

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 16, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair  
Patricia Bouffard, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Joan Dobbins, RN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
John Titsworth, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Ralph Efrid, Court Reporter

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Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:13 AM

STUDENTS - There were no students in attendance.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE

The Board reviewed documentation received from Dr. Terry Bosworth at Saint Joseph College requesting a faculty education waiver to Jessica Martin Cummings. Ms. Cummings is currently a student in good standing at the University of Hartford, enrolled in her final semester of the Masters in Nursing Education Program and anticipated to graduate in May, 2008. The program does not have any current waivers. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant Ms. Cummings conditional approval for a one-year waiver pending receipt of the complete transcript. Upon receipt of the transcript, full approval will be granted.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

RODRICK SHANKS, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Rodrick Shanks. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Mr. Shank's license of probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Heidi Darling.

MATTHEW BERUBE, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Matthew Berube. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Board affirm their decision to revoke Mr. Berube's license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Heidi Darling.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SARA KAISER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sara Kaiser. Ms. Kaiser was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 6, 2008.

PREHEARING REVIEW – BARBARA KHAN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Barbara Khan. Ms. Kahn was present but not represented. The Board requested that this matter be brought to hearing.

PREHEARING REVIEW – TRACY SHUGRUE, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Tracy Shugrue. Ms. Shugrue was present but not represented. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the current Consent Order, Petition No. 2006-1124-010-104, remain effect. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – ELIZABETH BURNS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Elizabeth Burns. Ms. Burns was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Chair Bafundo. Joan Dobbins signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – WENDY KRAYESKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Wendy Krayeski. Ms. Krayeski was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CATHERINE HAASE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Catherine Haase. Ms. Haase was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept this Consent Order with modifications as suggested by the Board. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

Linda Sacheli arrived at 10:40 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARY ANNE DORFLINGER, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mary Anne Dorflinger. Ms. Dorflinger was not and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 6, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHRYN PISCITELLO, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathryn Piscitello. Ms. Piscitello was present although she did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 18, 2008. It was the recommendation of the Board that the current Consent Order/probation be extended for a minimum of six months.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – DAWN NOYCE, RN, LPN

Legal office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Dawn Noyce. Ms. Noyce was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 6, 2008.

HEARING – FRANCINE FEATHLER, RN

The hearing convened at 10:49 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Feathler was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. There was no testimony provided. The hearing concluded at 11:03 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. Feathler be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. Feathler's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## HEARING – JUDY SMYTH, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:07 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Smyth was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Jacqueline Hoell was present to provide counsel to the Board. There was no testimony provided. The hearing concluded at 11:16 AM.

Joan Dobbins moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that Ms. Smyth be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Joan Dobbins moved and Susan Neistein seconded that Ms. Smyth's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 11:25 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 6, 2008 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair  
Patricia Bouffard, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Joan Dobbins, RN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
John Titsworth, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH

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Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:23 AM.

## **STUDENTS**

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from the American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts, Capital Community College, UConn School of Nursing, and the University of Hartford.

Chair Bafundo provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

## **CHAIR UPDATES**

Chair Bafundo will be attending the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Mid Year Meeting at the beginning of the March. She plans to attend two days of the meeting and will miss International Day, which is the last day, so she can return for the Business meeting on March 5, 2008.

## **OPEN FORUM**

There were no questions from the observers.

## ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

- Attorney Martha Murray's Request for Order to Remove Licensure Posting in the Jaime Watson, RN, case
- Quinnipiac University Waiver Request
- Connecticut Community College
- Stone Academy Approval Status
- Porter & Chester Approval Status

## LEGISLATION

Today is opening day of the 2008 Legislative Session which is scheduled through May 7, 2008.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE – NCLEX UPDATE

The Board reviewed the written NCLEX reports for December 2007 and January 2008 received from Janice Costello, Director of the RN Program at Goodwin College. The reports were accepted as written.

The Board also reviewed Ms. Costello's request to grant the program full approval. The Board did acknowledge the improvement in the NCLEX scores and the extensive amount of work that has been and continues to be expended. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the NCLEX results of the December 2007 class must be reviewed before any decisions can be made regarding program status. The motion passed unanimously.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – WAIVER REQUESTS

The Board stated that all members need all documentation prior to the meeting or the Board will not review the request. All documents must be legible.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – FACULTY EDUCATION WAIVERS

Dr. Kathleen Fries was present for this discussion.

### Loretta Murphy

The program is requesting a waiver for Ms. Murphy to enable her to serve as a clinical instructor for the Spring 2008 session where she would be supervising a clinical group of sophomore students on a Med-Surg Unit at Milford Hospital. Ms. Murphy has a Masters in Public Administration from NYU and has completed 12 credits in a Masters of Nursing Education program at Teacher's College. Ms. Murphy has worked in Med-Surg ICU since 1998 at St. Vincent's Medical Center. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant Ms. Murphy a permanent waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

### Jill Caiola

The program is requesting a waiver for Ms. Caiola to enable her to serve as a clinical instructor for the Spring 2008 session where she would be supervising a clinical group of sophomore students on a Med-Surg Unit at Griffin Hospital where she currently works. Ms. Caiola is enrolled in the MSN, APRN Program at Quinnipiac University and will graduate in May, 2008. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to grant the Spring 2008 waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

### Andrea Calaluce

The program is requesting a waiver for Ms. Calaluce to supervise a clinical group of sophomore students at Griffin Hospital and senior students at Yale New Haven Hospital. Ms. Calaluce is matriculated in the SHU Clinical Nurse leader program and is expected to receive the MSN in August 2008; she is in good standing as a student. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to renew the waiver for Spring 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

### Kathleen Ann Agis

The program is requesting a waiver for Kathleen Ann Agis to supervise a clinical group of junior students at Norwalk Hospital in Maternal Health Nursing. Ms. Agis has completed 15 credits at Stonybrook and 16 credits at the University of Phoenix in their MSN Programs. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded to grant Ms. Agis a one year temporary waiver pending receipt of evidence of matriculation. The motion passed with all in favor.

### SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES – J. M. WRIGHT LPN PROGRAM

The Board reviewed the most recent NCLEX report in which one more students attempted the NCLEX and failed. At the October 1, 2007 meeting plans and procedures were discussed that would be put in place to increase the pass rate of 80% for the class of 2006. The Board requested an update regarding the plan of correction as to what has been put in place to change the factors that impacted the NCLEX scores.

### SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE

The Board reviewed the NCLEX results for the first graduating class of Porter and Chester Institute. This class scored 91.6%. Katherine Pellerin moved and Joan Dobbins seconded to lift the conditional status and grant the program full approval. The motion passed unanimously.

### SCHOOL ISSUES – UCONN SCHOOL OF NURSING – NCLEX SCORES

At the December 19, 2007 Board Meeting the Board accepted Dr. Bavier's plan of correction to increase the NCLEX scores for both nursing programs at UConn. The Board would like to receive the report in writing, so that the Board can review these strategies with Dr. Bavier at the time of the next scheduled NCLEX report if necessary.

### SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY – EAST HARTFORD CAMPUS

The Board reviewed the NCLEX results for the students enrolled in the LPN program at the East Hartford campus. The first graduating class received a NCLEX score of 87.5%. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the East Hartford Campus of Stone Academy be granted full approval. The motion passed unanimously.

### SCHOOL ISSUES – CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Board reviewed questions received from Dr. Susan Abbe, Nursing Curriculum Specialist for Connecticut Community Colleges, regarding evaluation dates. It was the unanimous decision of that Board Members that based on the tentative starting date of Fall 2008, a two year executive summary is acceptable at this time. The motion passed with all in favor. However, the Board may request more frequent reports if deemed necessary and concluded that it was premature at this time to address a date for the school's self-evaluation.

### SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Most recent calls included several calls on RN supervision of LPNs, and also calls resurfacing on Propofol.

Break 10:24 AM – 10:50 AM

REQUEST TO MODIFY MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – DONNA LEE DeLOS SANTOS, LPN

Ms. DeLos Santos was present to request the lifting of the key restriction on her LPN license. Ms. DeLos Santos has not worked as a nurse since her probation began. She has been working as a mental health worker and there is a possibility that there may be a position as a medication nurse. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. DeLos Santos may take the position at Yale and the key restriction would be lifted specific to this position only. If Ms. DeLos Santos changes employers or units she would have to return to the Board to request modification of the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO MODIFY CONSENT ORDER – LINDA DeLISLE, LPN

This item was tabled as the Board requested further information.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the following Memoranda of Decision to the Board for signature.

JESSICA VITALE, RN

Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Vitale's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor.

JESSICA BLANCHETTE, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Blanchette's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor.

STACEY JANKOWSKI, LPN

Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Jankowski's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor.

REQUEST FOR ORDER TO REMOVE LICENSURE POSTING – JAIME WATSON, RN

The hearing in this case was held on November 21, 2007. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding took place on December 19, 2007. At the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board voted that the charges be dismissed. Due to the fact that there were no hearings on December 19<sup>th</sup> there was not a court reporter; therefore, the case could not be dismissed on the record and we are awaiting the Memorandum of Decision. Effective today, policy will now be that Jennifer Filippone will be notified via e-mail by Janice E. Wojick or Jeffrey A. Kardys when all charges are dismissed at a hearing so that the Connecticut Licensing Information Center (ct-clic.com) may be updated prior to issuance of a written decision.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – Patricia Sullivan, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan was not present although she was represented by Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order. Attorney Pellett filed a continuance request to August 20, 2008 which was granted. The Notice of Hearing was signed by Chair Bafundo.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Patricia Integlia. Ms. Integlia was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 20, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DAWN SPINNEY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Dawn Spinney. Ms. Spinney was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 20, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SARAH THOMS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sarah Thoms. Ms. Thoms was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Thoms approached the Board and requested a continuance to July 16, 2008 which was granted. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for July 16, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHERYL HOWE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Cheryl Howe. Ms. Howe was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 20, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAUL PITNEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Paul Pitney. Mr. Pitney was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board. Joan Dobbins moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 20, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – NICOLE LaPOINTE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nicole LaPointe. Due to the fact that Ms. LaPointe is under an Interim Consent Order (ICO), Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this matter be tabled to the next meeting. The ICO expires on February 20, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MODIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MELISSA BROCIIOUS, RN

Legal Office Section Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Modification of a Memorandum of Decision for Melissa Brocious. The Assistant Attorney General questioned as to whether Ms. Brocious was aware that this was going forward today and whether or not she had any objections. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the request for modification be tabled until we receive something in writing from Ms. Brocious as to her awareness of the proceedings and whether or not she has an objection. The motion passed unanimously.

#### CONSENT ORDER – ANN E. COCKS, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ann E. Cocks. Ms. Cocks was present with counsel, Attorney Bonnie Patton. Joan Dobbins moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER - ROCKFELLER SAINT-MARC, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Rockefeller Saint-Marc. Mr. Saint-Marc was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Patricia Bouffard moved and Joan Dobbins seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. When the Proposed Consent Order was presented to the Board it was their recommendation that Mr. Saint-Marc take a course in medication administration in addition to the courses outlined in the Proposed Consent Order. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – MICHAEL BORELLI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Michael Borelli. Mr. Borelli was present with counsel, Attorney Robert Boynton. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – ANNETTE SABUKEWICZ, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Annette Sabukewicz. Ms. Sabukewicz was present without representation. Joan Dobbins moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:50 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 20, 2008 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair  
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member  
Patricia Bouffard, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member via phone 9:15 - 10:45 AM

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amanda Campbell, RN  
Merrily G. Moynihan, Public Member  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM

## **STUDENTS**

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Kaynor Tech, UConn School of Nursing, Saint Joseph's College, the University of Hartford, and Capital Community College.

Chair Bafundo and Patricia Bouffard will provide the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs throughout the meeting.

## **MEMORANDUM OF DECISION - PAMELA LYDING, RN**

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Lyding. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Lyding's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone.

There was a prior motion for compliance with the UAPA which was denied due to the fact that the MOD in the Pamela Lyding case was signed at this meeting.

## **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - PAULA REGAN, RN**

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Regan was not present and was not represented by counsel, Attorney Chris DeMarco, at this meeting. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 5, 2008 for 11:00 AM.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – NICOLE LaPOINTE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nicole LaPointe. Ms. LaPointe was not present and was not represented by counsel, Attorney Charles Thompson. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for March 5, 2008 at 11:00 AM.

#### MODIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MELISSA BROCIOS, RN

Legal Office Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with a Modification of a Memorandum of Decision. Patricia Bouffard moved and Aura Alvarado seconded that the Modification be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone.

#### CONSENT ORDER – CANDY LYN ASUNCION, RN

Legal Office Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Asuncion. Ms. Asuncion was not present and did not have representation. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded the Consent Order for discussion. After discussion the motion passed with all in favor including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone with Patricia Bouffard changing her vote to opposed. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Dushay. Ms. Dushay was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – JENNIFER TELAGE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Telage. Ms. Telage was present without counsel. Patricia Bouffard moved and Aura Alvarado seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – CURTIS HARMON, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Curtis Harmon. Mr. Harmon was present with Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Patricia Bouffard moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – CONCETTA MANCINI, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Concetta Mancini. Ms. Mancini was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER - KATHERYN PISCITELLO, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Katheryn Piscitello. Ms. Piscitello was not present and was not represented. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously including Ivelisse Varrone who was available via telephone. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

Break 10:25 AM – 10:40 AM

#### HEARING – CHERYL HOWE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Howe was present and requested a continuance in order to negotiate a Consent Order with the Department. The Board instructed Ms. Howe to have her medical records provided to the Department by March 19, 2008 and the hearing was continued to April 2, 2008 as which time the Consent Order would be presented to the Board.

#### HEARING – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:45 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Integlia was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Integlia. The hearing closed at 11:30 AM. Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

#### HEARING – DEBORAH GRIFFIN-COLLUM, RN - REINSTATEMENT

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Griffin-Collum was present without representation. Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present to provide counsel to the Board. Testimony was provided by Ms. Griffin-Collum. The hearing concluded. Due to the fact that there was not a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at a later date.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:45 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 5, 2008 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair  
Patricia Bouffard, RN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from A. I. Prince LPN Program, Lincoln Tech LPN Program, the University of Hartford, the University of Connecticut, and Capital Community Technical College.

Chair Bafundo provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### NEW BOARD MEMBER

Chair Bafundo welcomed Amanda Campbell, RN, who was appointed by the Governor to serve as an RN Member replacing Joan Dobbins who served as an RN Member. Chair Bafundo spoke with Joan Dobbins last night and Joan asked Chair Bafundo to extend her farewell to the Board Members. This is the loss of a great leader to the nursing community. Joan has served on this Board since 1997 volunteering her time to help protect the health and safety of the citizens of the State of Connecticut. Joan's absence will definitely be a great loss to the Board and the citizens of the State of Connecticut.

#### CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bafundo attended the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting in Chicago this past weekend.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Three Rivers Community College – New Director  
Quinnipiac University

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Karen Buckley-Bates, Director of Government Relations at the Department of Public Health, was present to update the Board and answer questions regarding legislative issues for the 2008 Legislative Session.

Ms. Bates also informed the Board that Nancy Nicolescu has left the Office of Government Relations to be the Director of Communications, Legislative Affairs and Candidate Services at the State Elections Enforcement Commission. This will be a great loss for the Office of Government Relations at the Department of Public Health.

## OPEN FORUM

Lynn Keenan spoke to the Board regarding the new language in urine specimen collection. The nursing community would like the Department to consider rewording the specimen collection language as the new language "Eye-to-Urethra" is humiliating. Diane Cybulski will bring the comments back to the Department/Bonnie Pinkerton.

Elizabeth Beaudin, CHA, reported on SB470 An Act Concerning the Shortage of Nursing and Allied Health Professionals.

## SCHOOL ISSUES: CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGES – NURSE ADMINISTRATOR

The Connecticut Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has appointed Linda Perfetto as Nurse Administrator of the Connecticut Community Colleges Nursing Program (CT-CCNP) pending Board of Examiners for Nursing approval. Dr. Susan Abbe, Nursing Curriculum Specialist, and Linda Perfetto were present for this discussion. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the appointment of Linda Perfetto of Nurse Administrator of the CT-CCNP be accepted and the Board wishes Ms. Perfetto well in this new endeavor. The motion passed with all in favor.

## SCHOOL ISSUES: THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR

Linda Perfetto, Director of the Nursing and Allied Health Program at Three Rivers, presented the Board with the curriculum vitae of Ellen T. Freeman, RN, MS, who will be the new Interim Director of the Nursing Program as Linda Perfetto has accepted a three-year appointment as the Nurse Administrator of the Connecticut Community Colleges Nursing Program. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to approve Ms. Freeman for this position and wishes her well in her new role. The motion passed unanimously.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY – LETTER OF INTENT FOR BSN PROGRAM

The Board received a letter of intent from Central CT State University (CSU) to seek approval of a new four-year Baccalaureate of Nursing Science Program. Over the past year the program proposal has moved through the School of Education and University Curriculum Committees followed by approval of the Council of Provosts and the CSU Board of Trustees. The application for approval has been sent to the State Department of Higher Education (DHE). There will be a site visit from DHE in March.

It is anticipated that the program will start in Fall 2008 with a pre-nursing freshman class. Admission to the program will be in Spring 2009. The number of students accepted per class each year will be 50. Projected enrollment over the next three years will be 150 students without accounting for attrition. This program will offer both day and evening classes with clinical rotations as arranged. The program will present their Feasibility Study to the Board at the April 2, 2008 meeting. Both Chair Bafundo and Donna Canalis have had discussions with Linda Wager regarding the timeline and process as we have to adhere to the Nursing Program Regulations.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – J. M. WRIGHT LPN PROGRAM – UPDATE PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR NCLEX

Donna Canalis received a written report from J. M. Wright LPN Program regarding their update plan of correction for NCLEX. Mary Ann Kennedy, Program Director for the J. M. Wright Program, and Patricia Fennessy, Consultant for CT Technical High School LPN Programs, were present for this discussion. The program has reviewed facility issues, enrollment issues, student issues, and program issues and changes are being implemented for the future. Improving critical thinking skills has become the faculty's number one priority. By using problem based learning scenarios which faculty have developed, it is expected that the student will take the initiative to look up all information included in the scenario and develop strategies for providing nursing care that include the nursing process and patient teaching. Faculty are continually examining the performance of their students both clinically and academically and striving for improvement. Test taking skills, note taking, outlining, study, and more global thinking are skills that faculty have stressed during the current class. In addition, faculty are including NCLEX test questions, from study guides, in exams that were previously comprised solely of test bank questions that accompanied texts. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the plan of correction be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – GOODWIN COLLEGE

Donna Canalis provided the Board with February 20, 2008 progress report from Goodwin College on their Plan of Correction regarding the school's NCLEX pass rates. The Board accepted the report as written. The Board is awaiting updated NCLEX scores before they can lift the Conditional Status.

