizaida Delgado, LPN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Blando, Public Member
Mary Dietmann, RN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Geraldine Marrocco, RN
Gina M. Reiners, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Glendaly Garcia, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
Mathew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report

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Chair Bouffard reported she participated in NCSBN conference call of the Education Committee.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report

SCHOOL ISSUES

Porter & Chester Institute – 5 year Study Revision Update

Patricia Donovan was present for Porter & Chester.

The Board reviewed revisions to the 5 year study which were suggested at the September 19, 2018 Board meeting.

A follow-up site visit needs to be completed by the Department of Public Health after which this matter will be brought back to the Board for approval.

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUESTS

Andrew Salek, RN

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request regarding Andrew Salek, RN. Mr. Salek was present with Attorney Richard Brown.

Following review, the Board recommended that Mr. Salek's license be reinstated to probation for a period of four years with conditions including drug/alcohol screening, therapy and employer evaluations, and attendance at AA/NA meetings.

Brian Sager, RN

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request regarding Brian Sager, RN. Mr. Sager was not present.

Following review, the Board recommended that Mr. Sager's license be reinstated to probation for a period of four years with conditions including drug/alcohol screening, therapy and employer evaluations, and attendance at AA/NA meetings.

Debra George, RN

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request regarding Debra George, RN. Ms. George was not present.

Following review, the Board recommended that Ms. George's license be reinstated to probation for a period of four years with conditions including drug/alcohol screening, therapy and employer evaluations, and attendance at AA/NA meetings.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a motion for clarification of the Board's order following the October 17, 2108 hearing in the matter of Joseph Iannicelli, LPN.

Following the hearing the Board vacated the Summary Suspension of respondent's license and ordered that pending the issuance of a Memorandum of Decision, respondent shall submit to weekly urine screening, submit therapy and employer reports, shall not administer controlled substance if working as a nurse and shall not work in home care/agency setting.

The Department requests citation of the specific provision of the General Statutes serving as the statutory basis for the Board's October 18th imposition of probationary terms pending a final decision. This statutory citation is necessary so that the Department may cite to such provision for enforcement of the Order should there be a lack of compliance.

Following discussion with Attorney Gaither for the Board and Attorney Antonetti, the Board indicated it would rescind the order for conditions to be followed pending the issuance of a final decision. Due to the lack of quorum a vote will be taken at the December 2018 meeting.

HEARINGS

Kathryn Ford, RN - Petition No. 2018-488

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Due to a lack of verification that respondent has received the Notice of Hearing, this hearing will be rescheduled to the December 2018 meeting.

Amanda Alacron, RN - Petition No. 2017-1460

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

Due to the lack of quorum the Board will conduct fact-finding at the December 2018 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
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