

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 20, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. (RN Member, Chair)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP -(RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)

**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  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:33 a.m. All participants were present by video or telephone conference.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report

#### **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mary Dietmann and Chair Bouffard provided a report from an Education Consultants Group on January 6, 2021.

Chair Bouffard reported that the NCLEX exam toolkit is now available and that this year's NCSBN mid-year meeting will be held virtually.

#### **MINUTES**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the minutes from November 18, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the minutes from December 16, 2020. The motion passed with all in favor except Jennifer Long who abstained.

#### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Fairfield University – Temporary Waiver Request

Audrey Beauvais was present on behalf of Fairfield University.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a temporary six-month waiver for Kaitlyn Deforest, BSN, RN to teach pediatric clinical nursing during the Spring 2021 semester. The motion passed unanimously.

- Southern Connecticut State University – Approval of Nursing Department Chairperson

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve Antoinette Towle as chairperson of the Department of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously.

- Board Order re: Stone Academy suspension of virtual clinical experiences

Board Counsel Stacy Schulman explained that subsequent to review by legal staff the December 16, 2020 Board Order that Stone Academy suspend its offering of virtual clinical experiences needs to be vacated until standards for clinical simulation are established for all nursing programs

Following extensive discussion Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to vacate the December 16, 2020 Order that Stone Academy immediately suspend its offering of virtual clinical experiences. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco who was opposed and Mary Dietmann who abstained.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, that any LPN programs that are on conditional approval and do not maintain an 80% NCLEX pass rate shall not be allowed to utilize virtual clinical simulation. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who abstained.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, that the Board create a subcommittee to define criteria for virtual clinical simulation. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard, Geraldine Marrocco, Rebecca Martinez and Gina Reiners will participate on the subcommittee.

### **CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing.

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 32 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during December, 2020.

### **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Jasmine Quinones, LPN Petition No. 2018-1406

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing a license suspension until January 31, 2021 followed by probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Sara Smith, RN Petition No. 2020-373

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia Riley, L.P.N. Petition No. 2019-1131

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to reaffirm the Board's decision that Ms. Riley's license shall remain on probation under the terms and conditions of a Consent Order in Petition Number 2017-820. The motion passed unanimously.

### **FACT-FINDING**

Jennifer Martin, LPN - Petition No: 2018-142

The Board reopened the record and unanimously voted to grant a Department of Public Health motion to deem allegations admitted.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that respondent's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

Dawn Jaros, LPN - Petition No: 2020-459

Staff Attorney, Brittany Petano, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges in the matter of Dawn Jaros based on Ms. Jaros' surrender of her license.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONSENT ORDERS**

### Brenda Berg, RN - Petition No. 2020-816

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Brenda Berg, RN. Ms. Berg was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a probation for a period of four years following completion of license reinstatement requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

### Patricia James, RN - Petition No: 2020-157

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Patricia James, RN. Ms. James was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

### Brian Kozaczka, RN - Petition No: 2019-1272

Staff Attorney, David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Brian Kozaczka, RN. Mr. Kozaczka was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

### Paulette Simon, RN - Petition No: 2019-801

Staff Attorney, David Tilles, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of, Paulette Simon, RN. Ms. Simon was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

## **HEARINGS**

### Lourdes Mercado, LPN -Petition Nos. 2019-1074; 2020-1131

Staff Attorney Brittany Petano was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mercado was present but not represented. Ms. Mercado orally answered the Statement of Charges.

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to enter executive session to take testimony regarding confidential medical records. The motion passed unanimously, and the Board entered executive session from 12:49 p.m. until 1:38 p.m. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session Attorney Petano withdrew paragraph 4 from the Statement of Charges and removed reference to Petition No. 2019-1024 in the heading.

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

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that Ms. Mercado be found on paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the charges. The motion failed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that Ms. Mercado be found on paragraphs 1, 2 and 3a, 3d and 3e of the charges, and not found on paragraphs 3b and 3c. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, that Ms. Mercado's license be reprimanded and placed on probation for two years with a requirement of course work in professional ethics, medication administration and management. In addition respondent shall complete an eight- hour supervised medication pass. The course work and medication pass are to be completed within the first six months of probation. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded that the Summary Suspension of Ms. Mercado's license ordered on December 16, 2020 be vacated. The motion passed unanimously.

### Natalie Primini LPN – License Reinstatement Request

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Primini was present but was not represented. During the hearing it was determined that documentation from Ms. Primini had not been received by the Board or Department of Public Health.

The Board continued this hearing to March 17, 2021 to allow Ms. Primini time to submit updated and current documentation for the Board's review.

Dana Gibson, RN – License Reinstatement Request

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Gibson was present but was not represented.

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

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, that Ms. Gibson's registered nurse be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded that Ms. Gibson's license be placed on probation for a period of one year. During the period of probation Ms. Gibson shall complete course working in professional ethics/conduct and boundary violations. In addition Ms. Gibson shall cause monthly employer reports to be submitted to the Department. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 3:45 p.m.

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 17, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. (RN Member, Chair)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP -(RN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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

**CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference on February 3, 2021.

Chair Bouffard reported on a Presidents Network teleconference held on January 25, 2021.

**MINUTES**

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the minutes from January 20, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**SCHOOL ISSUES**

- **Quinnipiac University – Permanent Waiver Request**  
Lisa Rebeschgi was present on behalf of Quinnipiac University.  
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a permanent waiver for Joan Cagginello, MS, BSN, RN to teach Nursing 429: Community/Public Nursing. Following extensive discussion regarding Ms. Cagginello's credentials the motion to grant the permanent waiver passed unanimously.

**VIRTUAL SIMULATION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

An update from a February 3, 2021 meeting was provide by Chair Bouffard, Geraldine Marrocco and Gina Reiners. Draft Simulation Criteria Guidelines were reviewed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the guidelines as edited.

Following further discussion Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to table this matter so that the committee can have an additional meeting to discuss issues relative programs that are on conditional approval. The motion to table passed unanimously.

### **CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing on the following matters:

- The annual education survey.
- New York State residents enrolled in Connecticut nursing programs.
- Nursing Program faculty vacancies.
- Office of Workforce Strategy - Nursing and Healthcare Workforce December 2020 report.

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 77 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during January, 2021.

### **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Laura McCauley, RN Petition No. 2019-313

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Nichelle Robinson, RN Petition No. 2018-1078

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of six months. The motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly Smith LPN Petition No. 2019-592

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision that Ms. Smith's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Kristin Brice, L.P.N. Petition No. 2020-1239

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kristin Brice. Ms. Brice was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco 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 unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for March 17, 2021.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:07 p.m.

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 17, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. (RN Member, Chair)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:36 a.m. All participants were present by video or telephone conference.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the agenda as revised.  
The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Bouffard provided an update from the February 2021 Board of Directors meeting.  
Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference on March 4, 2021.  
Topics discussed included a National pre-licensure RN study assessing the impact of COVID-19 on nursing education; practice clinical partnerships; and licensure guidance tools.

*Jennifer C. Long arrived at 8:48 a.m.*

#### **MINUTES**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the minutes from February 17, 2021. The motion passed. Lisa Freeman and Jennifer Long abstained.

#### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Goodwin University – Approval of Director of the Associate Degree  
Janice Watts was present on behalf of Goodwin University.  
Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Bruce Hoffman as the Director of the Associate Degree Program for Goodwin University. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself.

- Fairfield University – Site Visit (Master's Entry to Practice Nursing (MEPN) pre-licensure program)

Meredith Kazer was present on behalf of Fairfield University.

