

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 5, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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)
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Blando - (Public Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN 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

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 nurse and advanced practice nurse licensure compacts.

Chair Bouffard reported that a workgroup is meeting to review and update the nurse education regulations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long to add discussion of the 2022 meeting calendar to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard reported that the midyear meeting will be held on March 15-17, 2022 in St. Louis.

2022 MEETING CALENDAR

For March 2022 there will be only one meeting which will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2022. Continuation of having two meetings a month will be reevaluated in April.

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.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- Sacred Heart University

Elizabeth Denny was present from Sacred Heart University.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant a 6-month temporary waiver for Haley Naccarato, BSN, RN CCRN as a clinical instructor for NU 340: Introduction to Adult Nursing. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who abstained from voting.

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 November 2021.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Nicholas M. Lewonczyk, L.P.N Petition No. 2021-506

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nicholas Lewonczyk. 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 January 19, 2022.

Sheryl Lacoursiere, RN, APRN Petition Nos. 2021-1072; 2021-1199

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

Cynthia Arpin 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 January 19, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Geraldine Marrocco, seconded by Cynthia Arpin the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

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

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 19, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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)
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: 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
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that Board member comments regarding the Nurse Education Regulations have been provided to the Department of Public Health.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to add the presentation of a Motion to Amend Statement of Charges in the-matter of Sheryl Lacoursiere, RN, APRN to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Lisa Freeman joined the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

OPEN FORUM

The Board discussed the regulation review process.

Gina Reiners joined the meeting at 8:43 a.m.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Mary Dietmann reported on the January 11, 2022 NCSBN education council teleconference during which pre-colligate education models were discussed.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

There was discussion regarding Public Act 21-46 which includes language pertaining to continuing education requirements for registered nurse and licensed practical nurses who are actively practicing. Board members expressed their displeasure that the Board was not made aware of this legislation before it was passed. Discussion regarding this issue at a future Board meeting is anticipated.

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

Denise Ambrose, LPN - Petition No. 2019-751

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Denise Ambrose, LPN which imposes license revocation. The motion passed unanimously.

Davis Martin, LPN - Petition No. 2021-242

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

Mercedes Miranda, LPN - Petition No. 2020-706

Rebecca Martinez made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Mercedes Miranda, LPN which imposes license revocation. The motion passed unanimously.

Christopher Morahan, RN - Petition No. 2020-1009

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of David Martin, LPN which imposes license revocation. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS

Gustavo Mastarreno, RN - Petition No. 2020-783

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in the matter of Gustavo Mastarreno, RN.

Respondent was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

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.

MOTION TO AMEND STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Sheryl Lacoursiere, RN, APRN Petition Nos. 2021-1072; 2021-1199

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Amend Statement of Charges in the matter of Sheryl Lacoursiere. Respondent's license was summarily suspended on January 5, 2022.

Respondent counsel was unable to connect to the meeting.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to table this matter until the February 2, 2022 meeting. The motion to table passed unanimously

HEARINGS

Michael Presnick, RN - Petition No. 2017-1071

This is a continuation of a hearing which commenced on December 15, 2021. Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney William Paetzold.

The Board entered executive session from 9:58 a.m. to 12:58 p.m. to accept testimony regarding confidential health information. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

The Board reentered executive session from 1:08 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to accept testimony regarding confidential health information. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Geraldine Marrocco left the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that that respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, that respondent's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 2:42 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sara Croteau, L.P.N. Petition No. 2021-739

Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present. Respondent emailed the Board office the evening before this hearing indicating she was unable to attend the hearing due to illness.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to continue this hearing to May 18, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Nicholas M. Lewonczyk, L.P.N., Petition No. 2021-506

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that respondent's licensed practical nurse license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Colleen Gallagher, LPN Petition No. 2021-630

This is a continuation of a hearing which commenced on September 15, 2021. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gian Reiners, that respondent's licensed practical nurse license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Sara Scobie, L.P.N., Petition No. 2020-1086

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 Rebecca Martinez, to grant the Department of Public Health's oral request to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, that respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that respondent's licensed practical nurse license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Cynthia Arpin the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 2, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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)
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

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 Cynthia Arpin, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard reported that Vermont just became the 36th State to implement the Nurse Licensure Compact.

Everyone was reminded that the mid-year meeting is scheduled for March 14 – 17, 2022

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

The Board received an update from Marcia Proto of Connecticut League for Nursing and the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce and from Audrey Beauvais on behalf of the Deans and Directors.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR RNS AND LPNs

Dana Dalton presented information regarding Public Act 21-46 which requires continuing education for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Department of Public Health Legislative Liaison Jill Kennedy provided background information.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- Lincoln Technical Institute

Patty DeLucia and Sara Johnson were present for Lincoln Technical Institute.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve Sara Johnson as Regional Director of Nursing for Lincoln Technical Institute. The motion passed unanimously.

- Sacred Heart University

Elizabeth Denny was present from Sacred Heart University.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant a 6-month temporary waiver for Karen DeCato, BSN as a clinical instructor for NU 340: Introduction to Adult Nursing for the Spring 2022 semester. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando who recused themselves from voting.

- Three Rivers Community College

Cynthia L. Arpin recused herself in this matter.

Kem Barfield was present from Three Rivers Community College.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve Cynthia L. Arpin as Interim Director of Nursing for Three Rivers Community College. The motion passed unanimously.

- University of Connecticut

Angela Starkweather was present from The University of Connecticut.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a 12-month temporary waiver for Carly Muller, BSN as a clinical instructor for NU 3334: Theory and Nursing Practice for Perinatal and Women's Health. The motion passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 37 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during December 2021.

REVIEW OF CURRENT SUMMARY SUSPENSION STATUS

Ashley Lambert, L.P.N - Petition No. 2021-931

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to vacate the Summary Suspension of respondent's licensed practical nurse license, No. 040682, which was ordered on December 21, 2021.

Pending the issuance of a Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 2021-931, respondent's license is reinstated to probation subject to the terms of a January 15, 2020 Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Jason Blando who abstained.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Natalie Primini, LPN – Reinstatement Request

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Natalie Primini, LPN which reinstates her license to probation for a period of two years. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND STATEMENT OF CHARGES

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

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Amend Statement of Charges in the matter of Steven Lamoureux. Respondent and his attorney were not present. Respondent's license was summarily suspended on September 15, 2021.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant the Department's motion to amend the Statement of Charges.— The motion to amend passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused her self from voting.

Sheryl Lacoursiere, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2021-1072; 2021-1199

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Amend Statement of Charges in the matter of Sheryl Lacoursiere. Attorney Ellen Costello was present for respondent and objected to the Department's motion. Respondent's license was summarily suspended on January 5, 2022.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant the Department's motion to amend the Statement of Charges. The motion to amend passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Amanda Espinosa., LPN - Petition No. 2021-1222

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Amanda Espinosa. 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 February 16, 2022.

Rebecca S. Berslepsch, LPN - Petition No. 2021-946

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Rebecca S. Berslepsch. 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 February 16, 2022.

CONSENT ORDERS

Bryan Smith, RN - Petition No. 2019-827

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in the matter of Bryan Smith, RN. Respondent was not present or represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$500.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary, Kelley RN -Petition No. 2019-827

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in the matter of, Mary Kelley, RN. Respondent was present with Attorney Phillip Walker.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Geraldine Marrocco, seconded by Cynthia Arpin the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 16, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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
Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that a recent meeting was held concerning revisions to the nurse education regulations. Suggested revisions will be shared with Board members.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Mary Dietmann provided an update from the NCSBN education committee meeting.

Rebecca Martinez arrived at 8:43 p.m.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

The Board received an update from Marcia Proto of Connecticut League for Nursing and the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce and from Audrey Beauvais on behalf of the Deans and Directors.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Alexia Young, LPN – Petition No. 2020-331

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer C. Long, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Alexia Young, LPN. The motion passed unanimously. This case is dismissed in that the allegations do not rise to a level that warrants disciplinary action.