## NORTH DAKOTA LPN REFRESHER COURSE

The Board reviewed a letter from Becky Garner dated January 12, 2008 regarding the newly revised Practical Nurse Refresher course. The Board would like to review the course outline before granting approval. Once the course outline is received and reviewed the Board will render its decision.

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE – INTRAOSSEOUS INFUSION SYSTEMS

The Board Office received a written request from Debra Miller with questions regarding RNs and Intraosseous Infusion Lines. Ms. Miller was referred to the Board's Web Page for the Decision-Making Model and the Nurse Practice Act. Ms. Miller feels that this information does not fully answer her questions and is seeking further information. Ms. Miller was present for the discussion. The Board did not feel that the placement of the IO device or the use of the device for infusing fluids constituted the practice of medicine. However, the nurse needs to be appropriately trained according to the manufacturer of the device, as there are probably numerous types available and must demonstrate competency.

## CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski reviewed the calls received this month with the Board.

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE – RNs PERFORMING STUDENT PREGNANCY TESTS

The Board Office received an inquiry from Pat Klein, who was in attendance at this meeting, as to whether it is considered to be within the scope of practice for RNs to conduct/perform a pregnancy test for a student and to share those results with this student without the benefit of an MD order or a written policy of procedure from the employing institution. Ms. Klein has deep concerns as she firmly believes that the lives of students and the careers of nurses can be negatively affected by this task as it is presently being conducted. The Board stressed the language that a "prescriber relationship" must exist, which then would tie into having a MD/PA/APRN order.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bafundo attended the Mid Year Meeting in Chicago this past weekend. Topics discussed were as follows: continued competence, the August Annual Meeting, TERCAP, nursing shortage throughout the world, NURSYS – the NCSBN IT Department has been trying to set up a meeting with Connecticut to find out why CT is not a part of NURSYS, APRNs looking at standardized testing, credentialing foreign grads just to highlight a few.

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CASE SUMMARY QUARTERLY REPORT

The Board reviewed the quarterly case summary report. As in the past the majority of the cases closed in the last quarter were substance abuse/drug related 41%, followed by incompetence/negligence 22%, violation of probation 10%, reinstatements 6%, and the remainder were professional ethics, unprofessional conduct, scope of practice, illegal conduct, patient neglect, substance abuse/alcohol related, and pre-licensure which were all 3% each.

## MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 5 & 19, 2007 meetings and the January 16, 2008 meeting.

### December 5, 2007

Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Amanda Campbell.

### December 19, 2007

Patricia Bouffard moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Amanda Campbell.

### January 16, 2008

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Amanda Campbell.

## CONSENT ORDER – COLLEEN ALMADA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order for Colleen Almada. Ms. Almada was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bafundo signed the Order.

## HEARING – PAULA REGAN, RN

The hearing convened at Noon. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Regan was not present and did not have her representation of record, Attorney Chris DeMarco, present at the hearing. Attorney Antonetti made his opening statement and Department Exhibits were entered into the record. AAG DeMattia advised that the Board Office send a letter to Attorney DeMarco notifying him that the hearing commenced on March 5, 2008 but it was unclear to the Board whether it was Attorney DeMarco's intention to continue to represent Ms. Regan. The hearing will be rescheduled for April 2, 2008 and if counsel does not appear at the hearing, or otherwise communicate with the Board Office regarding this matter prior to the hearing date, the Board will deem Attorney DeMarco and Ms. Regan to have received legally sufficient notice of this proceeding, and the hearing will proceed. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that this hearing be adjourned at 12:15 PM and rescheduled for April 2, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

## HEARING – NICOLE LaPOINTE, RN

The hearing convened at 12:16 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya Demattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. LaPointe was not present and did not have her representation of record, Attorney Charles Thompson, present at the hearing. Attorney Antonetti made his opening statement and Department Exhibits were entered into the record. AAG DeMattia advised that the Board Office send a letter to Attorney Thompson notifying that him that the hearing commenced on March 5, 2008 but it was unclear to the Board whether it was Attorney Thompson's intention to continue to represent Ms. LaPointe. The hearing will be rescheduled for April 2, 2008 and if counsel does not appear at the hearing, or otherwise communicate with the Board Office regarding this matter prior to the hearing date, the Board will deem Attorney Thompson and Ms. LaPointe to have received legally sufficient notice of this proceeding, and the hearing will proceed. Linda Sacheli moved and Susan Neistein seconded that this hearing be adjourned at 12:25 PM and rescheduled for April 2, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:30 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on March 19, 2008 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair  
Patricia Bouffard, RN *arrived 11:27 AM*  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Darren Cunningham, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Vinal LPN Program and Saint Joseph's College.

Chair Bafundo provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### FACT FINDING – PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

The hearing for Patricia Integlia took place on February 20, 2008. Due to lack of a quorum on that day, Fact Finding was deferred until after the transcript was received. Transcripts were sent to all Board Members and exhibits were sent to all Board Members not in attendance the day of the hearing.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Fazzina seconded that Ms. Integlia be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved that Ms. Integlia's probation be extended for two years. Linda Sacheli seconded the motion for discussion. Katherine Pellerin then withdrew her motion and raised a new motion to cease the existing Consent Order and place Ms. Integlia's license on suspension through January 2009 followed by probation for four years with the normal probationary terms. The motion was seconded by Susan Neistein and passed unanimously.

#### FACT FINDING – DEBORAH GRIFFIN-COLLUM, RN – REINSTATEMENT HEARING

The hearing for Deborah Griffin-Collum took place on February 20, 2008. Due to lack of a quorum on that day, Fact Finding was deferred until after the transcript was received. Transcripts were sent to all Board Members and exhibits were sent to all Board Members not in attendance the day of the hearing.