Helen Smith provided a report of a Department of Public Health site visit to Fairfield University on March 3, 2021 for a facility review prior to the commencement of the Master's Entry to Practice Nursing (MEPN) pre-licensure program. Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to approve the facilities at Fairfield University for use of this program.

#### **VIRTUAL SIMULATION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Draft Simulation Criteria Guidelines were reviewed.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to approve the recommended guidelines as edited. The motion passed unanimously. The guidelines will be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health for review.

#### **CONNECTICUT LEAGUR FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Audrey Beauvais and Marcia Proto provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing on the following matters:

- Connecticut Hospital Association Healthcare Educators Group discussions pertaining to Transition to Practice; Communication; and Clinical Placement
- The annual nurse education survey.
- Office of Workforce Strategy.
- Competency based education

#### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 70 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during February 2021.

#### **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Nicole Holiday, RN, APRN - Petition No. 2019-445

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of four years. The motion passed with all in favor except Jennifer Long who abstained.

Laura Kisatsky, RN Petition No. 2020-541

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's revoking the license of Ms. Kisatsky. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **FACT-FINDING**

Kimberly Lemire RN Petition No. 2019-1237

Attorney Schulman explained the need for the Board to revisit the fact-finding in this matter which was conducted subsequent to a June 17, 2020 hearing.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to reject the draft Memorandum of Decision which was based on the June 17, 2020 fact-finding. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who abstained.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, that paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 of the Statement of Charges be dismissed due to lack of jurisdiction but that Ms. Lemire be found on paragraphs 1, 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who abstained.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, that Ms. Lemire's license be placed on probation for one year, with monthly employer reports and course work relating to medication administration, documentation, and scope of practice. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who abstained.



## **PRE-HEARING REVIEW**

Azra Sarkinovic, R.N - Petition No. 2019-417

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Patrick Filan was present on behalf of Ms. Sarkinovic.

Following a review of stipulated exhibits the consensus of the Board is that this matter be dismissed.

## **CONSENT ORDERS**

Christian Todzia, RN - Petition No. 2017-1072

Staff Attorney, Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Christian Todzia, RN. Attorney Andrew O'Shea was present with Mr. Todzia.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a probation for a period of two years, a reprimand and a \$1500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with Chair Bouffard, Jason Blando, Jennifer Long and Gina Reiners voting in favor. Lisa Freeman, Mary Dietmann and Geraldine Marrocco were opposed.

## **HEARINGS**

Kristen Brice, LPN - Petition No. 2017-1072

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Dennis Mancini.

Following the close of the record the Board conducted fact-finding. Lisa Freeman moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that Ms. Brice be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Freeman moved, and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, that Ms. Brice's license be placed on probation for two years with conditions that include random urine screening weekly during the first and last six months, once a month for twelve months; employer reports every two months for the entire probation; no home care/independent practice for the first year; and access to the administration of controlled substance is restricted for the first year. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, that the Summary Suspension of Ms. Brice's license ordered on February 17, 2020 be vacated. The motion passed unanimously.

Pending the issuance of a Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 2020-1239, respondent's licensed practical nurse license is reinstated to probation subject to the terms of a December 18, 2019 Reinstatement Consent Order in Petition No. 2019-1170.

Allison Krawza, RN - Petition No. 2020-580

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

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Lisa Freeman to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Lisa Freeman, that Ms. Krawza be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, and Lisa Freeman seconded, that Ms. Krawza's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Primini LPN – License Reinstatement Request

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

Following the close of the record the Board conducted fact-finding. Lisa Freeman moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, that Ms. Primini's licensed practical nurse be reinstated to probation, with conditions, for a period of two years. Conditions include random urine screening weekly; monthly employer and therapist reporting; completion of a licensed practical nurse refresher program and passing the NCLEX-PN examination. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 1:05 p.m.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 21, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. (RN Member, Chair)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
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#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard requested that the Department of Public Health research and provide an update regarding the nursing education regulations revisions that the Board worked many years ago [2014].

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

*Jennifer C. Long arrived at 8:45 a.m.*

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Bouffard and Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a synopsis of the mid-year meeting which was held on March 8-11, 2021.

The annual meeting will be held virtually August 18-19, 2021.

Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference on April 15, 2021. The main topic of discussion was the annual report project.

#### **MINUTES**

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the minutes from March 17, 2021. The motion passed. Rebecca Martinez abstained.

#### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

- University of Bridgeport – Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Pre-Licensure Program  
Linda Wagner was present on behalf of the University of Bridgeport.  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a report of a March 22, 2021 site visit to review the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Pre-Licensure Program.  
Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the site visit report. The motion passed unanimously.

- University of Bridgeport – Pending Purchase by Goodwin University

The Board reviewed a letter providing an update of the sale of assets to Goodwin University effective July 1, 2021. The Institution will continue to be referred as the University of Bridgeport and there will not be any changes to the nursing program. Linda Wagner answered questions from the Board.

- Annual pre-licensure LPN and RN education programs survey

Audrey Beauvais and Marcia Proto from the Connecticut League for Nursing provided an update of the annual pre-licensure LPN and RN education programs survey for the 2020 calendar year.

- NCLEX test results – Porter & Chester Institute

Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided updated NCLEX results for the Porter & Chester programs in Rocky Hill and Stratford.

Based on the results Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to remove the Porter & Chester Rocky Hill Day Program from conditional status that was ordered on June 17, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 44 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during March 2021.

## **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

### Kimberly Lemire, RN - Petition No. 2019-1237

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of one year with the addition of monthly employer reports. The motion passed with all in favor except Rebecca Martinez who abstained.

### Kristen Jodoin, RN - Petition No. 2020-715

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of four years. The motion passed with all in favor except Rebecca Martinez who abstained.

### Nicholas Lewonczyk, LPN - Petition No. 2017-50

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of four years. The motion passed with all in favor except Rebecca Martinez who abstained.

## **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

### Sara Smith, RN - Petition No. 2021-181

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sara Smith. Ms. Smith was present with Attorney Cody Guarnieri.

Jennifer Long moved to deny the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who recused herself from voting and Jason Blando who abstained. A hearing will be scheduled for July 21, 2021.

### Stacey Kinsley, RN - Petition No. 2020-972

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Stacey Kinsley. Attorney Eric Chester was present on behalf of respondent.

Geraldine Marrocco 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 Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for May 19, 2021.

Pamela Franklin, RN - Petition No. 2020-1211

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Franklin. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco 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 Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for May 19, 2021.

Amanda Claffey, RN - Petition No. 2021-284

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Amanda Claffey. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long 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 unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for May 19, 2021.

David Martin, RN - Petition No. 2021-242

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for David Martin. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco 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 Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for May 19, 2021.

## **CONSENT ORDERS**

Amy Saunders, LPN - Petition No. 2019-619

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Amy Saunders, RN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher Banker, RN - Petition No. 2020-582

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Christopher Banker, RN. Attorney Beth Willard was present on behalf of respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Kennedy, RN - Petition No. 2020-606

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Christopher Banker, RN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved, and Lisa Freeman seconded, to adopt the Consent Order. Following discussion the motion to approve the Consent Order was rejected with all in favor except Jason Blando who abstained. The Board requested additional information for review.

## **HEARINGS**

Erin Fitzpatrick, LPN - Petition No. 2020-330; 2020-1015

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Cody Guarnieri

Following the close of the record the Board conducted fact-finding. Jennifer Long moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that Ms. Fitzpatrick be found as charged for Petition No. 2020-1015. The motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, that Ms. Fitzpatrick be found as charged for Petition No. 2020-330. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, that for Petition No. 2020-1015 Ms. Fitzpatrick's license be reprimanded and that for Petition No. 2020-330 Ms. Fitzpatrick's be placed on probation for

four years with conditions that include random urine screening weekly during the first and last years of probation, twice a month for years two and three; employer and therapists reports monthly during the first and last years of probation, quarterly for years two and three; no home care/independent practice for the entire probation; and access to the administration of controlled substance is restricted for the first year of probation. The motion passed unanimously.

