

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Nursing Board (Regular Meeting)
DATE: August 9, 2023
TIME: 8:30 AM
LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS

MEETING MINUTES

Name	Member	Present (Y/N)	DPH STAFF	Present (Y/N)
Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, DNSc, Chairperson	RN Member	Y	Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Helen Smith, DPH	Y
Jason Blando	Public	Y	Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Laura Morris, DPH	Y
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	N	Tyra Peluso, Board Liaison	Y
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC	APRN Member	Y		
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y		
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y		
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	Y		
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y		

1. CHAIR UPDATE – Discussion of Additional Meetings:

Gina Reiners moved to add an additional board meeting to each month to be held on the first Wednesday of the month in accordance with the board member participation schedule drafted by counsel. Brett Prestia seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gina Reiners moved to apply the same participation schedule to the regular monthly board meeting held on the third Wednesday of the month; Cynthia Arpin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT : Patricia Delucia Dean of Nursing of Lincoln Tech spoke about reciprocity issues in Massachusetts.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Review and approve minutes from the July 19, 2023 meeting.

Rebecca Martinez moved to approve the minutes to reflect from July 19, 2023. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Jason Blando abstained. The Motion was unanimously opposed.

Rebecca Martinez moved to amend the minutes to reflect the proper credentials for Salvatore Diaz and the proper spelling of Gina Reiners last name. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Jason Blando abstained. The Motion was unanimously opposed.

4. THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC : Marcia Proto, Executive Director presented.

5. SCHOOL ISSUES

- Office of Higher Education: Sean Seepersad presented an update regarding Stone Academy. He discussed a webinar that was provided for students. The Board was provided an audit report. *This discussion was for informational purposes only. No votes were taken.*

- Albertus Magnus College – Approval of the appointment of Cynthia Jeffrey, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE.

Jaime Sinutko and Cynthia Jeffrey were present. Helen Smith made a presentation. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the appointment of Cynthia Jeffrey, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE as Nursing Director. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Jason abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Arizona College of Nursing – Second Quarterly Report – Vincent Salyers and Deborah Long were present. Helen Smith, DPH made a presentation and noted that no campus or clinical visits were made. *This discussion was for informational purposes only. No votes were taken.*

- Central Connecticut State University – Approval of the Appointment of Kerri Langevin, EdD, APRN, PPCNP-BC

Kerri Langevin was present. Helen Smith made a presentation. Gina Reiners moved to approve of appointment of Kerri Langevin, EdD, APRN, PPCNP-BC as Department Chair of the Nursing Department. Mary Dietmann seconded. Patricia Bouffard abstained. Unanimously approved.

- Central Connecticut State University – Request for Approval of Corrective Action Plan. Kerri Langevin present. Gina Reiners moved to approved the corrective action plan. Brett Prestia seconded. Brett Prestia and Patricia Bouffard abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to place CCSU pre-licensure nursing program on conditional status. Gina Reiners seconded. Brett Prestia and Patricia Bouffard abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Connecticut State Community College Nursing Program at Capital Community College – Approval of the appointment of Catherine Leary, DNP, MSN, RN, RRT

Catherine Leary was present. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the appointment Of Catherine Leary, DNP, MSN, RN, RRT as Director of Nursing. Jason Blando seconded. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Goodwin University - Request for Approval of Corrective Action Plan for Associate Degree in Nursing Program and Accelerated BSN Degree program. Vivienne Friday, Bruce Hoffman, and Heather Massicotte were present.

Brett Prestia moved to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Associate degree in Nursing Program. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. Gina Reiners abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to continue conditional approval for the associate degree nursing program. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. Gina Reiners abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Cynthia Reiners moved to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Accelerated BSN degree program. Brett Prestia seconded. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. Gina Reiners abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to continue a second year of conditional approval for the Accelerated BSN degree nursing program. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. Gina Reiners abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers Practical Nursing Program – Amanda Bell was present. Helen Smith provided an update and noted a visit with the Office of Higher Education has not taken place.

Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the new location from 727 Rubber Avenue to 1188 New Haven Road in Naugatuck for the second campus in Naugatuck for Griffin Hospital School of Allied Health Careers Practical Nursing Program. Mary Dietmann seconded. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Quinnipiac University - Request for Approval of Corrective Action Plan for Traditional and Accelerated Bachelor of Science Nursing Programs. Larry Slater, Lisa O'Connor, and Lisa Rebesch were present.

Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Traditional Bachelor of Science Nursing Programs. Gina Reiners seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to place the Traditional Bachelor of Science Nursing Program on conditional status. Rebecca Martinez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Accelerated Bachelor of Science Nursing Programs. Jennifer Long seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to place the Accelerated Bachelor of Science Nursing Program on conditional status. Gina Reiners seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- University of Connecticut – Approval of the Appointment of Victoria Vaughan Dickson, PhD, RN, CRNP, FHFA, FAHA, FAAN. Vicky Dickson was present.

Gina Reiners moved to approve the Appointment of Victoria Vaughan Dickson, PhD, RN, CRNP, FHFA, FAHA, FAAN as Dean of the School of Nursing. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Yale University School of Nursing – Approval of Appointment of Azita Emami, PhD, MSN, RNT, RN, FAAN

Carmen Borthio, Executive Deputy Dean, was present.