PREHEARING REVIEW OF CURRENT SUMMARY SUSPENSION STATUS

Danielle Howley, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2021-557

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter.

Respondent was not present and was not represented.

The Board recommended a period of suspension followed by probation for four years with employer reporting and a restriction from employment in homecare.

Sharon Owen, R.N. - Petition No.: 2019-326

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Attorney Robert Kolesnick was not present with respondent.

On a motion by Geraldine Marrocco, seconded by Mary Dietmann, the Board entered executive session from 9:40 a.m. until 10:05 to discuss confidential medical treatment records. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

The Board recommended the standard 4 year probation.

Lisa Freeman arrived at 10:10 p.m.

Angela Waskiewicz, R.N. Petition No. 2021-497

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter.

Respondent was present but was not represented.

The Board recommended a period of probation during which course work in medication administration and documentation should-be completed

CONSENT ORDERS

Deborah A. Slota-Novak a/k/a Deborah A. Slota, L.P.N. Petition No. 2021-916

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present but was not represented.

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

HEARINGS

Cindy Jean Featherston, R.N. Petition No. 2020-391

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Heidi Cilano and Attorney Joseph Ferrantelli.

The Board entered executive session from 9:58 a.m. to 12:58 p.m. to accept testimony regarding confidential health information. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

On a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Mary Dietmann, the Board entered executive session to accept testimony regarding confidential health information from Sara Cohen, RN. No motions were made-and no votes were taken during executive session.

On a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, the Board entered executive session to accept testimony regarding confidential health information from Cindy Featherston, RN. No motions were made-and no votes were taken during executive session.

The hearing was continued to April 20, 2022.

Rebecca S. Berlepsch, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2021-946

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. The hearing was continued to March 2, 2022 to allow respondent to obtain documents.

Amanda Espinosa, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2021-1222

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

Respondent orally answered the Statement of Charges. The hearing was continued to April 20, 2022 to allow respondent to obtain documents.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Mary Dietmann the meeting adjourned at 4:23 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 2, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)
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)
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)
Jason Blando - (Public Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public 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
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH
Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

Gina Reiners chaired the meeting in the absence of Patricia Bouffard.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cynthia L. Arpin made a motion, seconded by Cynthia L. Arpin, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Nothing to report.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

The Board received an update from Marcia Proto of Connecticut League for Nursing and the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce and from Audrey Beauvais on behalf of the Deans and Directors.

SCHOOL ISSUES

• **Fairfield University – 6 month Temporary Waiver Request**

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to grant a 6-month temporary waiver 6-month temporary waiver for Alexandra Curry, BSN, RN as a clinical instructor for NURS 4332 Transition: Professional Nursing Practice for the Spring 2022 semester. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a 6-month temporary waiver 6-month temporary waiver for Diana Harris, BSN, RN as a clinical instructor for NURS 4325 Medical Surgical Nursing II for the Spring 2022 semester. The motion passed unanimously.

• Porter & Chester Institute – Appointment of Practical Nursing Director

Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the appointment of Holly Breault, RN, BSN, MSN as the Practical Nursing Director as of 01/17/2022. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco who abstained.

• Saint Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University – Teach out of Associate Degree Program

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to acknowledge the notice of a teach-out for the Associate Degree in Nursing Program. On 01/05/2022 the faculty, staff and students were notified of the teach-out and that St. Vincent's College will no longer be accepting new applications. A summary of the course schedule and teach out plan was provided to the Fall of 2024. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann who abstained.

• Stone Academy – Termination of West Haven Practical Nursing Day Program

The Board acknowledged notice received from Stone Academy that they will be terminating the Practical Nursing day program at the West Haven campus. The program will end by 12/31/2022.

• Southern Connecticut State University - Appointment of Chair of the Department of Nursing

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the appointment of Maria Krol, DNP, MSN, RN-NIC-ACUE as the Chair of the Nursing Department as of 01/18/2022. The motion passed unanimously

• Lincoln Technical Institute – 5 year Study

The Board reviewed the five-year study presented by Lincoln Technical Institute and the results of a site visit to the Shelton Campus on November 9, 2021. Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve the five-year study. The motion passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 42 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during January 2022.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Donna Duncan, RN. Petition No. 2020-1231

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Donna Duncan, RN which imposes a revocation of her license. The motion passed unanimously.

Leah Pressley, RN Petition No. 2020-441t

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Leah Pressley, RN which imposes a revocation of her license. The motion passed unanimously.

Dazella Peoples, LPN Petition No. 2020-588t

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Dazella Peoples, LPN which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

Nichelle Robinson, RN Petition No. 2021-516

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Nichelle Robinson, RN which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of six months. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Dawne Catuccio, RN.- Petition No. 2022-169

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Respondent was present and was represented. By Attorney Ellen Costello.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to grant the motion for Summary Suspension. The Board entered executive session to review confidential privileged health care information. No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

Following executive session, the motion to grant the Summary Suspension failed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS

John Torneo, L.P.N.- Petition No. 2020-1120

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented a Consent Order in the matter of John Torneo, LPN. Respondent was not present or represented.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of six months. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Olesia Whelan, R.N. Petition No. 2020-336

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Ellen Costello.

Attorney Costello made an oral motion for a continuance. Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to grant a continuance to May 18, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Rebecca S. Berlepsch, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2021-946

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. This was a continuation of a hearing which began on February 16, 2022.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long to find respondent on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, that Ms. Berlepsch's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Corey L. Richmond, RN - Petition No. 2021-48

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Ellen Costello.

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to grant a Department of Public Health motion to Amended Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Fact-finding in this case will be scheduled for a future Board meeting

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 6, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)
Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member)
Jason Blando - (Public 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: Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (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
Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard gave an update on webinars attended which discussed violence issues in nursing and legislation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

OPEN FORUM

None reported

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard deferred reporting at this time.

MINUTES

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve the minutes from November 17, 2021. Joseph Bierbaum and Lisa S. Freeman abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve the minutes from December 1, 2021. Cynthia L. Arpin and Joseph Bierbaum abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve the minutes from December 15, 2021. Joseph Bierbaum, Lisa S. Freeman, Jason Blando and Geraldine Marrocco abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding online versus in-person meetings

Since the COVID restrictions have been lifted, Board members discussed their preference for remote meetings versus in-person meetings.

- Positives noted for remote meetings: no need to travel; higher attendance noted via Teams due to convenience/more easily accessible, helpful timewise, more occasions where there is lack of quorum in-person; in-person can be regionally restrictive; seeing documents ahead of time is time efficient for Board members and respondents.
- Concerns with online were technical difficulties, body language not always evident; microphone dropouts; lack of “in-personness” and no orientation/discussion from students.
- Option: provide an introduction video for students if they wish to attend via teams.
- A hybrid option was discussed as well as planning for some meetings in person and some meetings on teams.
- Most prefer to stay with remote meetings, possible in-person at times, or hybrid if technologically possible.
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Discussion regarding number of monthly meetings

- Two a month on a regular basis is difficult
- Possibly cut/postpone other discussions and make hearings a priority
- Reorganize agenda to make hearings first/make better use of time
- Hearings need to take place within a reasonable time due to due process and per AG office (unable to unduly postpone)
- Especially if in person, make good use of time.
- Historically BOEN met twice a month, until Haven program
- Backlogged due to pandemic
- Schedule two through June and then re-evaluate

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.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- ReNurse Academy – Request for RN Refresher Program

Britney Fazon was present from ReNurse academy.