Ms. Griffin-Collum was present for the Fact Finding. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Griffin-Collum's license be placed on probation for four years with the normal probationary terms. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SUMMARY SUSPENSION – HEATHER JEANETTI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Heather Jeanetti. Ms. Jeanetti was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Linda Sacheli moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing.

Attorney Murray was provided with a signed Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, and Summary Suspension Order. A copy will also be mailed first class mail to Ms. Jeanetti.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW – TRACY MALUK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Tracy Maluk. Ms. Maluk was not present and did not have representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that if the Department cannot substantiate the charges then the charges should be withdrawn. If the Department can prove that it was more than just hearsay, then the case should be brought before the Board for a hearing.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – NANCY PEREIRA, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Ms. Pereira. Ms. Pereira was present without representation. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – LISA WARREN, APRN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lisa Warren. Ms. Warren was present with counsel, Attorney Thomas Bucci. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bafundo signed the Consent Order.

#### CONSENT ORDER – ARLENE RAYMOND, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Arlene Raymond. Ms. Raymond was not present and did not have representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that this Consent Order be tabled for revised language regarding the monitoring and protocols.

#### CONSENT ORDER – KIMBERLY BURROWS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kimberly Burrows. Ms. Burrows was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – GEORGE STOWE, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Stowe was present with counsel, Attorney Thomas Bucci. Testimony was provided by Lavita Sookram, Department of Public Health Nurse Consultant Investigator, Cher Michaud, Department of Public Health Nurse Consultant Supervisor, and George Stowe. Board Member Patricia Bouffard arrived during Ms. Sookram's testimony. The hearing concluded at 11:40 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Mr. Stowe be found on all charges except 4D and the second part of 2 – not at Fresh Start. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Susan Neistein seconded that Mr. Stowe's license be placed on probation for one year with the following restrictions: quarterly reports from all employers with employer emphasis on scope of practice monitoring. There will be no substance abuse work for one year although Mr. Stowe will be allowed to continue employment at agency taking care of present child only. Mr. Stowe can only work in a facility which has RN/APRN on-site supervision. All employer reports need to include RN monitoring and exactly who is doing the monitoring. Mr. Stowe must complete coursework on legislation, legality, and scope of practice. Coursework must be completed by the end of the probationary period. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### HEARING – MARY SMYTH, RN

The hearing convened at 12:10 PM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Smyth was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Smyth. Exhibits were entered into the record and closing remarks were made by Ms. Smyth and Attorney Tilles. The hearing concluded at 1:00 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Smyth be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Smyth's license be placed on probation for four years with the normal probationary terms. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – PAMELA D. JOHNSON, RN

The hearing convened at 1:15 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Darren Cunningham was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Johnson was present although she did not have representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Johnson. The Board recessed for lunch from 1:25 PM to 2:07 PM during which time Susan Neistein and Amanda Campbell left for the day. The hearing concluded at 3:15 PM.

Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Johnson be found on all charges except 5b. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded that Ms. Johnson's license be reprimanded and that the Summary Suspension be vacated immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this hearing be adjourned at 3:25 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 2, 2008 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair  
Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member  
Patricia Bouffard, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from Lincoln Technical LPN Program, the University of Connecticut, the University of Hartford, and Capital Community College.

Chair Bafundo provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD

Chair Bafundo welcomed new Board Member Merrily Moynihan to the Board. Ms. Moynihan was appointed by the Governor to serve as a Public Member replacing John Titsworth.

#### OPEN FORUM

Polly Barey introduced Carol Bergeron who has been appointed as the Interim Executive Director for the Connecticut Nurses' Association.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

North Dakota LPN Refresher Program

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone provided an update to the Board from Karen Buckley-Bates who was unable to attend.

### HAVEN – Health Assistance interVention Education Network

Jennifer Filippone, Department of Public Health, and Maureen Dinnan, Counsel to HAVEN, Dr. Mary Jane Williams, Christi Holmes, Program Manager, and Program Director Dr. Douglas Gibson were present to provide the Board with a brief overview of the HAVEN Program. On June 11, 2007 Governor Rell signed Public Act 07-103 allowing the establishment of a confidential assistance program as an alternative to public discipline effective immediately. HAVEN is the health assistance intervention education network for Connecticut health professionals which covers 32 disciplines. HAVEN's existence is based on compliance with the statutes. A big piece of the legislation is accountability. The program's primary goal is patient safety. If the health care professional in the program is not in compliance with HAVEN they will be referred to the Department of Public Health. HAVEN has an oversight committee which will meet four times per year to review the program.

### SCHOOL ISSUES – ELI WHITNEY LPN PROGRAM

Anne Simko, Department Head, and Patricia Fennessy, Consultant for the CT Technical High School LPN Programs, were present for this discussion. A site visit was made to Eli Whitney on March 25 & 26, 2008. Students were observed providing care at the Hospital of Saint Raphael. Care provided included insulin injections, tracheostomy care, wound vac for a large abdominal wound, hospice care, infection control, observations in the OR. Observation of teaching and the exit conference for clinical demonstrated expertise in the ability to direct students to critically think through issues. The laboratory includes six computers with five computers newly purchased. Eight beds with 1 SIM mannequin, six newer mannequins, two upper torsos, four older mannequins, one bed with traction, one medication cart and three new ones ordered. The students requested a printer, which will be purchased. Salary for substitutes is now \$300.00 and should facilitate the hiring process. The students also request the need for financial assistance and counseling, which should improve with a new group called the Connecticut Women's Legal Fund. The students commended the establishment of a student web site by the administrator as an excellent tool. Handouts and power point were commended as well. The Board expressed concern that a substitute faculty member is not available and that custodial care of the lab area is the administrator's responsibility. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to approve the five-year evaluation as submitted. The motion passed unanimously. The program's next review will be in April 2013.

### SCHOOL ISSUES – LINCOLN TECHNICAL LPN PROGRAM

The Board discussed the 2008 NCLEX-PN Test Plan, and Lincoln Technical Program's request to present the new content to the Board prior to integrating it into the curriculum.

The Board agreed to review this new content prior to integration.

## SCHOOL ISSUES - CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY – FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Board reviewed Central Connecticut State University's (CCSU) submission of a Feasibility Study for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Present for this discussion were Dr. Carol Williams, Linda Wagner, and Meg Levvis.