Gina Reiners moved to approve the appointment of Azita Emami, PhD, MSN, RNT, RN, FAAN as Dean of the School of Nursing. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Brett Prestia recused himself. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

- Kristen Brice, LPN: Petition No. 2022-913: Gina Reiners moved to approve the MOD. Jennifer Long seconded. The motion was unanimously opposed. Gina Reiners moved to approve the MOD with an amendment to “NOTE TO JOY” from paragraph 1C of the Order on page 9. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Herbert Terry III, LPN: Petition No. 2023-453: Gina Reiners moved to approve the MOD. Brett Prestia seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

- Michelle Rosa-Harris, LPN: Petition Nos. 2023-483, 2023-886 - Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan for the Department; Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt for Respondent.

Cynthia Arpin moved to add the motion to amend the statement of charges to the agenda. Gina Reiners seconded. Mary Dietmann abstained. A roll call vote was taken. Jason Blando and Jennifer Long opposed. The remainder of the board members present voted to approve.

Gina Reiners moved to approve the amended statement of charges. Cynthia Reiners seconded. Brett Prestia abstained. A roll call vote was taken. Jason Blando and Jennifer Long opposed. The remainder of the board members present voted to approve.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the motion to summarily suspend. Rebecca Martinez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. CONSENT ORDERS

- Shirlee A. Bochanis, LPN: Petition No. 2022-728 - Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina for the Department; Respondent did not appear. Gina Reiners moved to approve the Consent Order. Brett Prestia seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Rebecca E. Cuddy, RN: Petition No. 2022-1051 - Staff Attorney Joelle Newton for the Department, Respondent did not appear. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Consent Order. Jennifer Long seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Nora Garriga, RN: Petition No. 2021-836 - Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan for the Department, Respondent did not appear. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Consent Order. Brett Prestia seconded. Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. HEARINGS

- Mary Elizabeth Taylor, RN*: Petition No. 2023-581 - Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department; Respondent represented herself.

Respondent provided an answered on the record: 1 – admit, 2 – admit, 3 – admit; 4a – deny, 4b – deny, 4c – deny, 4d – deny, 4e – deny, 4f – admit, 5 – deny, 6 – deny

Jennifer Long left at 1:15 pm

Gina Reiners moved to go into executive session at 2:01 pm to discuss Respondent's medical records. Cynthia Arpin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board returned to public session at 3:23 pm.

Gina Reiners moved to find that the Department sustained its burden of proof on all charges. Cynthia Arpin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gina Reiners moved to revoke. Rebecca seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Jacqueline McInerney, RN*: Petition No. 2022-1112 - Staff Attorney Aden Baume for the Department, Respondent was present.

Respondent requested a continuance.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the continuance request. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Kerilee Francis, RN, APRN*: Petition No, 2022-1087, 2022-1169 - Staff Attorney Aden Baume for the Department; Respondent did not appear.

Cynthia Arpin moved to add to the agenda the Department's motion to withdraw the statement of charges based on Respondent's voluntary surrender of her license. Rebecca Martinez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Rebecca Martinez moved to grant the motion to withdraw the statement of charges. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously granted.

- Keave Davis, RN*: Petition No. 2022-1096 - Staff Attorney Aden Baume for the Department; Attorney Ellen Costello for the Respondent. Respondent requested a continuance.

Mary Dietmann moved to grant the continuance request. Salvatore Diaz seconded. A roll call vote was taken. Brett Prestia opposed. The remainder of the board members present voted to approve.

Gina Reiners left at 3:35 pm

- Carol Pulliam, RN: Petition No. 2022-413 - Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina for the Department, Respondent did not appear

Attorney Fazzina moved to deem the allegations admitted.

Mary Dietmann moved to grant the motion to deem the allegations admitted. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Brett Prestia abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to find that the Department sustained its burden of proof on all Charges. Rebecca Martinez seconded. Brett Prestia absent. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to revoke. Rebecca Martinez seconded. Brett Prestia absent. The motion was unanimously approved

- Jacqueline Alumno, RN*: Petition No. 2023-137 - Staff Attorney Aden Baume for the Department, Respondent appeared.

Attorney Baume moved to amend the Statement of Charges add “December 22, 2022” in number 2 of the Charges.

Mary Dietmann moved to add Attorney Baume’s motion to amend the Statement of Charges to the agenda. Cynthia Arpin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to accept the amendment to the Statement of Charges. Cynthia Arpin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respondent answered the Statement of Charges on the record:

1 – admit, 2 – denied.

Mary Dietmann moved to find that the Department sustained its burden of proof on all charges. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Brett Prestia abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to revoke. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Jason Blando and Brett Prestia abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Proctor Norman Hayes, RN: Petition No. 2022-409 - Staff Attorney Joelle Newton for the Department, Respondent did not appear.

Attorney Newton moved to deem the allegations admitted.

Brett Prestia moved to grant the motion to deem the allegations admitted. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to find that the Department sustained its burden of proof on all charges. Brett Prestia seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to revoke. Brett Prestia seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Charles F. Wetmore, RN, APRN: Petition No.: 2019-828, 2022-1139 - A continuance in this matter was granted prior to the hearing.

Rebecca Martinez moved to adjourn at 5:09 pm. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.