Questions

- limited license for clinical program purposes related to nurses who did not pass the NCLEX
- Locations at various locations around CT
- Clinical sites are provided by program (make clearer)
- What is outcome for student who does not do clinical
 - Theory only will still receive a document of completion
- Contracts allow for 40 hours a week
- Other related/comparable programs have not had robust enrollment recently
- Aim to refresh nurses who have been out of practice or enhance experience for new grads who due to covid want additional experiences.

Joseph Bierbaum made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve ReNurse Academy. The motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia L. Arpin made a motion, and seconded by Jen Long, that updates be provided to the Board and CT League for Nursing in April-2023, April 2024, and 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy – West Haven Campus (Day Program)

Linda Dahlin, Lisa Palmer, Aaron Bayer and Gary Evans were present on behalf of Stone Academy. The Board reviewed information regarding the teach-out plan for the Practical Nursing Day Program at Stone Academy's West Haven.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 42 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in January 2022 and 37 in February 2022.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Angel Predzimirski, RN - Petition No. 2020-1221

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes a 4 year probation.

The motion did not pass. A revision adding a controlled substance access/administration restriction needs to be made.

Sara Smith, RN - Petition No. 2021-181

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes, of dismissal of petition 2021-181 but to continues probation for petition 2020-373. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

Amy Saunders, LPN - Petition No. 2021-518

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes a revocation of respondent's license. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

Audrey Smarrelli, RN - Petition No. 2019-424

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes a reprimand on license The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

Patricia Fryer, RN - Petition No. 2021-572

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Nicholas O'Brien, APRN, RN - Petition Nos. 2021-603; 2021-1174

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nicholas O'Brien. Respondent was present and was represented by Nancy DeRose.

Respondent objected to the DPH Motion for Summary Suspension.

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 Cynthia Arpin and passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself in this matter.

A hearing will be scheduled for May 11, 2022.

Stephanie Ryan, R.N - Petition No.: 2022-195

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Stephanie Ryan. Respondent was present but 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 Cynthia Arpin and passed with all in favor except Patricia Bouffard who was opposed and Joseph Bierbaum who abstained. A hearing will be scheduled for May 11, 2022.

Kimberly Anglin RN - Petition No. 2022-12

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kimberly Anglin. 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 Jennifer Long and passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained. A hearing will be scheduled for May 11, 2022.

Nicole M. Holiday a/k/a Nicole Desrosiers, R.N., A.P.R.N. Petition No. 2022-175

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nicole M. Holiday a/k/a Nicole Desrosiers. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jen 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 with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained. A hearing will be scheduled for May 11, 2022.

CONSENT ORDERS

Sabrina J. Ernst, RN - Petition No. 2019-62

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

Jennifer Long moved, and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of four years. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

Angela Waskiewicz, RN - Petition No. 2021-497

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Angela Waskiewicz, RN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Gina Reiners moved, and Lisa Freeman seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for 3 months. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

Jennifer Schad, RN - Petition No. 2019-924

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jennifer Schad, RN. Respondent was present but was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved, and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a six month suspension followed by probation for a period of four years. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

Donna Monticone, RN - Petition No. 2020-1112

Staff Attorney, Joelle Newton, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Donna Monticone, RN. Respondent and her counsel were present.

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Jennifer Long seconded, to approve the Consent Order. Following discussion the motion to approved failed.

FACT-FINDING

Corey Richmond, RN - Petition No. 2021-48

The Board conducted fact-finding in the matter of Corey Richmond, RN. A Hearing in this matter was held on March 2, 2022. Respondent was present with Attorney Ellen Costello.

Attorney Costello asked to present additional documentation. The request was denied in that the record was closed; however, the record has been closed.

Jennifer Long moved, and Cynthia Arpin seconded, to find on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor except Geraldine Marrocco and Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

Jennifer Long moved, and Cynthia Arpin seconded that respondent be placed on probation for a period of three years with 1st and 3rd year weekly urine screens, 2nd year twice monthly urine screens; employer and therapist reports monthly in first and third years and quarterly in year two; and NA/AA support group meeting. A controlled substance access/administration restriction is not necessary. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

HEARINGS

Cindy Jean Featherston, RN Petition No. 2020-391

This was the continuation of a hearing which began on February 16, 2022.

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Heidi Cilano.

The Board entered executive session on a motion by Geraldine Marrocco, seconded by Gina Reiners, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding privileged medical records. No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

Geraldine Marrocco left during executive session

Following executive session respondent made an oral Motion to dismiss statement of charges. The motion to dismiss was denied on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Lisa Freeman. Joseph Bierbaum abstained from this vote.

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, that Ms. Featherston be found for paragraphs 1, 2, 3 of the Statement of Charges but not paragraphs 4 and 5. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to order a reprimand of Ms. Featherston's license. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who abstained.

Joseph Bierbaum left the meeting

Amanda L. Espinosa, LPN Petition No. 2021-1222

This was the continuation of a hearing which began on February 16, 2022.

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

The Board entered executive session on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Lisa Freeman, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding privileged medical records. No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

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

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Espinosa be found on all charges.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, that Ms. Espinosa be suspended for 6 months followed by probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Cynthia Arpin, seconded by Lisa Freeman. It was the unanimous decision to adjourn this meeting at 5:08-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 11, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public 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
Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

None reported

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard provided a report regarding the March mid-year meeting.
Mary Dietmann gave a report on education committee teleconference meetings.

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.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Griffin Hospital, School of Allied Health Careers – Notice of Intent for LPN Program
The board reviewed a notice from Griffin Hospital of its intent to open and operate a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program within the Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers.
The program's intended start date would be Fall 2022.

Connecticut League For Nursing – Pre-licensure education program statistics

The board reviewed the RN and LPN nurse education program statistics for the calendar year 2021.

Arizona College of Nursing

Diane Smith Levine, Nick Mansour, Matthew Egan, Erica Botelho, Amber Kool, Jason Duune and Jamie Bailey were present on behalf of Arizona College of Nursing.

The Board reviewed a Feasibility Study and Program Proposal for the establishment of a prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program to be located in East Hartford, CT.

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

The Board requested that updated information regarding the faculty workload be provided by August or September 2022.

The Board reviewed a request to approve Diane Smith Levine as the Dean of Nursing/Program Administrator for the Arizona College of Nursing as of January 6, 2022. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to approve Diane Smith Levine as the Dean of Nursing/Program Administrator. The motion passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of 59 nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health during March 2022.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Stephanie Ryan, R.N - Petition No.: 2022-195

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges based on Ms. Ryan's surrender of her license. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Tammy Piccirillo LPN – License Reinstatement Hearing

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gian Reiners, to grant a Department of Public Health request to continue this hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Nicole M. Holiday a/k/a Nicole Desrosiers, R.N., A.P.R.N. Petition No. 2022-175

Gina Reiners recused herself from this hearing.

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion to Amend Statement of Charges. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to find respondent on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that Ms. Holiday's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Maureen Hurley, RN - Petition No. 2019-732

This was the continuation of a hearing which began on February 16, 2022.

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 Cynthia Arpin, to continue this hearing for the purpose of establishing that notice of the hearing was received by respondent. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Scanlon, RN - Petition No. 2021-298

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

Geraldine Marrocco moved to grant the Department's Motion to Amend Statement of Charges.

The motion was seconded by Cynthia Arpin and passed unanimously.

Respondent orally answered the charges.

The Board entered executive session on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Lisa Freeman, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding privileged medical records. No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to find respondent on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that Ms. Scanlon's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Sheryl Lacoursiere, RN, APRN Petition Nos. 2021-1072; 2021-1199

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Ellen Costello.

The Board entered executive session on a motion by Cynthia Arpin, seconded by Mary Dietmann, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding privileged medical records. No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

The hearing did not conclude and was continued to May 18, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 5:13-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 18, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)
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)
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)
Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member)
Jason Blando - (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
Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to report.