The Board requested additional information which CCSU can present to the Board at their April 16, 2008 meeting with a prior mailing to the Board Members. The Board is specifically looking for a Feasibility Study which clearly substantiates the need for an RN program in the Greater Hartford area, while identifying the applicant pool and how they will be reached, demographics of the area, graduate employment opportunities, education and clinical facilities to be used, potential overlapping with other programs in the use of clinical facilities and the impact on both the proposed and existing programs. Will they have the ability to give your school the clinical experiences needed? There are a number of schools in this catchment area namely A. I. Prince, E. C. Goodwin, Lincoln Technical School, Stone Academy, Vinal Vocational School, Saint Joseph College, Capital Community College, to name a few.

The Board would like to know the impact this new program will have on the availability of clinical sites, nursing faculty, and employment of students.

These schools can be surveyed to determine the number of admissions, wait list, what facilities are being used for clinical, where are students funding employment, and how many graduate each year.

It is also important to ascertain if the wait lists for these schools reflect duplications (waiting lists that contain the same names).

Another question is what does CCSU consider to be their target population? If it includes high school students, how many students from area high schools are interested and qualified for their program? A survey with counselors would provide you with this information.

In addition, hospital surveys could provide the following information:

- how many students can be accepted at this site,
- what other nursing programs use this site,
- can the facility accommodate all the nursing programs including CCSU, and
- how will the facility accommodate CCSU's program.

This letter should not be viewed as an all inclusive documentation of the Board's discussions with the presenters from CCSU. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to table the Feasibility Study until the above information can be provided.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – NORTH DAKOTA NURSES' ASSOCIATION

The Board reviewed the submitted CNE-NET 2008 PN Refresher Course Outline. Katherine Pellerin moved and Patricia Bouffard seconded approval of the program. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES - GOODWIN COLLEGE - NCLEX UPDATE

The Board reviewed the written NCLEX Update for Goodwin College ADN Program. Janice Costello, Director, was present for this review. The Board reviewed and accepted the report outlining the NCLEX results for the classes of April 2007, August 2007, and December 2007. The total number of students attempting the NCLEX during these months was 99. The number of students passing the NCLEX on the first attempt was 83. The NCLEX pass rate is 83.8%. Conditional Status has been monitored since March 2006. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to lift the school's Conditional Status, and has granted Goodwin College Full Program Approval effective April 2, 2008. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board also congratulated Ms. Costello for her diligence and hard work in raising the NCLEX-RN pass rate to over the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES - PORTER & CHESTER LPN PROGRAM

The Board reviewed the documentation provided and agreed to review the three Feasibility Studies to be submitted by Porter and Chester Institute at their June 4, 2008 meeting. The Feasibility Studies to be reviewed include Rocky Hill, Enfield, and Branford.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES - COLORADO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

The Board reviewed the letter received from Colorado Technical University regarding approval for an RN to BSN Program being offered by their university. The Board Office will respond in writing that the Connecticut Board does not review and/or approve RN to BSN Programs.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Donna Canalis and Diane Cybulski provided the Board with an overview of the incoming calls during the month. There were several calls regarding standing order guidelines.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

The NCSBN Annual Meeting will be held in August and preparations are well underway.

There have been surveys recently on Botox and APRN practice.

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION - RONNIE RAMIREZ, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Ronnie Ramirez. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to table this MOD for editing.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - KAREN JACOBS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Karen Jacobs. Ms. Jacobs was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Patricia Bouffard moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER - SYLVIE MARSTON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Sylvia Marston. Ms. Marston was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Patricia Bouffard moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

### CONSENT ORDER – CAROL KASS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Carol Kass. Ms. Kass was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that this Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

### HEARING – NICOLE LaPOINTE, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. LaPointe was not present and did not have representation. Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. The hearing concluded at noon.

Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. LaPointe be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Linda Sacheli moved and Aura Alvarado seconded Ms. LaPointe's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:15 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on April 16, 2008 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Bafundo, RN, Chair  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member  
Patricia Bouffard, RN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Nancy Bafundo called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bafundo welcomed students from St. Vincent's College, Capital Community College, University of Hartford, University of Connecticut, and Saint Joseph's College.

Chair Bafundo reviewed the day's agenda with the students. At the conclusion of the last hearing Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION, CONSENT ORDERS, AND MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Due to lack of a quorum, and the unavailability to reach other Board Members via telephone, these agenda items were tabled to the May 7, 2008 meeting.

#### REINSTATEMENT HEARING – DENISE PINDER, RN

The hearing convened at 9:12 AM. Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Ms. Pinder was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Pinder. The hearing concluded at 9:30 AM.

Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place at a later date. Once received, transcripts will be mailed out to all Board Members, a Fact Finding date will be scheduled, and exhibits will be mailed to Board Members not in attendance.

## HEARING – STEVEN PROCACCINI, RN

The hearing convened at 9:35 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Mr. Procaccini was not present although his counsel, Attorney Walter Bainsley was in attendance. Attorney Bainsley has not been able to contact Mr. Procaccini for approximately two months and requested a continuance to the next available date. The hearing will be rescheduled for May 7, 2008 at 11:30 AM and notice will be sent certified mail, return receipt requested, to both Attorney Bainsley and Mr. Procaccini, and also sent first class mail to Mr. Procaccini. The hearing concluded at 10:35 AM. Transcripts will be mailed to all Board Members and exhibits will be mailed to all Board Members not in attendance.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 10:35 AM at which time Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 7, 2008 at the Hartford Hospital Newington Campus, 181 Patricia M. Genova Drive, Newington, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Aura Alvarado, Public Member  
Mary Brown, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Tech, Vinal Tech, and Western CT State University

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

## BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

On April 18, 2008 Chair Nancy Bafundo's received a letter from Governor Rell thanking her for her service as a member of the CT Board of Examiners for Nursing. The Board would like to thank Nancy for her thirteen years of service to the citizens of the State of Connecticut. The Board is grateful to Nancy for her commitment to its mission. Nancy faithfully carried out her responsibilities and always kept the public's protection and interests foremost. She will be greatly missed by the Board for her diligence as well as her kindness and good humor. Nancy has served as Chair of the BOEN since March of 1995 volunteering her time not only as Chair of the BOEN but has also served on several committees of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing as well as participation at the NCSBN Annual and Mid Year Meetings. Nancy was always more than willing to take time out of her busy schedule for presentations at nursing schools. This is the loss of a great leader to the nursing community.