The Summary Suspension of Ms. Fitzpatrick's license will remain in effect until the Memorandum of Decision is issued.

Mercedes Miranda, LPN - Petition No. 2020-706

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 Lisa Freeman to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Gina Reiners made a motion seconded by Rebecca Martinez, that Ms. Miranda be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, that Ms. Miranda's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Alexia Young LPN - Petition No. 2020-331

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Young was present but was not represented.

*Mary Dietmann left for the day at 1:15 a.m.*

Following the close of the record the Board conducted fact-finding. Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, that respondent be found on all charges. However, in paragraph 3c that the finding be for the alteration of controlled substance records but not for falsification of controlled substance records. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, that Ms. Young's license be placed on probation for a period of three months with the requirement for completion a medication administration documentation course. Following discussion Jennifer Long and Jason Blando voted in favor of the motion. Chair Bouffard, Geraldine Marrocco, Lisa Freeman and Rebecca Martinez were opposed. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez that although the charges were proven, the conduct does not rise to the level to warrant disciplinary action. The motion passed with all in favor except Jennifer Long who was opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 2:24 p.m.

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 19, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair) Jason Blando - (Public Member) Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member) Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member) Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member) Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member) Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard reported she will be making a presentation to the Connecticut Nurses Association on May 26, 2021. She will discuss the Board's mission and activities.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary E. Dietmann, to approve the reordering of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference on May 4, 2021. The main topic of discussion was the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials. The Essentials outline the necessary curriculum content and expected competencies of graduates from baccalaureate, master's, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs, as well as the clinical support needed for the full spectrum of academic nursing.

*Lisa Freeman arrived at 8:37 a.m.*

#### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Connecticut League for Nursing Virtual RN Refresher Course  
Marcia Proto, Executive Director, Connecticut League for Nursing provided an update of the CNA online registered nurse refresher course.

Update on the NCLEX test results - Sacred Heart University and Quinnipiac University.  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided updates NCLEX results for Sacred Heart University and Quinnipiac University.

- NCLEX test results - 05/01/2020 to 04/30/2021

Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH reported NCLEX results for the time period May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021 for RN and LPN programs. The programs that have not met the 80 percent pass rate will be notified to appear and present a plan of correction to the Board.

Based on the results Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to remove the University of Connecticut Stamford program from conditional status which was ordered on June 17, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto, Executive Director provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing on the following matters:

- Deans and Directors/Connecticut Hospital Association quarterly meeting on June 7, 2021.
- Enrolment in Connecticut Nursing Programs has been increasing.
- Expected increase in retirements of faculty from State education programs in June 2022.
- Office of Workforce Strategy
- Lack of clinical experiences for APRN students.

### **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 35 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during April 2021.

### **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

#### Dana Gibson, RN – License Reinstatement

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision reinstating Ms. Gibson's registered nurse and imposing probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Allyson Allen, LPN - Petition No. 2020-787

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Colleen Gallagher, LPN - Petition No. 2020-76

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

### **MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

#### Nicholas Lewonczyk, LPN - Petition No. 2017-50

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Mr. Lewonczyk was not present or represented.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Reconsideration of an April 21, 2021 Memorandum of Decision. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann that effective immediately the Memorandum of Decision in this matter be amended such that respondent is required to complete a licensed practical nurse refresher course that includes a clinical component prior to resuming the practice of nursing. In addition, respondent's license shall be restricted for the purpose of successful completion of the refresher program, and the four (4) year probation shall commence on the resumption of employment. The motion passed unanimously.

All other conditions of the April 21, 2021 Memorandum of Decision will remain in effect pending issuance of the Amended Memorandum of Decision

### **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Adrienne DeLucia, RN - Petition No. 2021-317

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Adrienne DeLucia. Attorney Cody Guarnieri was present with respondent.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to enter executive session to review confidential medical records. The motion passed unanimously. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

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. A hearing will be scheduled for June 16, 2021.

### **CONSENT ORDERS**

Mary Ann Connelly, RN - Petition No. 2019-1277

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mary Ann Connelly, RN. Attorney Ellen Costello was present on behalf of respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of eighteen months. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Kennedy, RN - Petition No. 2020-606

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stephanie Kennedy, RN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Maluk, RN - Petition No. 2020-1223

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mary Ann Connelly, RN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Chanelle Walker, RN - Petition No. 2019-640

Staff Attorney, Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order and a Reinstatement Consent Order in the matter of Chanelle Walker, RN. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present with respondent.

Jennifer Long moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation pursuant to a Reinstatement Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Reinstatement Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to add a review of the Porter & Chester Institute Stratford Campus Evening Program NCLEX results to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Following review Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to remove the Stratford Campus Evening Program from conditional approval. The motion passed unanimously.

### **HEARINGS**

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to change the order of the scheduled hearings. The motion passed unanimously.



David Martin, RN - Petition No. 2021-242

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to enter executive session to take evidence regarding confidential treatment records. The motion passed unanimously. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following the close of the record the Board conducted fact-finding. Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, that Mr. Martin be found as charged. With respect to the second count paragraph 8 the reason for failing to submit to requested screening was due to Mr. Martin being unable to do so because he was hospitalized. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, and Lisa Freeman seconded, that Mr. Martin's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Pamela Franklin, LPN - Petition No. 2020-1211

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 Dietmann to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that Ms. Franklin be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, that Ms. Franklin's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Claffey, RN - Petition No. 2021-284

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Claffey was present but was not represented.

During the hearing Ms. Claffey asked for a continuance. Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded the request for continuance. The hearing will be rescheduled to July 21, 2021.

Denise Ambrose, LPN - Petition No. 2019-751

Staff Attorney, Brittany Petano was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to grant the Department's motion to amend the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Gina Reiners made a motion seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Ambrose be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, that Ms. Ambrose's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel O'Brien, RN - Petition No. 2021-284

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that Mr. O'Brien be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, that Mr. O'Brien's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 12:29 p.m.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 16, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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

Cynthia Arpin was welcomed to her meeting as member of the Board.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard reported on the presentation she made to the Connecticut Nurses Association on May 26, 2021.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the reordering of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference.  
Chair Bouffard reported on networking session she attended June 14, 2021.  
The 2022 annual meeting is scheduled for August 17-19.

#### **MINUTES**

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the minutes from April 21, 2021. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

#### **SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Porter & Chester Institute  
Approval Interim Nursing Director for the Practical Nursing Program  
Nancy Brunet and Vicky Kane, Vice President of Academics were present from Porter & Chester  
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez to approve Ms. Brunet as the Interim Nursing Director. Gina Reiners and Cynthia Arpin voted in favor. Jason Blando, Mary Dietmann, Geraldine Marrocco and Rebecca Martinez abstained. The motion failed.  
Gina Reiners withdrew the motion and made a new motion to table all Porter & Chester matters until the July 221, 2021 meeting. The motion to table was seconded by Rebecca Martinez and passed unanimously.

- University of Bridgeport Plan of Correction

Gina Reiners recused herself in this matter.

Linda Wagner and Cynthia Jeffrey were present from the University of Bridgeport.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to place the University of Bridgeport on conditional status for one year. The motion passed.

- Gateway Community College Plan of Correction

Chair Bouffard recused herself in this matter

Shelia Solernou was present from the Gateway Community College.

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to place the Gateway Community College on conditional status for one year. The motion passed.