OPEN FORUM

None reported

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Mary Dietmann gave a report on education committee teleconference meeting during which the AACN New Essentials Plan was discussed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, LPN, to approve the agenda as revised. 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. They reported that the attrition rates at LPN programs are currently being reviewed.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Angel Predzimirski, LPN - Petition No. 2020-1221

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Angel Predzimirski, LPN which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR MODIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

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.

The Board reviewed a Department of Public Health motion requesting an amendment to a Memorandum of Decision issued on April 6, 2022 to correct an error in paragraph 1B on page 7. Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to grant the Department's request. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Freeman arrived at 9:03 a.m.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Lynn Dougan, R.N - Petition No.: 2021-1192

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lynn Dougan. 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 June 1, 2022.

Portia Hamilton aka Portia Dayon, RN - Petition No. 2022-447

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for in this matter. 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 Rebecca Martinez and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for June 1, 2022.

Rachel Pisani, APRN, RN - Petition Nos. 2021-1209; 2021-1223

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney John O'Brien.

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 1, 2022.

CONSENT ORDERS

Toni Barstow, L.P.N.- Petition No. 2021-981

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in the matter of Toni Barstow, LPN.

Respondent was represented by Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

Lunie LaFrance, R.N. - Petition No. 2021-733

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in the matter of Lunie LaFrance, RN.

Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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

Amanda K. Summa, LPN - Petition No. 2022-165

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in the matter of Amanda Summa, LPN.

Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of three year. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Lisa Paulsen, RN - Petition No. 2019-1389

Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was represented by Attorney Ryan M. Scopelliti.

The Board reviewed a request for continuance filed by Attorney Scopelliti.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant respondent's request for a continuance. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be rescheduled to November 16, 2022.

Gina Reiners left the meeting at 9:32 a.m. because she is recused in the Sheryl Lacoursiere matter.

Sheryl Lacoursiere, RN, APRN Petition Nos. 2021-1072; 2021-1199

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Ellen Costello.

The Board entered executive session on a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Jennifer Long, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding privileged health information.

Lisa Freeman left the meeting during executive session at 12:00 noon

Lisa Freeman rejoined the meeting during executive session at 1:34 pm

Geraldine Marrocco joined the meeting during executive session at 1:50 pm

No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

Following executive session, counsel for respondent made a request for a continuance. Jennifer Long moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to grant the request for a continuance. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm on a motion by Jennifer Long, seconded by Lisa Freeman.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc.

Chair Board of Examiners for Nursing

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 1, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair) Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member) Jason Blando - (Public 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) Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (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 Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH

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 Jennifer Long to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Lauren Brown, RN addressed the Board regarding Stone Academy. Ms. Brown who was a clinical instructor for the Stone Academy West Haven Campus, Day Program, spoke as to various deficiencies she encountered while teaching.

It was requested that Ms. Brown put her concerns in writing and send them to the Department of Public Health for investigation.

Stephanie McGuire, APRN inquired about the process for nurses to apply COVID heroes pay. The Department of Public Health will communicate with Ms. McGuire regarding this issue.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard reported on NCLEX pass rate statistics.

The NCSBN annual meeting is scheduled for August 17-19, 2022. Board members interested in participating were asked to contact Chair Bouffard

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

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

SCHOOL ISSUES

Goodwin University – Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education Accreditation

Helen Smith reported that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has granted accreditation to the Baccalaureate degree program at Goodwin University to 12/31/2031

Arizona College of Nursing

Diane Smith Levine, Nick Mansour, Matthew Egan, Amber Kool, and Jason Duane were present on behalf of Arizona College of Nursing.

The Board reviewed a request for approval of a prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program to be located in East Hartford, CT. The program's feasibility study was approved on May 11, 2022 at which time the Board requested additional information regarding faculty workload. Joseph Bierbaum made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to approve the prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program. Following discussion, the motion to approve the program failed with only Joseph Bierbaum voting to approve.

The Board requested that updated information regarding the faculty workload be provided by August or September 2022.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to table this matter until June 15, 2022 for the review of additional information. The motion passed with all in favor except Joseph Bierbaum who was opposed.

Southern Connecticut State University – Site Visit

Helen Smith provided a report of a Department of Public Health site visit made to Southern Connecticut State University on 05/10/2022. The visit was required to inspect a new building to which the nursing program has moved.

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

NCLEX Results – May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022

The Board reviewed the NCLEX test results for the Connecticut RN and LPN programs

Joseph Bierbaum *left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.*

Goodwin University

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to place the Goodwin University Accelerated RN Program on conditional approval for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 52 percent. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the July meeting.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to place the Goodwin University associate RN Program on conditional approval for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 69 percent. . The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the July meeting.

University of Saint Joseph

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to place the University of Saint Joseph Accelerated RN Program on conditional approval for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 77 percent. . The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the July meeting.

University of Bridgeport

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to remove the University of Bridgeport, BS Program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 81 percent. The motion passed with all in favor except Gina Reiners who recused herself from voting.

Gateway Community College

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to remove the Gateway Community College Associate program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 80 percent. The motion passed unanimously.

Norwalk Community College

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to remove the Norwalk Community College program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 85 percent. The motion passed unanimously.

Saint Vincent's College

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to remove the Saint Vincent's College Associate program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 83 percent. The motion passed with all in favor except Mary Dietmann and Jason Blando who recused themselves from voting.

Lincoln Technical Institute

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to extend conditional approval of the Lincoln Technical Institute Shelton Campus Day Program for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 59 percent. The motion passed unanimously. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the July meeting.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to remove the Lincoln Technical Institute Shelton Campus Evening Program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 81 percent. The motion passed unanimously.

Porter & Chester

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to place the Porter & Chester Bridgeport Campus Day Program on conditional approval for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 60 percent. The motion passed unanimously. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the July meeting.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to remove Porter & Chester Enfield Day Program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 100 percent. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to remove Porter & Chester Hamden Campus Day Program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 83 percent. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, not to grant a third year of conditional approval and to schedule a hearing to consider program closure for the Porter & Chester Rocky Hill Evening Program due to a NCLEX pass rate of 77 percent. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for October 2022.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to remove Porter & Chester Waterbury Day Program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 88 percent. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to remove Porter & Chester Waterbury Day Program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 88 percent. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to extend conditional approval of the Porter & Chester Waterbury Evening Program for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 43 percent. The motion passed unanimously. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the August meeting.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to remove Porter & Chester Hamden Campus Evening Program from conditional approval in that the current NCLEX pass rate is 83 percent. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, not to grant a third year of conditional approval and to schedule a hearing to consider program closure for the Stone Academy East Hartford Day Program due to a NCLEX pass rate of 62 percent. The motion passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for October or November.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to extend conditional approval of the Stone Academy East Hartford Evening Program for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 48 percent. The motion passed unanimously. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the August meeting.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to place Stone Academy Waterbury Day Program on conditional approval for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 61 percent. The motion passed unanimously. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the August meeting.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long to place Stone Academy Waterbury Evening Program on conditional approval for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 65 percent. The motion passed unanimously. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the August meeting.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to extend conditional approval of the Stone Academy West Haven Evening Program for one year due a NCLEX pass rate of 47 percent. The motion passed unanimously. A corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Board at the August meeting.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Lisa M. Simon, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2021-578

Staff Attorney Linda presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa M. Simon. 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 Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for July 6, 2022.

CONSENT ORDERS

Stephanie A. Esposito, RN, APRN - Petition Nos: 2021-4; 2021-294

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stephanie A. Esposito, RN, APRN. Respondent was represented by Attorney Stanley Peck.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$1000.00 civil penalty. After discussion the failed passed unanimously. The Board recommended a revision to include a period of probation and an increased civil penalty amount.

Michelle Rosa-Harris, LPN Petition No.: 2020-658

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in the matter of Michelle Rosa-Harris, LPN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the Consent Order which imposes for a period probation for two years. The motion passed with all in favor except Lisa Freeman who was opposed.

