The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on August 19, 2020 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Christian Andresen, Section Chief, DPH
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present by video or telephone conference.

CHAIR UPDATES
Nothing to Report

OPEN FORUM
Jennifer Long asked about the Governor’s Executive Order 7-O regarding licensure renewal during the COVID-19 pandemic. Christian Andresen, Section Chief, Department of Public Health. Practitioner Licensing and Investigations explained that the executive order authorizes the Commissioner of Public Health to waive licensing, renewal, and inspection. The renewal policy states that is active on or after March 30, 2020, will not expire during the COVID-19 civil preparedness emergency. Licensees will be able to renew their license at any time now and during a six-month period following the date of the resumption of the normal renewal requirements.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING
Mary Dietmann and Gina Reiners provided an update of the annual meeting delegate assembly. Also discussed was a change of language regarding the APRN compact. Mary Dietmann commented that Oregon and Connecticut are the only States that have not initiated action to implement the Nurse Licensure Compact. Christian Andresen explained that a statutory change would be needed to implement this Compact.

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Chair Bouffard provided an update of NCLEX scores for 2020.

### 2020 - Number of Candidates Taking NCLEX Examination and Percent Passing, by Type of Candidate

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<td>Diploma</td>
<td>476</td>
<td>508</td>
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<td>Baccalaureate Degree</td>
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<td>Associate Degree</td>
<td>22,846</td>
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<td>Invalid or Special Program Codes</td>
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<td><strong>Total First Time, US Educated</strong></td>
<td>45,692</td>
<td>50,771</td>
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<td>6,409</td>
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<td>4,168</td>
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<td>3,738</td>
<td>4,288</td>
<td>8,026</td>
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<td><strong>All Candidates</strong></td>
<td>60,007</td>
<td>68,168</td>
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<td>120</td>
<td>140</td>
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<td><strong>All Candidates</strong></td>
<td>12,816</td>
<td>12,306</td>
<td>25,122</td>
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1. The # symbol denotes the number of candidates who took the exam.
2. The % symbol denotes the percentage of candidates that passed the exam.
3. The RN Passing Standard is 0.00 logits.
4. The PN Passing Standard is -0.21 logits.
5. Due to COVID-19, the January quarterly data contain NCLEX examinations administered from Jan. 1 to March 24, 2020.
MINUTES
Gina M. Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown to approve the minutes from July 15, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco arrived at 9:30 a.m.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- **Porter & Chester Institute**
  Nancy Brunette, Philip Krebes, Sherry Greifzu, Deborah Hessell, Jay Bologna; and Joan Feldman, Esq. were present on behalf of Porter & Chester.
  A. **Consultant Site Visit Evaluation**
     Sherry Greifzu received a report on a site visit to Windsor Health & Rehabilitation for observation of two students and on instructor.
     The Board had questions concerning other clinical sites used by Porter & Chester.
  B. **Request for follow-up survey**
     The Board requested that Helen Smith complete follow-up surveys at Porter & Chester campuses.

  Joan Feldman requested that Deborah Hessell report on changes that Porter & Chester has undertaken to correct deficiencies.
  Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that any further discussion regarding Porter & Chester be tabled until after the completion of the surveys by Helen Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Sacred Heart University – Temporary Waiver Request**
  Elizabeth Denne was present for Sacred heart University.
  Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to grant a temporary twelve-month waiver for Ariana Rick, RN. The motion passed with all in favor except Jason Blando and Mary Dietmann who abstained.

- **Western Connecticut State University Egan School of Nursing and Health Studies Temporary Waiver Request**
  Jeanette Lupinacci was present for Western Connecticut State University.
  Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant a temporary one-year waiver for Magdalena Szcerbacki, RN. The motion passed unanimously.

- **University of Bridgeport – Proposal for an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program**
  Dawn Nair was present for the University of Bridgeport.
  Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to accept the feasibility study for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. The motion passed unanimously.
  Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve the self-study for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. The motion passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE
Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 38 nursing scope of practice inquires received by the Department of Public Health during July, 2020.
MEMORANDUM OF DECISION
Kaitlyn Sutton, LPN – Petition No. 2019-769
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to reopen the record to introduce exhibits clarifying service of the Notice of Hearing to responded in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board’s decision to revoke the licensed practical nurse license of Kaitlyn Sutton. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION
Amanda Hart, RN - Petition No: 2020-552
Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Amanda Hart. Ms. Hart was not present and was not represented. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board’s decision to revoke the licensed practical nurse license of Kaitlyn Sutton. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES
William Meister, RN - Petition No. 2020-542
Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter based on Mr. Meister’s surrender of his license. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Heather Orsi, LPN - Petition No: 2020-314
Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter based on Ms. Orsi’s surrender of her license. Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW
Michelle Fiala, RN - Petition No. 2020-542
Brittany Allen presented a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Attorney Patrick Moynihan was present on behalf of respondent. The Board suggested a period of probation with course work in cultural diversity, ethics, scope of practice and assessment related to high-risk pregnancies, and documentation; a reprimand and a civil penalty.

CONSENT ORDERS
Nuzhat Jabeen, LPN - Petition No. 2019-1440
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Nuzhat Jabeen, LPN. Attorney Jacqueline Maulucci was present on behalf of Ms. Jabeen. Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order. The motion failed following discussion. The Board recommended the addition of course work related to fall risk and prevention; no solo practice, and six months of employer reports be added to the terms of probation. Lisa Freeman was recused in this matter.

Heather Lucas, LPN - Petition No. 2020-44
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Heather Lucas, LPN. Attorney Cody Guarnieri was present on behalf of respondent. Jennifer Long moved, and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order. The motion failed unanimously following discussion. The Board recommended employer reports be added to the terms of probation.
HEARINGS
Colleen Gallagher, LPN - Petition No: 2020-76
This hearing is continued to October 21, 2020.

Kandance Edmondson, RN - Petition No. 2019-725
Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant a Department of Public Health oral motion to deem allegations admitted because an answer to the Statement of Charges was not filed. The motion passed unanimously.
Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.
Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that Ms. Edmondson be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.
Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that Ms. Edmondson’s license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Laura McCauley, RN - Petition No. 2019-313
Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant a Department of Public Health oral motion to deem allegations admitted because an answer to the Statement of Charges was not filed. The motion passed unanimously.
Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.
Mary Brown moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that Ms. McCauley be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.
Mary Brown moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, that Ms. McCauley’s license be reprimanded and placed on probation for a period of one year; with course work, no home care and monthly employer reports. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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