- Norwalk Community College Plan of Correction

Ezechiel Dominique was present from the Gateway Community College.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to place the Norwalk Community College on conditional status for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

- St. Vincent's College Plan of Correction

Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando recused themselves in this matter.

Rosemarie Baker, Maryanne Davidson and Tammy Dickerson were present from the St. Vincent's College.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to place the St. Vincent's College on conditional status for one year. The motion passed.

- Lincoln Technical Institute

Patricia DeLucia and Deborah Little were present from the Lincoln Technical Institute.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the plan of correction. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to place the Norwalk Community College on conditional status for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONNECTICUT LEAGUR FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto, Executive Director and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing.

Topics of discussion included:

- CNA and Connecticut Hospital Associations Health Educators Group work meetings regarding communications, clinical placement, and transition to practice.
- National Academy of Medicine Future of Nursing Report
- Robert Wood Johnson, AARP meeting
- National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers meeting

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 43 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during April 2021.

**MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Sandra J. Blanchette, R.N. Petition No. 2020-431

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Blanchette. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Kandance Edmondson, R.N. Petition No. 2019-725

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Edmondson. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Karina Francis, R.N. Petition No. 2020-157

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Francis. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Amanda Hart, R.N. Petition No. 2020-552

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to table this matter. The motion passed,

Terri Howell, R.N. Petition No. 2019-623

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Howell. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Linda Lee, R.N. Petition No. 2019-362

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Blanchette. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Concetta Mancini, R.N. Petition No. 2019-1109

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to reaffirm the Board's decision dismissing Statement of Charges in this matter. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Heather Spaulding, R.N. Petition No. 2019-1224

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Spaulding. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Jessica Vitale, R.N. Petition No. 2020-669

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Vitale. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

**MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Kimberly Lemire, RN - Petition No. 2017-50

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Lemire was not present or represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that the Department's Motion for Reconsideration dated June 3, 2021 be denied because it was not timely filed. The motion passed unanimously.

Following a discussion Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, that tolling language be added to the April 21, 2021 Memorandum of Decision pertaining to any periods of time that Ms. Lemire may practice nursing outside of Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

### **REINSTATEMENT REQUEST**

Patricia Winter, APRN – Petition No. 2021-487

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request for Patricia Winter, RN.

Following review, the Board concurred with the DPH recommendation that Ms. Winters' license be reinstated without further discipline.

### **PRE-HEARING REVIEW**

Lashanan Massey, LPN – Petition No. 2021-487

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review in the matter of Lashanan Massey, LPN. Ms. Massey was not present.

Following a review of stipulated exhibits the consensus of the Board to recommend a reprimand a one year probation and monthly employer reports.

### **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Angel Predzimirski, R.N - Petition No. 2020-1221

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Angel Predzimirski. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, 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. A hearing will be scheduled for July 21, 2021.

Christopher Morahan, RN - Petition No. 2020-1009

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christopher Morahan. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, 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. A hearing will be scheduled for July 21, 2021.

### **MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

Amanda Claffey, RN - Petition No. 2021-2847

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges in the matter of Amanda Claffey based on Ms. Claffey's surrender of her license.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to grant the Department's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CONSENT ORDERS**

Melissa Dang, LPN - Petition No.: 2019-800

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Melissa Dang, LPN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to approve the Consent which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacey Kinsley, RN - Petition No. 2020-972

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stacey Kinsley, RN. Attorney Eric Chester was present on behalf of respondent.

Rebecca Martinez moved, and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board considered a request filed by Attorney Chester asking that the Summary Suspension of respondent's license be immediately vacated and that the Consent Order become effective immediately. Attorney Newton objected to respondent's request. Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded that Attorney Chester's request be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Ryan, RN - Petition No. 2020-626

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stephanie Ryan, RN. Attorney Denis Mancini was present on behalf of respondent.

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Mancini made an oral request that the Summary Suspension of respondent's license be immediately vacated and that the Consent Order become effective immediately. Attorney Newton objected to respondent's request. Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded that Attorney Mancini's request be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacey Thompson, LPN - Petition No.: 2019-727

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stacey Thompson, LPN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to approve the Consent which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 12:20 p.m.

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 21, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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

**CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report

**OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the reordering of the agenda.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference held on July 7, 2021.

**MINUTES**

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the minutes from May 19, 2021. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco and Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve the minutes from June 16, 2021. The motion passed with all in favor except Jennifer long who abstained.

**Public Act No. 21-152**

The Board reviewed Public Act 21-152 which was signed by the Governor on July 12, 2021. The act provides for the Commissioner of Public Health to convene working groups to determine whether Connecticut should join any interstate licensure compacts. Workgroups to explore licensure compacts for nursing, physicians, psychologists and physical therapists will be scheduled.

**SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Goodwin University

Bruce Hoffman was present from the University. The Board reviewed the university's notice of intent to offer an Associate Degree in Nursing Program at the campus of the University of Bridgeport. No Board action was necessary at this time.

- Sacred Heart University

Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando recused themselves in this matter.

Karen Daley, PhD, Dr. Susan L. Davis, RN & Richard J. Henley were present from Sacred Heart University College of Nursing.

- Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Karen Daley as Dean of the College of Nursing. University of Connecticut

Angela Starkweather and Thomas Van Hoof were present from the University.

A) Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve a temporary six-month waiver for Kara Parker, BS, RN to co-teach a clinical practicum for Nursing 3234 Theory and Practice for Adults with Sub acute or Chronic Problems. The motion passed unanimously.

B) Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve a permanent waiver for Tomas Van Hoof MD, EdD, to teach Nursing 3225 Ethical Ways of Knowing. The motion passed unanimously.

C) Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve a permanent waiver for Tomas Long, PhD, to teach four nursing courses. The motion passed unanimously.

- Porter & Chester Institute

A) Approval Interim Nursing Director for the Practical Nursing Program

Nancy Brunet and Vicky Kane, Philip Krebes, Sherry Greifzu, Joan Feldman, Esq., James Beloga and Beatriz McMillian were present on behalf of Porter & Chester.

Deputy Associate Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present for this discussion.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long to approve Ms. Brunet as the Interim Nursing Director.

Following extensive discussion, the motion to approve Ms. Brunet as the Interim Nursing Director failed unanimously.

Gina Reiners withdrew the motion and made a new motion to table all Porter & Chester matters until the July 21, 2021 meeting. The motion to table was seconded by Rebecca Martinez and passed unanimously.

B) Plan of Correction

The Board reviewed the Porter & Chester plan of action that addresses a NCLEX pass rate of less than 80% at the following Porter & Chester locations: Enfield day program; Hamden day and evening programs; Rocky Hill evening program; Stratford day program, and the Waterbury day and evening programs.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to accept the plan of action as presented.

During discussion, Deputy Associate Attorney General Daniel Shapiro provided the Board with the criteria for a Board to enter executive session.

Following extensive discussion, the Porter & Chester plan of action was approved unanimously.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to place the Enfield day program on conditional approval for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to place the Hamden day program on a second year of conditional approval. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who was opposed.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to place the Hamden evening program on a second year of conditional approval. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who was opposed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to place the Rocky Hill evening program on a second year of conditional approval. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who was opposed.



Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to place the Stratford day program on conditional approval for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to place the Waterbury day program on conditional approval for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to place the Waterbury evening program on conditional approval for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board heard comments from Porter & Chester students that were in attendance, and allowed responses from Porter & Chester staff. Student were informed that any issues/complaints should be directed to Helen Smith at the Department of Public Health.

C) Approval of Nursing Education Supervisor – Hamden Campus

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Beatriz McMillian, RN, MSN as Nursing Education Supervisor at the Porter & Chester, Hamden Campus. The motion passed unanimously.