Gina Reiners left for the day at 12:06 p.m.

Danielle Howley, L.P.N. Petition No. 2021-557

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in the matter of Danielle Howley, LPN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Linda Fazzina, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand; probation for a period of eighteen months and a permanent restriction in that respondent shall at no time be employed as a nurse for a personnel provider service, assisted living services agency, homemaker-home health aide agency, home health care agency, and shall not be self-employed as a nurse. The motion passed unanimously.

Richardson Montas, L.P.N. - Petition No. 2019-1299

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented a Consent Order in the matter of Richardson Montas, LPN. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

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

Break 12:12 to 12:45 pm

HEARINGS

Lynn Dougan, R.N. Petition No. 2021-1192

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to grant the Department of Public Health's oral request to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, that respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, that respondent's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Portia Hamilton aka Portia Dayon, RN Petition No. 2022-447

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to grant the Department of Public Health's oral request to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding. Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, that respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, that respondent's registered nurse license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm on a motion by Jennifer Long, seconded by Lisa Freeman.

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

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The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 15, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)
Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member)
Jason Blando - (Public Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member) 8:40 a.m.
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member) 8:41 a.m.
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member) (9:10 a.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jeff Kardys, DPH
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

Chair Updates – no updates

Additional Agenda Items and Reordering of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as revised on June 14, 2022 was unanimously approved, upon motion by Joseph Bierbaum and seconded by Gina Reiners.

Open Forum - no concerns

National Council of State Boards of Nursing – Update

Chair Bouffard provided an update from the NCSBN education committee meeting.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Bi-Monthly Update

The Board received an update from Marcia Proto of Connecticut League for Nursing and the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce and from Audrey Beauvais on behalf of the Deans and Directors. Audrey Beauvais' term is up for the Deans and Directors and her replacement will attend future meetings. Marcia thanked Audrey for her time and service.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- *Arizona College of Nursing – Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program*

Diane Smith Levine, Nick Mansour, Matthew Egan, Amber Kool, Ami Patel, and Jason Duune were present on behalf of Arizona College of Nursing.

Chair Bouffard thanked Arizona College of Nursing for submitting additional documentation and allowing the Board to review the documents.

Joseph Bierbaum moved to approve Arizona College School of Nursing's Prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program. The motion was seconded by Gina Reiners with all in favor with the exception of Geraldine Marrocco and Mary Dietmann, who opposed, and Rebecca Martinez who abstained.

- *Stone Academy – Comments from former faculty*

The Board discussed the issues brought forth by the former West Haven day program former faculty member at Stone Academy.

Helen Smith explained to the Board that Stone Academy went through a 5-year study in 2021 and it was approved. Helen Smith reviewed the steps taken for the approval. Mary Dietmann felt that the Board should seek a deeper investigation of the allegations. The Board generally discussed the issues with private versus public schools, the costs of education and the pass rates.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Adwoa Darko, LPN Petition No. 2020-351

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Decision for Petition No. 2021-391¹ as presented, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Candace Staines, RN Petition No. 2022-470 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Gina Reiners made a motion to suspend the license of Candace Staines, Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSENT ORDERS

Donna Monticone, R.N. Petition No. 2020-1112 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in the matter of Donna Monticone, R.N. Respondent was present with her counsel, Attorney Cody Guarneri.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Aprin to approve the Consent Order which imposes a 6-month suspension, urine samples and therapist reports. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Allison Sewell, R.N. Petition No.: 2020-53 Staff Attorney Aden Baume

Staff Attorney Aden Baume, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Allison Sewell, R.N. Respondent was not present and not represented. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion to accept consent order and seconded by Joseph Bierbaum. Following discussion, the motion

¹ There was a clerical error in the agenda identifying Adwoa Darko's Petition No. as 2020-351. The correct Petition No. is 2021-391.

to approve failed. The Board requested that DPH revise the Consent Order to remove the tolling language regarding substance abuse.

HEARINGS

Susan Fellows

Petition No.: 2021-700

Staff Attorney Aden Baume

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

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Joseph Bierbaum to grant the Department of Public Health's oral request to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Aprin that Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion that Respondent be reprimanded, put on probation for three months and be required to take an ethics course. The motion was seconded by Jason Blando, with all in favor with the exception of Ms. Marrocco, Rebecca Martinez, and Mary Dietmann, who all opposed.

REGULATIONS

A motion was unanimously approved to add the topic of Regulations to the agenda, upon motion by Mary Dietmann and seconded by Cynthia Aprin.

Chair Bouffard reported that a draft of the revised regulations was sent out to the regulations subcommittee. The Board will be provided opportunity to review the proposed revisions to the regulations before going through the formal approval process.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. on a motion by Joseph Bierbaum, seconded by Cynthia Aprin.

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

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The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 6, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member, Acting Chair)
Jason Blando - (Public Member)
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member) (8:57 a.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)
Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)
Joseph Bierbaum (Public 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
Jeff Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Gina Reiners was acting chair in place of Patricia Bouffard. Nothing to report.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Jeff Kardys advised that hearing of Candace Staines has been continued and removed from the agenda. Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Reiners had nothing to report.

Dana Dalton reported on the NCSBN Executive Officer Summit in Chicago that she attended.

Recusal/Abstention

Stacy Schulman, Staff Attorney, Board Counsel

Attorney Schulman presented on the differences between recusal and abstention of Board members with respect to voting. Geraldine Marrocco suggested a Board orientation for new Board members. Jeff Kardys will email the Board members with the orientation information. Dana Dalton advised NCSBN has helpful information for new Board members and she will send out the link.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

Marcia Proto provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Deans and Directors. Marcia reported on the findings from the research and data gathered regarding disproportionate attrition rates in LPN schools. Marcia reported that the Connecticut League for Nursing merged into the CT Center for Nursing Workforce effective June 30, 2022.

SCHOOL ISSUES

University of Bridgeport – CCNE Accreditation

Helen Smith reported that the CCNE has granted accreditation for the University of Bridgeport Baccalaureate nursing degree until June 30, 2032.

Chair Reiners congratulated Linda Wagner on the University of Bridgeport's accreditation.

Capital Community College – Appointment of Interim Division Director

Catherine Leary and Duncan Harris appeared on behalf of Capital Community College.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion to approve Catherine Leary, RN, MSM, RRT as the Interim Division Director of Capital Community College effective July 1, 2022, Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Stone Academy – Appointment of Interim Program Administrator

Gary Evans, Dr. Brian Pervis, and Lisa Palmer appeared on behalf of Stone Academy.

Jennifer Long made a motion to approve Brian Pervis, DNP, MSN, RN, APRN, LPN, as Interim Program Administrator of Practical Nursing effective June 13, 2022. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman, with all in favor, with the exception of Jason Blando who abstained.

Goodwin University – Corrective Action Plans

Bruce Hoffman, Dr. Michael Pardales, Dr. Vivienne Friday and Paula Dowd appeared on behalf of Goodwin University.

Lisa Freeman made a motion to reject the corrective action plan submitted by Goodwin University for the associate degree program. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marracco and passed unanimously.

Lisa Freeman made a motion to reject the corrective action plan submitted by Goodwin University for the accelerated bachelor's degree program. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously.

Goodwin University will revise the corrective action plans and resubmit to DPH by September 4, 2022 for the September 21, 2022 meeting.

University of Saint Joseph – Corrective Action Plan

Dr. Janet Knecht and Dr. Denise Puia appeared on behalf of University of Saint Joseph.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion to accept the University of Saint Joseph's corrective action plan for the accelerated bachelor's degree of science nursing program. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously.

Lincoln Technical Institute – Corrective Action Plain

Patricia DeLucia, Dr. Deborah Little, Dr. Susan Naples and Sara Johnson appeared on behalf of Lincoln Technical Institute.