The Board congratulates Patricia Bouffard on her appointment by Governor Rell as Chair of the BOEN replacing Nancy Bafundo. Patricia Bouffard has served as an RN Board Member since October of 2002.

The Board also welcomes Mary Brown as an RN Member. Ms. Brown is clinical faculty at the University of Connecticut School of Nursing.

Former Chair Nancy Bafundo was present to thank everyone on the Board, in the Department of Public Health, and in the nursing community for their assistance during her tenure as Chair of the BOEN.

Linda Sacheli presented greetings on behalf of the BOEN at the Annual Meeting of the CT Licensed Practical Nurse Association.

## ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Fact Finding – Denise Pinder, RN  
CCSU – New Chair of the nursing program

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with a Legislative Update. Today is the last day of the 2008 Legislative Session. On the horizon for the next legislative session will be biennial licensure for nurses.

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE – CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski the Board with this month's inquiries.

## SCHOOL ISSUES - CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Dr. Linda Wagner from CCSU was present. The Board reviewed the addendum to the Feasibility Study. The Board requested that a revised Budget Report be submitted at the next meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Feasibility Study be approved. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board will review the curriculum at their June 4, 2008 meeting.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY – NEW CHAIR

The Board reviewed and approved the Curriculum Vitae for Dr. Linda Wagner for the position of Chairperson of the Department of Nursing. The Board wishes Dr. Wagner well in her new endeavors.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – BULLARD-HAVENS LPNS PROGRAM SURVEY REVIEW

Donna Canalis presented the Board with an overview of her survey visit to Bullard Havens LPN Program. Also present for this discussion was Karen Ivers, Department Head, and Patricia Fennessy, Consultant for the CT Technical High School System. Because the Board had several questions, the approval of the report was tabled until the June 4, 2008 meeting.

The Board requested that the following information be mailed directly to the Board Members for review at the June 4, 2008 meeting:

- Budget for the last four years
- A breakdown of the budget as to how monies are used
- Does the budget allow for all the resources needed for teaching
- Organizational Chart showing parity
- NEASC Report for 1994
- NEASC Report for 2004

The Board also expressed concern that there is no handicapped access to the classrooms on the upper floors and ground floor since the elevator remains inoperable.

## SCHOOL ISSUES - NCLEX SCORES

Donna Canalis reviewed NCLEX RN and LPN scores for the first quarter of 2008 with the Board.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY – NEW CHAIR - DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

The Board reviewed the Curriculum Vitae for Lynn Price. Linda Sacheli moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to approve Lynn Price, JD, MPH, MSN as the new Chair for the Department of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously. The Board wishes Ms. Price well in her new endeavors.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Nothing to report at this meeting.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Janice E. Wojick provided the Board with the following minutes for review.

### FEBRUARY 6, 2008

Linda Sacheli moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that this set of minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Mary Brown and Merrily Moynihan.

### FEBRUARY 20, 2008

Heidi Darling moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that this set of minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Mary Brown and Merrily Moynihan.

Break 10:25 AM – 10:55 AM

## REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – LAURIE PITKIN, RN

The Board reviewed the documents submitted by Laurie Pitkin. Ms. Pitkin was present with counsel, Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the request for a reinstatement hearing be granted. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – MARCIA PARENT, RN

The Board reviewed the documents submitted by Marcia Parent. Ms. Parent was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the request for a reinstatement hearing be denied. The motion passed with two abstentions, Heidi Darling and Mary Brown.

#### REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – CHRISTOPHER GRIGAITIS, LPN

The Board reviewed the documents submitted by Christopher Grigaitis. Mr. Grigaitis was not present. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the request for a reinstatement hearing be denied at this time. The motion passed with all in favor. (Mr. Grigaitis did arrive later in the meeting and the Board did reiterate to Mr. Grigaitis their reasons for denial, i.e., outdated letters, lack of drug screen reports and therapist reports.)

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – RONNIE RAMIREZ, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Ronnie Ramirez. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Mr. Ramirez' license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mary Brown.

#### FACT FINDING – DENISE PINDER, RN

Board Members were provided transcripts of the hearing and copies of exhibits prior to this meeting. Linda Sacheli moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. Pinder's license be reinstated to probation for two years with weekly drug/alcohol screen reports and monthly therapist and employer reports. This will become effective upon her return to nursing in Connecticut. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mary Brown.

#### DIANE PETROSKI, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Martha Murray was present with Diane Petroski. A Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges was presented to the Board by Attorney Swafford. Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded that this Motion be granted. The motion passed unanimously. An Interim Consent Order was presented to the Board by Attorney Swafford. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept this Order. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JACQUELINE BOCCARDI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jacqueline Boccardi. Ms. Boccardi was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 21, 2008.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – NANCY WALKER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Nancy Walker. Ms. Walker was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 21, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MEG FENN, APRN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Meg Fenn. Ms. Fenn was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 21, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA IOVINO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Iovino. Ms. Iovino was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 21, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TRACY SHUGRUE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Tracy Shugrue. Ms. Shugrue was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 21, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LORI ANN BOURRET, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lori Ann Bourret. Ms. Bourret was represented by counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 21, 2008.

Attorney Pellett requested a six-month continuance which was granted by Chair Bouffard. The hearing was scheduled for November 19, 2008.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – PATRICIA SULLIVAN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Patricia Sullivan. Ms. Sullivan was not present and did not have representation. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be granted as Ms. Sullivan has entered into a Voluntary Surrender Agreement with the Department of Public Health. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – CATHERINE ABRAHAM, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Catherine Abraham. Ms. Abraham was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MELISSA GRADY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Melissa Grady. Ms. Grady was not present although she was represented by Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – ARLENE RAYMOND, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Arlene Raymond. Ms. Raymond was not present although she was represented by Attorney Mark Mercier. Linda Sacheli moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – KIMBERLY SANFORD JANSSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kimberly Sanford Jansson. Ms. Jansson was not present although she was represented by counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Katherine Pellerin moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor with Linda Sacheli recusing herself from the vote. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – STEVEN PROCACCINI, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Steven Procaccini. Ms. Procaccini was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:50 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 21, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-C, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:50 AM

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Eli Whitney LPN Program, Bullard-Havens LPN Program, E. C. Goodwin LPN Program, Howell Cheney LPN Program, Vinal LPN Program, and Uconn School of Nursing

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – KATHY SAAB, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Kathy Saab. Ms. Saab signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Linda Sacheli moved and Susan Neistein seconded that the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – JACQUELINE BOCCARDI, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:07 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Boccardi was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Boccardi and her mother, Helen Boccardi. The Board went into Executive Session from 10:08 AM through 10:55 AM. The hearing concluded at 10:55 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Boccardi be found on all charges with the exception of #2 – heroin. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Boccardi's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ANGELA STAR, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Angela Star. Ms. Star was present without representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to deny the Motion for Summary Suspension for further discussion. The motion failed as all were opposed. A new motion was raised by Katherine Pellerin, seconded by Linda Sacheli, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 4, 2008.