• Stone Academy

Linda Dahlin and Attorney Aaron Bayer were present on behalf of Stone Academy

A) Approval of Interim Practical Nurse Program Administrator

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve a temporary waiver for Lisa Palmer BS, BSN to be the Interim Practical Nurse Program Administrator pending her receiving her MSN degree.

B) Plan of Correction

Stone Academy submitted a plan of correction to address a NCLEX pass rate of less than 80% at the West Haven day and evening programs and East Hartford day and evening programs.

Attorney Bayer addressed the Board regarding the West Haven day program.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve Stone Academy's plan of correction. The motion passed unanimously.

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to place East Hartford day program on a second year of conditional approval. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who was opposed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to place East Hartford evening program on conditional approval for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to place the West Haven day program on a third year of conditional approval. Following discussion this motion was withdrawn without a vote.

Attorney Bayer addressed-the Board regarding the West Haven day program.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez to recommended that the West Haven day program be removed from the list of nursing programs for training licensed practical nurses approved by the Board with the consent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing regarding this matter will be scheduled.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to place the West Haven evening program on conditional approval for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONNECTICUT LEAGUR FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto, Executive Director and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing.

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 45 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during June 2021.

## **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Amanda Hart, RN - Petition No. 2020-552

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to reaffirm the Board's decision imposing probation for a period of four years. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Nicholas Lewonczyk, LPN - Petition No. 2017-50

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to table this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Elaine Reynolds, RN - Petition No. 2018-1301

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to reaffirm the Board's decision dismissing the charges in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. [

## **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Meghan Frederick, LPN - Petition No. 2021-206

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Meghan Frederick. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long 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. A hearing will be scheduled for August 11, 2021.

Patricia Fryer, RN - Petition No. 2021-572

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Fryer. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long 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 Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for August 11, 2021.

Nichelle Robinson, RN - Petition No. 2021-516

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nichelle Robinson. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco 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. A hearing will be scheduled for August 11, 2021.

## **CONSENT ORDERS**

Karen Crosby, RN - Petition No. 2020-684

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Karen Crosby, LPN. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present on behalf of respondent. Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Laurie Pierson, R.N. Petition No. 2019-859

Staff Attorney, Leslie Scoville, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Laurie Pierson, RN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

Cynthia Arpin was in favor of the motion. Jennifer Long, Jason Blando, Mary Dietmann, Lisa Freeman, Geraldine Marrocco, Rebecca Martinez, and Gina Reiners were opposed. The motion failed.

Following further discussion Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$1000.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Christine Wilkinson, L.P.N. Petition No. 2020-212

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Christine Wilkinson, LPN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Lynne Reynolds, RN, Petition No. 2020-385

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Lynne Reynolds, RN. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard Brown.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Adrienne DeLucia, RN, Petition No. 2021-317

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Adrienne DeLucia, RN. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard Brown.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and changes the probationary period specified in a December 2018 Consent Order from four years to five years. The motion passed unanimously.

**PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Linda Lee, R.N. Petition No. 2019-362

Attorney Richard Brown was present with respondent. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health.

The Board reviewed a petition for reconsideration of a June 16, 2021 Memorandum of Decision issued by the Board. Attorney Newton spoke in opposition to respondent's petition.

Chair Bouffard sustained the Department of Public Health's objection to respondent's petition for reconsideration.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to rescind the revocation set forth in the June 16, 2021 Memorandum of Decision and to place respondent's license on suspension pending a final resolution subsequent to a hearing. The motion passed with all in favor except Jennifer Long who abstained.

**HEARINGS**

Angel Predzimirski, R.N - Petition No. 2020-1221

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with but was not represented.

During the hearing respondent requested a continuance so she can seek legal counsel.

Linda Freeman moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to grant the continuance motion. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be rescheduled to October 20, 2021.

Christopher Morahan, RN - Petition No. 2020-1009

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

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Lisa Freeman made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Mr. Morahan be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, that Mr. Morahan's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 2:25 p.m.

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 11, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

**CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report

**OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve the reordering of the agenda.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

Chair Bouffard and Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference held on August 6, 2021.

*Lisa S. Freeman arrived at 8:41 a.m.*

**SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Arizona College of Nursing  
Diane Smith-Levine was present from the Arizona College of Nursing. A notice of intent to establish a prelicensure BSN program located at 99 East River Drive, East Hartford to tentatively begin teaching students in January 2023 was presented to the Board.  
No Board action was necessary at this time.
- ReNurse Academy  
Brittany Faison, RN, MSN was present from ReNurse. The Board reviewed a proposal by ReNurse Academy to offer a Licensed Practical Nurse Refresher Program.  
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the refresher program. The motion passed unanimously.  
Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that for the first three years the program submit an annual evaluation to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

- Lincoln Technical Institute

Patricia DeLucia and Deborah Little were present from Lincoln Technical Institute.

The Board reviewed a curriculum change proposal for the Practical Nursing Program which would increase total hours from 1591 to 1600. The proposal includes changes to program philosophy, course descriptions, and student outcomes and objectives.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the curriculum change request.

Following discussion the motion failed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to allow Lincoln Technical Institute to refile its request with suggested revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

- Porter & Chester Institute

Nancy Brunet, Vicky Kane and Joan Feldman, Esq. were present on behalf of Porter & Chester.

~~And~~ They provided an overview of the Practical Nursing (PN) Helpline which has been established to ensure that all practical nursing students have an easily accessible method to get answers to their questions and to provide an additional support.

No Board action was necessary at this time.

- Sacred Heart University – Temporary waiver request

Lara Siebold was present on behalf of Sacred Heart University.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant a twelve-month temporary waiver to Ariana Rick, RN, BSN to teach Nursing 300: Psychiatric Mental Health. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who recused herself.

- St. Vincent's College – Approval of a Chair of the Associate Degree Nursing Program

Maryanne Davidson and Tammey Dickerson were present from St. Vincent's College.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Tammey Dickerson MSN, CLN, RN as the Chair of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Following discussion regarding Ms. Dickerson's teaching responsibilities the motion failed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who recused herself.

Subsequent to advice from counsel, Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that St. Vincent's College refile its request with a detailed description of Ms. Dickerson's teaching responsibilities and administrative workload. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who recused herself.

- Western Connecticut State University – Temporary waiver request

Jeanette Lupinacci was present on behalf of Western Connecticut State University.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a six-month temporary waiver to Magdalena Szczerbacki, RN, BSN as an adjunct nursing clinical instructor for Nursing 255: Clinical Practice II. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONNECTICUT LEAGUR FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto, Executive Director and Dawn Bunting provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Deans and Directors.

## **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Jennifer Martin, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2018-142

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to reaffirm the Board's decision revoking the license of Ms. Martin. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

Nicholas Lewonczyk, LPN - Petition No. 2017-50

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the Amended Memorandum of Decision as written. Following comments from the Department of Public Health Staff Attorney Diane Wilan, the motion failed. Cynthia Arpin abstained from voting.

Subsequent to advice from counsel Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to revise the Amended Memorandum of Decision by requiring, barring unforeseen circumstances, the completion of a licensed practical Nurse refresher program and passing of the NCLEX/PN examination within 12-months of the effective date of the amended decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Cynthia Arpin who abstained.

**MOTION TO AMEND MODIFICATION OF REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER**

Adrienne DeLucia, RN, Petition No. 2021-317

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a motion to modify a Reinstatement Consent Order in the matter of Adrienne DeLucia, RN. Respondent and her attorney were not present.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that increases the probation of Ms. DeLucia's license from four to five years. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Kristen Jodoin, LPN - Petition Nos. 2021-248; 2021-615

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kristen Jodoin. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mary Dietmann 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. A hearing will be scheduled for September 15, 2021.