Geradline Marrocco made a motion to approve Lincoln Technical Institute's corrective action plan for the Shelton campus day program. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Sabrina J. Ernst, R.N.

Petition No. 2022-611

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sabrina J. Ernest. 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 August 3, 2022.

PRE HEARING REVIEW

Suzanne P. Minor, R.N.

Petition No. 2021-526

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Respondent was present and represented by Attorney Cody Guarneri. The Board recommended dismissal of the charges.

Angela P. Oakes, R.N.

Petition No. 2021-527

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Respondent was present and represented by Attorney Cody Guarneri. The Board recommended dismissal of the charges.

CONSENT ORDERS

Adrianna Avila, R.N.

Petition No. 2021-849

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probate for a period of six months. The motion passed unanimously.

April M. Palombizio, RN, APRN Petition Nos. 2021-998: 2022-426 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco left the meeting at 1 p.m.

HEARINGS

Olesja Whalen, RN

Petition No.: 2020-336

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with her counsel, Attorney Ellen Costello.

On a motion by Jennifer Long, seconded by Lisa Freeman, the Board entered executive session to accept testimony regarding confidential health information from Olesja Whalen, RN.

The Board was in executive session from 12:59 p.m. to 2:10 p.m. to accept testimony regarding confidential health information.

Hearing was continued to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm on a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Mary Dietmann.

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

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)
Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeff Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH
Kerry Colson, AAG, Board Counsel

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that the regulations are with DPH for revisions. Dana Dalton will follow up on the status of the revisions.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Jeff Kardys advised that there were no changes to the agenda. Ms. Trombino's boyfriend, Ricardo, called into the meeting and requested a continuance of the hearing on her behalf. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to continue the hearing of Ms. Trombino. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the agenda as revised was made by Mary Dietmann and seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. The motion unanimously passed.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Mary Dietmann reported on the National Council Education Committee meeting of July 15, 2022. NSCBN is conducting a national study of the pre-licensure of RNs and expects preliminary data to be available April 2023. The NCSBN annual meeting is in August. Chair Bouffard, Cynthia April and Dana Dalton will be attending in person.

MINUTES

Jennifer Long made a motion to approve the minutes for January 5, 2022, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion unanimously passed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion to approve the minutes for January 19, 2022, seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Jennifer Long, who abstained.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

Marcia Proto provided an update from the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce. Marcia asked that future agendas reflect the merged entity name as the CT Center for Nursing Workforce. There are two new co-chairs for the Deans and Directors Council, Linda Wagner, University of Bridgeport and Ezekiel Dominique, Norwalk Community College. The Center for Nursing Workforce has received funding to create a full-time nurse faculty preparation course.

OLD BUSINESS

Goodwin University – Corrective Action Plans

Bruce Hoffman, Dr. Vivienne Friday and Dr. Michael Pardales appeared on behalf of Goodwin University.

- *Associate Degree Program*

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion to vacate the July 6, 2022 Board decision to reject the Goodwin University corrective action for the Associate Degree Program to correct any appearance of a conflict of interest with a Board member. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann. Gina Reiners recused herself. The motion unanimously passed.

Jennifer Long made a motion to reject the Goodwin University corrective plan of action for the associate degree program presented at the July 6, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. Gina Reiners recused herself. The motion unanimously passed.

Goodwin University will revise the plan for the September 21, 2022 meeting.

- *Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing Program*

Mary Dietmann made a motion to vacate the July 6, 2022 Board decision to reject the Goodwin University corrective action for the Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing Program to correct any appearance of conflict of interest with a Board member. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long. Gina Reiners recused herself. The motion unanimously passed.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to reject the Goodwin University corrective plan of action for the accelerated bachelor of nursing program. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long. Gina Reiners recused herself. The motion unanimously passed.

Goodwin University will revise the plan for the September 21, 2022 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Memorandum of Decision Template*

Dana Dalton presented on the revised and updated memorandum of decision template.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Corey Richmond, RN *Petition No. 2021-48*

Attorney Ellen Costello appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was not present.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Corey Richmond which imposes a three-year probation. The motion passed unanimously.

Colleen Gallagher Petition No. 2021-630
Respondent was not present.

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

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Kimberly Lemire RN Petition No. 2022-561 Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kimberly Lemire. 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 August 3, 2022.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Stacey Thompson, LPN Petition No. 2021-714 Staff Attorney Aden Baume

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Stacey Thompson. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges against Stacey Thompspon. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Martinez and passed unanimously

PREHEARING REVIEW

Mary-Elizabeth Taylor, RN Petition No. 2018-1355 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Respondent was present and represented by Attorney Mary Alice Leonhardt. The Board recommended probation for 1 year with conditions.

CONSENT ORDERS

Bridget Nicholson RN Petition No. 2020-248 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a four-year probation with conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Alan Smith, RN Petition No. 2020-339 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

Break from 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

HEARINGS

Sarah Croteau, LPN Petition No. 2021-1222¹ Staff Attorney Aden Baume
Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to revise the Statement of Charges to reflect the correct spelling of Respondent's name from Sara to Sarah, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board accepted the Department's exhibits.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to grant the Department of Public Health's oral request to deem allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann that Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco that Respondent's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Maureen Hurley, RN Petition No. 2020-391² Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina

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

Gina Reiners made a motion to continue the hearing to get verification that Respondent and Respondent's counsel received the hearing notice. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Martinez and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m. on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco.

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

¹ There was a clerical error for the hearing of Sara Croteau. The petition number on the agenda was Petition No. 2021-1222. The correct Petition No is 2021-739.

² There was a clerical error for the hearing of Maureen Hurley, RN. The petition number on the agenda was Petition No. 2020-391. The correct Petition No. is 2019-732.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm on a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Mary Dietmann.

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

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The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 3, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)
Jason Blando - (Public Member)
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member) (8:44 a.m.)
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member)
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Stacy Schulman, Staff Attorney, Board Counsel
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeff Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH

The meeting commenced at 8:34 a.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that the regulations have been sent to the Board members for review and revisions.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Jeff Kardys advised that there were no changes to the revised agenda. The CT League of Nursing will not be reporting today. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Cynthia Arpin. The motion passed unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

Karen Depcrymski sought feedback from the Board on proposed House Bill 5485 and how it relates to registered nurses practicing NADA independently. Geraldine Marrocco suggested that this be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard reported that the next Educational Committee meeting is August 9th. Chair Bouffard has started the process of getting Mary Dietmann designated as the Educational Consultant. Chair Bouffard, Dana Dalton and Cynthia April will be attending the NCSBN Annual Conference the week of August 16, 2022. Mary Dietmann will be attending the annual conference virtually.

Chair Bouffard is going to forward a survey from NCSBN regarding how APRNs should be regulated to Geraldine Marrocco.

Mary Dietmann is working on getting a SIM study started with the grant money received. She is working with Jason Blando and Marcia Proto on this project.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

No report.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

April, May, June 2022

Helen Smith reported on the number of calls received during the months of April, May and June regarding scope of practice questions.

Lisa Freeman left the meeting at 9 a.m.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Arizona College of Nursing – Site Inspection Report

Dianne Smith-Levine, Dr. Amber Kool, Amie Patel, Jason Dunn, Barbara Hall and Erica Bothello appeared on behalf of Arizona College of Nursing.

Helen Smith reported on her site visit to the campus.

Mary Dietmann reported that three members of the Board have received new information regarding the Arizona College Tempe campus. The Board members have learned that the Tempe campus is on probation pursuant to a consent order. The consent order addresses complaints from nursing students, firing of faculty staff, violations of academic policies and other issues. There is concern that the school did not disclose this information to the Board during the application process even though the consent order was signed before the application was submitted.

Geraldine Marocco made a motion to table the discussion on Arizona College until the Board members have reviewed the new information, seconded by Jason Blando. The motion passed unanimously.

The site visit report and the application will be addressed at a future meeting.

Dianne Smith-Levine stated that did not misrepresent the application and was unaware of the Tempe campus issues.

University of Hartford - Site Inspection Report

Joyce Thielen appeared on behalf of the University of Hartford.

Helen Smith reported on her site visit to the campus.

Cynthia Aprin made a motion to accept the site visit report, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously.

Lincoln Technical Institute – Appointment of Director of Nursing – Shelton Campus

Patricia DeLucia, Sara Johnson, Deborah Little, Dr. Susan Naples, and Ruth-Sarah Mazzaferro appeared on behalf of Lincoln Technical Institute.

Helen Smith reported that Lincoln Technical Institute is requesting approval of Ruth-Sarah Mazzaferro, MSN, RN, as the Director of Nursing for the Lincoln Institute Shelton Campus and reviewed her credentials.

Geraldine Marocco made a motion to approve Ruth-Sarah Mazzaferro to the position of director of nursing, seconded by Cynthia April. The motion passed unanimously.

ReNurse Academy, LPN Refresher Program update

Brittany Faison appeared for ReNurse Academy

Helen Smith reported that ReNurse Academy provided an annual report and is requesting approval for in-person and virtual clinical experiences.

Gina Reiners made a motion to approve the addition of virtual clinical experiences to the ReNurse Academy LPN program, seconded by Jennifer Long. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard requested that ReNurse Academy provide an update in six months on the virtual program. In addition, she requested that the report include feedback from employers if there is available data at that point. ReNurse Academy will be put on the agenda in six months.

Porter & Chester Institute – Corrective Action Plans

Holly Breault, Vicki Kane and Joan Feldman, Esq. appeared on behalf of Porter & Chester Institute.

- *Bridgeport Campus Day Program*

Jennifer Long made a motion to accept the Porter & Chester Institute corrective action plan for the Bridgeport Campus Day program, seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion passed 4-3 with approval from Gina Reiners, Cynthia Aprin, Jennifer Long and Patricia Bouffard; Mary Dietmann, Jason Blando and Geraldine Marocco opposed.

- *Waterbury Campus Evening Program*

Gina Reiners made a motion to accept the Porter & Chester Institute corrective action plan for the Waterbury Campus evening program, seconded by Cynthia April. The motion passed 4-3 with approval from Gina Reiners, Cynthia Aprin, Jennifer Long and Patricia Bouffard; Mary Dietmann, Jason Blando and Geraldine Marocco opposed.

Stone Academy – Corrective Action Plans

Gary Evans, Dr. Brian Pervis, and Ann Cooper appeared on behalf of Stone Academy.

- *East Hartford Campus Evening Program*

Geraldine Marocco made a motion to accept the corrective action plan for the Stone Academy East Hartford Campus evening program, seconded by Jennifer Long. The motion failed.

Lisa Freeman returned to the meeting at 11 a.m.

- *Waterbury Campus Day Program*

Geraldine Marocco made a motion to **not** approve the corrective action plan for the Stone Academy Waterbury Campus program, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion failed and the corrective action plan is approved.

- *Waterbury Campus Evening Program*

Geraladine made a motion to **not** approve the corrective action plan for the Stone Academy Waterbury Campus evening program, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion failed and the corrective action plan is approved.

- *West Haven Campus Evening Program*

Geraldine Marocco made a motion to **not** approve the correction action plan for the Stone Academy West Haven Campus evening program, seconded by Mary Deitmann. The motion passed unanimously and the corrective action plan is not approved.

Stone Academy – Response to former instructor’s letter

The Board reviewed Stone Academy’s response to former instructor’s concerns.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Sara Scobie, L.P.N. Petition No. 2020-1086

Respondent was not present.

Gina Reiners made a motion to affirm the memorandum of decision for Sara Scobie, LPN, seconded by Cynthia Aprin, which imposes revocation of license. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Gregory Orfitelli, R.N. Petition No. 2022-714 Staff Attorney Aden Baume

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Gregory Orfitelli. Respondent was present.

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 Cynthia Aprin. The motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Patricia Bouffard and Jennifer Long who both opposed.

A hearing will be scheduled for September 21, 2022.

Arlene E. Clarke, LPN Petition No. 2022-580 Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina

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

Cynthia Aprin 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. The motion passed unanimously.

A hearing will be scheduled for September 21, 2022.

CONSENT ORDERS

Rafael Diaz, R.N.

Petition No. 2020-985

Staff Attorney Aden Baume

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present and represented by Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Aprin, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a four-year probation with conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

*Kimberly Lemire, RN**

Petition No. 2022-561

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman to grant the Department of Public Health's oral request to deem allegations against Kimberly Lemire, RN admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners that Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman that Respondent's license be revoked in Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

Tammy L. Piccirillo, LPN

Reinstatement Hearing (2022-498)

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

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

Jennifer Long made a motion to grant reinstatement of Tammy Piccirillo's LPN license, seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Freeman made a motion for the terms of the Respondent's reinstatement to include 2 years of probate with conditions and key restriction for the first 6 months, seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion passed unanimously.

*Sabrina J. Ernst, RN**

Petition No. 2022-611

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

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

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to grant the Department of Public Health's oral request to deem allegations against Sabrina J. Ernest, RN admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann that Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann that Respondent's license be revoked in

Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

Danielle D. Works, LPN

Petition No. 2021-519

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present.

Rachel Pisani, APRN, RN*

Petition Nos. 2021-1209; 2021-1223

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

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

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to grant the Department of Public Health's oral request to deem allegations against Rachel Pisani, APRN, RN admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann that Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann that Respondent's APRN and RN licenses be revoked in Connecticut. The motion passed unanimously.

Jacquelyn O'Connor, LPN

Petition No. 2020-845

Staff Attorney Aden Baume

Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present and represented by Attorney Ellen Costello.

Chair Bouffard sustained the Department's objection that the documents came after the deadline. Chair Bouffard overruled the Department's objection that the Respondent's documents are irrelevant, immaterial and/or repetitive. Respondent has until September 9, 2022 to submit corrected documentation. Any documents received after that date, will not be accepted.

The hearing will be re-scheduled for October 19, 2022.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW

Stephanie A. Esposito, R.N.

Petition Nos. 2021-4; 2021-294

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present, but Attorney Stanley Peck appeared on Respondent's behalf.

The Board recommended a reprimand and a civil penalty of \$5,000.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m. on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco.

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

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The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 12, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)
Jason Blando - (Public Member)
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member) (8:44 a.m.)
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)

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

ALSO PRESENT: Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Stacy Schulman, Staff Attorney, Board Counsel
Jeff Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH

The meeting commenced at 1 p.m. All participants were present via Microsoft TEAMS.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Regulation Changes for Nursing Education Programs and Licensure Requirements

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed revisions to the regulations.

Any public comments/feedback received will be forwarded to the Board.

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

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The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 16, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)
Jason Blando - (Public Member)
Geraldine Marrocco, Ed.D., APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP - (RN Member)
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE - (RN Member)
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)
Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member) (10:36 a.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC - (APRN Member)
Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Stacy Schulman, Staff Attorney, Board Counsel
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Dianne Bertucio, Board Liaison, DPH

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that she presented at student day sponsored by the CT Center for Nursing Workforce, Inc.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Gina Reiners made a motion to add the consent order for Kimberly Anglin to the agenda, seconded by Cynthia Arpin. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion to add the summary suspension for Margaret Dunnan to the agenda, seconded by Cynthia Arpin. The motion passed unanimously.

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

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard reported that there was a National Council Education Committee meeting on November 14, 2022 regarding ACEN standards. Chair Bouffard will send out a copy of the slide deck from the meeting. Mary Dietmann advised that the public is relying on the state website for test passing rates and it should be updated on a regular basis.

THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC. – Monthly Update

Linda Wagner provided an update for the Deans and Directors Council. A workshop is being planned for December 20, 2022. The Board discussed issues with nursing shortages.

Marcia Proto provided an update for the CT Center for Nursing Workforce.

MINUTES

Jennifer Long made a motion to approve the minutes for June 1, 2022, seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion unanimously passed, with the exception of Mary Dietmann and Cynthia Aprin who both abstained.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Nothing to report.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Porter and Chester Institute – Rocky Hill Campus Closure

Holly Breault appeared on behalf of Porter & Chester Institute.

Helen Smith reported that the Porter & Chester Institute Rocky Hill campus will be closing.

Western Connecticut State University – Letter of Intent

Jeannette Lupinacci appeared on behalf of Western Connecticut State University.

Western Connecticut State University intends to establish an accelerated Bachelor of Science and Nursing Program in the summer of 2024. Chair Bouffard thanked Jeannette Lupinacci.

Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers, Practical Nursing Program – Department Site Visit

Kayla Bennett and Amanda Sleeper(sp?) appeared on behalf of Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers.

Helen Smith reported on the DPH on-site tour of the Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers' campus and a subsequent virtual tour for the practical nurse program.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to deny the appropriateness of the space at Griffin Hospital, seconded by Jason Blando. The motion failed.

Chair Bouffard requested Griffin Hospital School to provide an addendum identifying where the faculty offices and parking will be on campus in advance of the December, 2022 meeting.

Stone Academy – Revised Corrective Action Plans – East Hartford and West Haven Evening Programs

Dr. Brian Pervis, Gary Evans, Ann Cooper, and Erin Walton appeared on behalf of Stone Academy.

Jennifer Long made a motion to accept the Stone Academy East Hartford Campus Evening Division corrective action plan, seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Rebecca Martinez and Jason Blound, who opposed.

Gina Reiners made a motion to accept the Stone Academy West Haven Campus Evening Division corrective action plan, seconded by Cynthia Aprin. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Sheryl Lacoursiere, APRN, RN Petition Nos. 2021-1072;2021-1199 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Stacey Thompson. Attorney Ellen Costello appeared on behalf of the Respondent. Respondent was not present. Gina Reiners recused herself from this matter.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to withdraw the statement of charges for petitions numbered 2021-1072 and 2021-1199 against Sheryl LaCoursiere. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Gina L. Candelori-Bertola, RN Petition No. 2021-1210 Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Gina L. Candelori-Bertola. 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.

The hearing will be scheduled for December 21, 2022.

Margaret Dunnan, RN Petition No. 2021-1098 Staff Attorney Aden Baume

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Margaret Dunnan. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Cynthia Aprin 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.

The hearing will be scheduled for December 21, 2022.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Stone Academy West Haven Campus Day Program – Revised Fact Finding

Dr. Brian Pervis, Gary Evans, Attorney Aaron Bayer, and Erin Walton appeared on behalf of Stone Academy.

Attorney Schulman reviewed the history of this matter. The Board has received a Memorandum of Decision to vote on, but has been informed that the Stone Academy West Haven Day Program is be closing making the Memorandum of Decision moot. The record needs to be opened to determine if the Board's findings remain.

Attorney Schulman entered the October 19, 2022 letter from Stone Academy signed by Erin Walton into the record.

Jennifer Long made a motion to modify the current order since West Haven Day Program is closed there is no further action to be taken by the Board, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS

Kimberly Anglin, RN Petition No. 2022-12 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent and her attorney were not present.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a four-year probation with conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

Lisa M. Alexander, RN Petition No. 2020-697 Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and a six-month probation period with conditions, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously.

Marcus Anthony Garcia, RN Petition No. 2019-1240 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present.

Jennifer Long made a motion to approve the Consent Order which imposes a three-month suspension followed by a four-year probation period, seconded by Lisa Freeman. The motion passed unanimously.

Dawn Hobill, LPN Petition No. 2022-272 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand on the license and a six-month probation with conditions, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion passed unanimously.

John D. Mosher, RN Petition No. 2022-888 Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Jennifer Long made a motion to approve the Consent Order in which the license is surrendered, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW

Jemma Wettish, Unlicensed RN Petition No. 2022-863 Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Respondent was present, but not represented by counsel.

The Board recommended 3 years of probation for reinstatement and a refresher course.

HEARINGS

Kristin Brice, LPN Petition No. 2022-913 Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan

Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present, but not represented by counsel.

The Statement of Charges were read into the record and Respondent admitted or denied each

charge.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to go into executive session, which was seconded by Lisa Freeman to hear closing argument that discussed protected information. The motion passed

Mary Dietmann made a motion to come out of executive session, which was seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann that Respondent be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion to extend probation from March 2023 for another year with conditions and a key restriction, seconded by Lisa Freeman. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners made a motion to vacate the suspension for Respondent effective November 16, 2022, seconded by Lisa Freeman. The motion passed unanimously.

Tabitha Moche, APRN, RN Petition Nos. 2022-995; 2022;996 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton
Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present and was not represented by counsel.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to continue the hearing after determining that Respondent needs to be re-noticed, seconded by Jennifer Long. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long made a motion to accept the Amended Statement of Charges dated October 28, 2022, seconded by Mary Dietmann.

The hearing will remain open.

Stone Academy East Hartford Campus Day Program

Dr. Brian Pervis, Gary Evans, Attorney Aaron Bayer, Ann Cooper, Dr. Sharon Matkowski and Erin Walton appeared on behalf of Stone Academy. Dr. Pervis, Gary Evans, Ann Cooper, Dr. Sharon Matkowski and Erin Walton were sworn-in.

Helen Smith was sworn-in for DPH.

Chair Bouffard explained that the hearing is to determine whether the Board will close the Stone Academy East Hartford Campus day program or extend conditional approval.

Attorney Schulman read the exhibits into the record. Attorney Bayer did not object to any of the exhibits.

Gary Evans adopted his prefiled testimony as his own.

Helen Smith testified that she works in the licensing and investigation section of the Department of Public Health. Ms. Smith performs investigations based on complaints or referrals to DPH.

Attorney Bayer presented his opening statement on behalf of Stone Academy. Witnesses for Stone Academy testified as to changes made with the program and their respective experience. Stone Academy has a new leadership team in place. Gary Evans testified as to the changes implemented to address the low pass rates.

The Board questioned the witnesses regarding the program. The Board was concerned with the low passage rates and attrition rates of students.

Gina Reiners stated that the regulations provide for the suspension of enrollment of students if the Board removes the program from the list of approved programs.

Mary Dietmann made a motion for the Department of Public Health's Commissioner to remove Stone Academy's East Hartford Campus day program from the list of approved programs in the State of Connecticut, seconded by Rebecca Martinez. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Chair Bouffard and Gina Reiners, who opposed.

A memorandum of decision will be sent to the DPH Commissioner for final approval.

Jacquelyn O'Connor, LPN

Petition No. 2020-845

Staff Attorney Aden Baume

Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present and represented by Ellen Costello.

Chair Bouffard explained this is a continuation of the hearing for Jacquelyn O'Connor.

Attorney Schulman entered the Notice of Continuance dated October 20, 2022 into the record.

Cynthia Aprin made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Lisa Freeman. The motion passed unanimously.

The hearing was closed, but the record was left open. It will be continued to either December or January. Chair Bouffard will send out proposed dates to the Board.

Liza Paulsen, RN.

Petition No. 2019-1389

Staff Attorney Aden Baume

Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Gene Zingaro appeared for the Respondent.

Gina Reiners made a motion to continue the hearing of Liza Paulsen, seconded by Rebecca Martinez. The motion passed unanimously.

Attorney Zingaro will put the motion for continuance in writing. The hearing will remain open.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. on a motion by Cynthia Aprin, seconded by Rebecca Martinez.

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