Leah Pressley, RN - Petition No. 2021-441

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Leah Pressley. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mary Dietmann 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 Cynthia Arpin and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for September 15, 2021.

Channelle Walker, RN - Petition No. 2021-626

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Channelle Walker. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mary Dietmann 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 Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for September 15, 2021.

Colleen Gallagher, LPN - Petition No. 2021-630

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Colleen Gallagher. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mary Dietmann 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 Cynthia Arpin and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for September 15, 2021.

## **CONSENT ORDERS**

Yvonne Willis, LPN - Petition No. 2019-1438

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Yvonne Willis, LPN. Attorney Ellen Costello was present on behalf of respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

## **HEARINGS**

Meghan Frederick, LPN - Petition No. 2020-206

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

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Frederick be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that Ms. Frederick's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Fryer, RN - Petition No. 2021-572

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

Ms. Fryer orally answered the Statement of Charges on the record.

*Geraldine Marrocco and Mary Dietmann left the meeting at 1:00 pm.*

Fact-finding in this case will be held during the September 15, 2021 Board meeting.

Nichelle Robinson, RN - Petition No. 2021-516

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was presented for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Cynthia Arpin seconded to grant a Department of Public Health's motion to amend the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Robinson orally answered the amended Statement of Charges on the record.

*Gina Reiners left the meeting at 3 pm.*

The record will remain open to allow respondent to submit late filed evidence. The Department of Public Health will have the option to request a resumption of the hearing.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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



The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 15, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard discussed Public Act 21-152 which includes a provision for the Department of Public Health to explore licensure compacts for various profession including nursing. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Health will hold meetings with designate Board members of the affected professions. Chair Bouffard and Geraldine Marrocco will participate in the nursing licensure compact discussions.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve the reordering of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Chair Bouffard and Mary Dietmann provided a report of an Education Consultants Group teleconference held on September 14, 2021.

#### **MINUTES**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve the minutes from July 21, 2021. The motion passed with all in favor.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the minutes from August 11, 2021. The motion passed with all in favor except Jason Blando who abstained.

## **SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Lincoln Technical Institute

Patricia DeLucia, Deborah Little and Marie Acker were present from Lincoln Technical Institute. This matter was tabled from the August 11, 2021 meeting to allow for revised information to be presented.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the curriculum change request which will increase total hours from 1591 to 1600 and will make changes to program philosophy, course descriptions, and student outcomes and objectives. The motion passed unanimously.

- Porter & Chester Institute – Bridgeport Campus - Site Visit

Nancy Brunet and Vicky Kane were present on behalf of Porter & Chester.

Helen Smith, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH reported on an August 12, 2021 site visit to the Bridgeport campus of Porter & Chester Institute. The Practical Nursing Program at the Stratford campus will be relocating to Bridgeport.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the program relocation. The motion passed unanimously.

- St. Vincent's College – Approval of a Chair of the Associate Degree Nursing Program

Maryanne Davidson and Tammey Dickerson were present from St. Vincent's College.

This matter was reviewed at the August 11, 2021 meeting at which time the Board voted to allow St. Vincent's College to refile its request with a detailed description of Ms. Dickerson's teaching responsibilities and administrative workload.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman to approve Tammey Dickerson as Chair of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The motion passed. Jason Blando and Mary Dietmann recused themselves from voting.

- Western Connecticut State University – Site Visit

Jeanette Lupinacci and Andrew Hull were present on behalf of Western Connecticut State University. Helen Smith, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH reported on an August 9, 2021 site visit due to relocation of staff offices and the nursing laboratories

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the relocation. The motion passed unanimously.

- Stone Academy – 5 year study

Linda Dahlin, Lisa Palmer and Attorney Aaron Bayer were present on behalf of Stone Academy.

Helen Smith, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH provided an overview of Stone Academy's report.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin to approve the five year study.

Following discussion the motion failed unanimously.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to table this matter until revisions to suggested criterions are presented . The motion passed unanimously.

- Stone Academy –Campus Site Visit and Clinical Observations

Helen Smith, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH reported on an August 4, 2021 site visit to Stone Academy's West Haven Campus and clinical observations for the Waterbury, West Haven and East Hartford campus groups. This matter will be revisited when the revisions to the 5 year study are presented.

## **CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Dawn Bunting provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Deans and Directors.

A written report from Marcia Proto will subsequently be presented regarding the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce.

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 123 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during July and August 2021.

### **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Nicholas Lewonczyk, LPN - Petition No. 2017-50

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the Amended Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Chair Bouffard who was opposed.

Kimberly Lemire, R.N - Petition No. 2019-1237

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve the Amended Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed unanimously.

*Jennifer Long arrived at 11:44 a.m.*

### **LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST**

Samantha Angelini, RN - Petition No. 2021-758

Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request for Samantha Angelini, RN.

Following review, the Board concurred with the DPH recommendation that Ms. Angelini's license be reinstated to probation for a period of four years with conditions.

### **REQUEST FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT HEARING**

Tammy Piccirillo, LPN

Ms. Piccirillo was present but was not represented by counsel.

The Board reviewed a request from Ms. Piccirillo asking for a reinstatement hearing regarding her licensed practical nurse license that was revoked effective May 20, 2020.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez to approve Ms. Piccirillo's request. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for January or February 2022.

### **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Amy Saunders, LPN - Petition No. 2021-188

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Amy Saunders. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long 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. A hearing will be scheduled for October 20, 2021.

Steven Lamoureux, APRN, RN - Petition Nos. 2021-652; 2021-653

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Steven Lamoureux. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long 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 Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for October 20, 2021.

Stacey Thompson, LPN - Petition No. 2021-714

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Stacey Thompson. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long 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. A hearing will be scheduled for October 20, 2021.

Christine Trombino, LPN - Petition No. 2020-895

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Christine Trombino. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco 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. A hearing will be scheduled for October 20, 2021.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Linda Lee, LPN - Petition No. 2019-362

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Linda Lee, LPN. Attorney Cody Gaurneri was present with respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Lashanan Massey, LPN - Petition No. 2019-1192

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Lashanan Massey, LPN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Sandra Ring, LPN - Petition No. 2020-1074

Staff Attorney, Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Sandra Ring, LPN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order. Following discussion the motion failed unanimously. The Board suggested modifications pertaining to controlled substance access and administration.

Karen Hull, RN - Petition No. 2020-228

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Karen Hull, LPN. Attorney Timothy Grady was present with respondent.

Lisa Freeman moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of six months. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who abstained.

Lisa Freeman left at 12:09 p.m.

**FACT-FINDING**

Patricia Fryer, RN - Petition No. 2021-572

A hearing in this matter was held on August 11, 2021. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann that respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor except Rebecca Martinez who abstained.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, that respondent's license be placed on probation for a period of four years with random screening for alcohol and drugs weekly during the first and fourth years of probation and twice monthly during the second and third years; therapist and employer reports monthly during the first and fourth years of probation and quarterly during the second and third years; 8 – 10 support group meetings monthly and prohibition from independent practice and/or home care.

## **HEARINGS**

### Colleen Gallagher, LPN - Petition No. 2021-630

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

Respondent orally answered the Statement of Charges.

Respondent requested a continuance to review exhibits submitted by the Department of Public Health and to submit documents on her behalf. Respondent's request was granted. The hearing is continued to January 19, 2022.

### Leah Pressley, RN - Petition No. 2021-516

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered executive session to obtain testimony regarding confidential treatment records. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

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

Gina Reiners made a motion seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Pressley be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Pressley's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 1:24 p.m.

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 20, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard reported that Geraldine Marrocco and herself attended an introductory meeting regarding Public Act 21-152 that includes a provision for the Department of Public Health to explore nurse licensure compacts.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the reordering of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mary Dietmann and Dana Dalton provided an overview of the NCSBN mid-year meeting. Chair Bouffard reported on the NCLEX conference.

#### **EXTRA MEETING DATES**

The Board discussed adding extra meeting dates due to the increase in disciplinary hearings. Going forward, the Board will hold meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of the month through May 2022. The first meeting date of the month will be for school issues, consent order review, Motions for Summary Suspension, and procedural matters. The third Wednesday will be for consent order review, Motions for Summary Suspension, and administrative disciplinary hearings. Additional meetings will begin on December 1, 2021. The need for these additional meetings will be reevaluated in April, 2022.

#### **CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto, Executive Director and Audrey Beauvais provided an update on behalf of the Connecticut League for Nursing and Deans and Directors.

*Lisa Freeman left the meeting at 10:00 a.m.*

## **SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Central Connecticut State University

Catherine Thomas was present from Central Connecticut State University.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a three month temporary waiver to Kerilee Segorvia, RN, BSN to provide clinical instruction for five senior level students at the Hospital for Special Care on the pediatric care unit. The motion passed unanimously.

- Lincoln Technical Institute

Patricia DeLucia, Deborah Little and Laura McKeown were present from Lincoln Technical Institute.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Ms. McKeown as the Director of Nursing at the New Britain Campus. The motion passed unanimously.

- Stone Academy – 5 year study

Linda Dahlin and Lisa Palmer were present on behalf of Stone Academy.

This matter was tabled from the September meeting to allow for revisions to be submitted.

Helen Smith, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH provided an overview of the revisions to Stone Academy's report.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to approve the revisions to the report and to accept the five year study. The motion passed unanimously.

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 48 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during September 2021.

## **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Kristin Brice, L.P.N. Petition No. 2020-1239

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes probation for a period of two years. The motion passed unanimously.

Judith Cullen, RN Petition No. 2020-763

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision that found no need for disciplinary action. The order was to continue the terms of the probation pursuant to an April 2017 Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Erin K. Fitzpatrick, L.P.N. Petition No. 2020-330 and Petition No. 2020-1015

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes a reprimand and probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Allison Krawza, R.N. Petition No. 2020-580

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes license revocation. The motion passed unanimously.

Lourdes Mercado, L.P.N. Petition No. 2019-1074 and Petition No. 2020-1131

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes a reprimand and probation for two years. The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel O'Brien, R.N. Petition No. 2018-791

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes license revocation. The motion passed unanimously.

Natalie Primini, L.P.N. – License Reinstatement

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Upon review the motion failed unanimously. The decision will be edited to modify a condition of employment during the probationary period.

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Donna Duncan, RN - Petition No. 2020-1231

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Donna Duncan. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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. A hearing will be scheduled for November 17, 2021.

Danielle Howley, LPN - Petition No. 2021-557

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Danielle Howley. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mary Dietmann 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. A hearing will be scheduled for November 17, 2021.

Jennifer Scanlon, RN - Petition No. 2021-298

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Scanlon. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco 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. A hearing will be scheduled for November 17, 2021.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Susan Dunnigan, RN - Petition No. 2020-244

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Susan Dunnigan, RN. Attorney Ellen Costello was present on behalf of respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of one year. Following discussion the motion failed. Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded to table this matter so that Board counsel can seek input from the Office of the Attorney General.

Nicole Ring, RN - Petition No. 2020-1175

Staff Attorney, Craig Sullivan, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Nicole Ring, RN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

Sandra Ring, LPN - Petition No. 2020-1074

This matter was previously reviewed at the September 15, 2021 Board meeting.

Staff Attorney, Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Sandra Ring, LPN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of three years. The motion passed unanimously.



Timothy Testa, LPN - Petition No. 2021-443

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Timothy Testa, LPN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

**HEARINGS**

Amy Saunders, LPN - Petition No. 2021-188

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina 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, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Saunders be found as charged.

The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Saunders' license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

*Lisa Freeman returned at 12:15 p.m.*

Audrey Smarrelli, RN - Petition No. 2021-516

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

Ms. Smarrelli orally answered the Statement of Charges.

The Board entered executive session to obtain testimony regarding confidential treatment records. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

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

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Smarrelli be found on paragraphs 1, 2, the first sentence of 3, and 4, and that she is not found on the second sentence of paragraph 3. The motion passed with all in favor except Jason Blando who was opposed. .

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion seconded by Mary Dietmann, that Ms. Smarrelli's license be reprimanded. Following discussion, the motion passed with all in favor except. Mary Dietmann, Jason Blando and Lisa Freeman.

Nichelle Robinson, RN - Petition No. 2021-516

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

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

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Robinson be found on all paragraphs of the Amended Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Robinson's license be reprimanded and placed on probation for a period of six months. The motion passed unanimously. The written Memorandum of Decision will include tolling language and a requirement for employer reports, and will indicate that although course work was necessary, respondent had completed appropriate course work as specified in the previous Memorandum of Decision.

Angel Predzimirski, R.N - Petition No. 2020-1221

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present but was not represented.

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

Gina Reiners made a motion seconded by Lisa Freeman, that Ms. Predzimirski be found on paragraphs 1, 2 (alcohol only), 3, 4 and 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Saunders' license be placed on probation for period of four years with conditions inclusive of controlled substance access restriction for one year and no independent practice/home care. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Lisa Freeman, it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 3:25 p.m.

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 17, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard and Geraldine Marrocco gave an update on the workgroup discussions pertaining to the nursing licensure compacts.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez to add a Department of Public Health Motion to Withdraw Charges in the matter of Chanelle Walker, RN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Stone Academy - West Haven Campus Day Program**

Deputy Associate Attorney General, Daniel Shapiro and Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon were present to provide advice to the Board concerning whether the Board may grant a nursing program conditional approval beyond two years.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

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

Chair Bouffard reported that the State of New Jersey has recently implemented the nurse licensure compact.

## **MINUTES**

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the minutes from September 15, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Deans and Directors.

## **REGULATIONS - NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Jill Kennedy-Kentfield, Health Program Associate, Department of Public Health, had discussion with the Board regarding the Board's desire to review and update the current nursing education regulations.

Ms. Kentfield explained the regulatory approval process.

Current draft changes proposed by the Department of Public Health will be shared with the Board for review.

## **REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Kristin Brice, LPN addressed the Board requesting the Board reconsider her Memorandum of Decision adopted on October 20, 2021.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to grant Ms. Brice's request. The Board will issue an Amended Memorandum of Decision in which Ms. Brice's license probation will be effective retroactive to March 17, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

## **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Sarah Croteau, LPN - Petition No. 2021-739

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sarah Croteau. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long 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. A hearing will be scheduled for December 15, 2021.

Corey Richmond, RN - Petition No. 2021-48

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Corey Richmond. Attorney Ellen Costello was present with Respondent.

The Board entered executive session from 11:08 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. to discuss confidential medical treatment records. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following the executive session Geraldine Marrocco moved to reject the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed unanimously.

Martine Pyram, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2021-70; 2021-17

Staff Attorney Joelle presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Martine Pyram. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension of respondent's registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse licenses in that her continued practice is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety, and welfare. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for December 15, 2021.

## **CONSENT ORDERS**

### Kelly M. Bucci, APRN - Petition No. 2020-1067

Staff Attorney, Aden Baume, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Kelly Bucci, APRN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$2,500.00 civil penalty and a practice restriction. The motion passed unanimously.

### Susan Dunnigan, RN - Petition No. 2020-244

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Susan Duncan, RN. Attorney Ellen Costello was present with Respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order. Following discussion the motion failed with all in favor except Gina Reiners and Jennifer Long who voted to approve the Consent Order.

### Chanise Harris, RN - Petition No. 2020-1148

Staff Attorney, Aden Baume, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Chanise Harris, RN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

## **MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

### Chanelle Walker, RN - Petition No. 2021-516

Staff Attorney, Diane Wilan, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on Ms. Walker's surrender of her license. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present on behalf of the respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to grant the withdrawal of the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

## **HEARINGS**

### Donna Duncan, RN - Petition No. 2020-1231

Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Duncan be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Duncan's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

### Stone Academy - West Haven Campus Day Program

The board commenced a hearing regarding the nursing program's failure to correct the deficiencies which caused the Program to be placed on conditional approval on June 19, 2019 and June 17, 2020. Attorney Aaron Bayer was present on behalf of Stone Academy.

The Board accepted testimony from Helen Smith, RN on behalf of the Department of Public Health, and from Linda Dahlin, Executive Director, on behalf of Stone Academy.

Following testimony the Board continued the hearing for supplemental evidence to be submitted by Stone Academy.

*Geraldine Marrocco left the meeting at this time*

Dazella Peoples, LPN - Petition No. 2020-588

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

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Peoples be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Peoples' license be reprimanded. The motion passed with Gina Reiners, Jason Blando, Cynthia Arpin and Chair Bouffard in favor. Jennifer Long and Rebecca Martinez were opposed.

Sara Smith, RN - Petition No. 2021-557

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Cody Guarnieri.

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Smith be found as charged on paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the Statement of Charges and not found on paragraphs 4, 5 and 6. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Smith continue with the probation as set forth in a Memorandum of Decision dated January 20, 2021 and that no further discipline be imposed. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 3:40 p.m.

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 1, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)  
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)  
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)  
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)  
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH  
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH  
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

**CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

Chair Bouffard reported that mid-year meeting is scheduled for March 15-17, 2022

**CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 43 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during October 2021.

**MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

Kristin Brice, LPN - Petition No. 2020-1239

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to adopt an Amended Memorandum of Decision in which Ms. Brice's license probation is effective retroactive to March 17, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

**REQUEST TO TERMINATE PROBATION**

Dana Gibson, RN

Ms. Gibson was present but was not represented. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present and spoke in objection to Ms. Gibson's request.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant Ms. Gibson's request to terminate the probation of her license.

Following discussion the motion to grant Ms. Gibson's request was denied unanimously.

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Ashley Lambert, LPN - Petition No. 2021-931

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ms. Lambert. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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. A hearing will be scheduled for December 15, 2021.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Miranda Defelice aka Miranda Junk, RN - Petition No. 2020-222

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Miranda Defelice aka Miranda Junk, RN. Attorney Richard Brown was present on behalf of respondent.

Gina Reiners moved, and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Michelle Fiala, R.N., - Petition No. 2019-234

Staff Attorney, Aden Baume, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michelle Fiala, R.N. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved, and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$500.00 civil penalty and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman it was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 9:47 a.m.

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



The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 15, 2021 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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<b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair) Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member) Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member) Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member) Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member) Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)
<b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:</b>	Jason Blando - (Public Member) Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member) Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)
<b>ALSO PRESENT:</b>	Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH

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The meeting commenced at 8:30 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bouffard gave an update on the workgroup discussions pertaining to the nursing licensure compacts.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin to add the Connecticut League for Nursing update to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.  
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the agenda as revised and reordered. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton informed the Board that National Public Radio has a locally produced podcast pertaining to the nursing profession which is very informative.

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

Chair Bouffard reported that the Virgin Islands has recently implemented the nurse licensure compact.  
Mary Dietmann reported on the Education Committee teleconference from December 9, 2021 regarding fraudulent nursing programs.

#### **CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update**

Marcia Proto provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce. Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Deans and Directors.

**MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Pamela Franklin, RN - Petition No. 2020-1211

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Pamela Franklin, RN which imposes license revocation. The motion passed unanimously.

Meagan Frederick, LPN - Petition No. 2021-206

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Meagan Frederick LPN which imposes license revocation. The motion passed unanimously.

Alexis Young, LPN Petition - No. 2020-331

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Alexis Young, LPN which imposes a period of probation. The motion failed unanimously in that Board minutes reflect that the Board's decision was for a dismissal of charges.

The decision will be redrafted and presented at a future meeting.

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

Pamela Faulkner, RN - Petition Nos. 2021-377

Staff Attorney, Aden Baume, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on respondent's surrender of her license.

Mary Dietmann moved, and Cynthia Arpin seconded, to grant the withdrawal of the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Martine Pyram, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2021-70; 2021-17

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges in that respondent recently passed away.

Mary Dietmann moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to grant the withdrawal of the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Shanley a/k/a Amanda V. Hart, R.N. - Petition No 2021-1051

Staff Attorney, Craig Sullivan, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges in this matter based on respondent's surrender of her license. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present on behalf of respondent.

Jennifer Long moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to grant the withdrawal of the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Tiona Stewart, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2017-1275

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Tiona Stewart, RN. Respondent and her attorney were not present.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, and probation for a period of two years. The motion passed unanimously.

Susan Dunnigan, RN - Petition No. 2020-244

Staff Attorney, Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Susan Dunnigan, RN. Attorney Ellen Costello was present with Respondent.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand, and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

## HEARINGS

### Stone Academy - West Haven Campus Day Program

The Board continued the hearing which commenced on November 17, 2021 regarding the nursing program's failure to correct the deficiencies which caused the Program to be placed on conditional approval on June 19, 2019 and June 17, 2020. Attorney Aaron Bayer was present on behalf of Stone Academy.

The Board heard additional testimony from Linda Dahlin, Executive Director, on behalf of Stone Academy. Additional documentary evidence was also accepted.

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

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, that Stone Academy West Haven Campus failed to correct deficiencies which caused the Program to be placed on conditional approval on June 19, 2019 and June 17, 2020. Specifically, the Program failed to establish an 80% NCLEX pass rate during the conditional approval period. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, that the Stone Academy West Haven Campus be removed from the list of approved nursing programs for the training of licensed practical nurses. Mary Dietmann, Cynthia Arpin and Rebecca Martinez voted in favor of the motion, Jennifer Long, Gina Reiners and Chair Bouffard were opposed.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, that the Program remain on conditional approval for one additional year. In addition, the Program shall submit end of semester reports that include student, faculty and administration attrition and their reasons for leaving; status of faculty positions; updates and validation of NCLEX scores; modifications to the curriculum; analysis of high stakes examinations; tuition schedules, and any additional follow-up information requested by the Board.

The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann and Rebecca Martinez who were opposed.

*Break 11:05 – 11:15*

### Adwoa A. Darko, LPN - Petition No. 2020-351

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Jamaal Johnson.

The Board entered executive session to accept testimony regarding confidential records. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Darko be found on paragraphs 1 and 3 and for speaking inappropriately as alleged in paragraph 2. The allegation of assault in paragraph 2 was not proven by a preponderance of evidence. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Darko's license be reprimanded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Ashley Lambert, LPN - Petition No. 2021-931

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

Ms. Lambert orally answered the Statement of Charges.

The Board entered executive session to accept testimony regarding confidential health records. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Lambert be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that Ms. Lambert continue with the probation as set forth in a Consent Order dated January 15, 2020, and that no further discipline be imposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Presnick, RN - Petition No. 2017-1071

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney William Paetzold.

Respondent orally answered the Statement of Charges.

*Jennifer Long left the meeting at 4:15 p.m.*

The Board entered executive session to accept testimony regarding confidential health records. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during executive session.

The hearing did not conclude and will continue on January 19, 2022.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion by Mary Dietmann the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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