Break 11:05 AM – 11:15 AM

## HEARING – NANCY WALKER, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:25 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Walker was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Walker. The Board went into Executive Session from 11:40 AM through noon. Ms. Walker requested a continuance to October 15, 2008 which was granted.

Lunch Break Noon – 12:25 PM

## HEARING – TRACY SHUGRUE, RN

The hearing convened at 12:25 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Shugrue was not present and did not have representation.

Attorney Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted be granted. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing concluded at 12:35 PM.

Linda Sacheli moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Shugrue's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## HEARING – TRACY MALUK, RN

The hearing convened at 12:40 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Maluk was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Dawnette Pink, RN, Stephanie Garrison, LPN, Beth D'Agostine, Assistant Director of Nursing at Brook Hollow, and Ms. Maluk.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Maluk be found as charged. The motion was open for discussion. After discussion Katherine Pellerin raised a new motion, seconded by Susan Neistein that the hearing be continued to the next available date to allow time for the Department to secure up-to-date therapist/employer reports and drug screen reports from June 2007 to the present from Bonnie Pinkerton at the Department of Public Health. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 2:20 PM – 2:25 during which time Susan Neistein and Amanda Campbell left for the day.

## HEARING – SAMARA DiMEOLA, LPN – REINSTATEMENT

The hearing convened at 2:25 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. DiMeola was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. DiMeola. Ruth Espinoza left for the day during Ms. DiMeola's testimony. Heidi Darling moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Respondent's licensure reinstatement request be denied at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:20 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on June 4, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Aura L. Alvarado, Public Member  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Darren Cunningham, Assistant Attorney General  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the Norwich LPN Program.

Katherine Pellerin will provide the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs in class on Friday, June 6, 2008.

#### CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing new to report.

#### OPEN FORUM

No questions were raised from the observers.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

The revised agenda was provided to the Board and the observers.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Diane Cybulski has contacted Karen Buckley-Bates and Jennifer Filippone and there are no issues related to nursing.

#### SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Diane Cybulski reviewed the calls received in the Board Office during the month of April.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – BULLARD-HAVENS LPN PROGRAM

Karen Ivers, Department Head, and Patricia Fennessy, LPN Consultant, were present for this discussion. The self-evaluation report was reviewed May 7, 2008 and at that meeting the Board requested additional information. This information was provided, reviewed, and approved. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed unanimously. The next school review will be March 2013.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – KAYNOR LPN PROGRAM

Regina Wrenn, Department Head, and Patricia Fennessy, LPN Consultant, were present for this review. Donna Canalis observed a power point presentation on April 13, 2008 to a class of 34 students. The Clinical Observation was at the Waterbury Extended Care facility. During this rotation there were two students performing treatments on one wing, one student medication administration for ten clients, and one student was the team leader. Students are very pleased with the school and feel that their clinical experience is exceptional. They report that faculty is always available to assist them with mentoring and making clinical opportunities available to them whenever possible. The school has a large laboratory with twenty computers, multiple beds and mannequins including the SIMS man, Hoyer, IV pumps, medication cart, etc. The students requested a new Hoyer and new IV pumps; however since these items are different for almost every facility, it is not possible to meet this request. Instead, these items are reviewed at each facility as needed. Content from classroom teaching is reinforced in the clinical area whenever possible. The school has a twenty-four hour per week clerical person and two possible substitute faculty. A copy of the budget was presented to the Board along with library holdings, laboratory holdings and the NEASC report. The Department Head has rarely needed to substitute in the clinical area during the past five years. No faculty waivers are being used at this time. Rebecca Sinowich, faculty member, will be completing her MSN in June of 2008. Contracts will be changed to "Contracts will be reviewed annually and renewed every three years." The NCLEX score for January 2004 was 96.6%, June 2005 was 96.4%, and January 2007 was 97%. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Mary Brown seconded that the program be granted full approval. The motion passed unanimously with the next review scheduled for June 2013.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS LPN PROGRAM

Susan Deane, A. I. Prince Department Head, and Patricia Fennessy, LPN Consultant, were present for the review of the proposed curriculum changes for the eleven CT Technical High School System LPN Program sites. The changes reviewed at this meeting were recommended by the Board at the April 13, 2008 meeting, which was held with Susan Deane, Nancy Bafundo, Patricia Bouffard, and Patricia Fennessy. The Board suggested that objectives be written to show progression particularly in the upper level courses of the curriculum, and that the course outlines included all that will be taught to the students. The Board stated that they were pleased with the curriculum. Mary Brown moved and Susan Neistein seconded to accept the revised curriculum and requested an update after the first semester, as to how the program is functioning. The review date will be February 2009. The motion passed with all in favor.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – CT COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Linda Perfetto, CT Community College Nursing Program, Cynthia Adams, Capital Community College, Sheila Solernou, Gateway Community College, Joanne Ottman, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Mary Schuler, Norwalk Community College, and Ellen Freeman, Three Rivers Community College, were all present, along with Dr. Susan Abbe, to review the substantive curriculum modification additional information report. The Board requested that the schools identify records that will be kept in the Chancellor's Office. Contracts with facilities are presently being updated. Instructors from Capital Community College were granted permanent waivers when the regulations were revised in 2004.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to approve the CT Community College Nursing Program Curriculum. The motion passed with all in favor. The Board congratulated the faculty involved and wished everyone success in their new endeavor. The Board also congratulated Dr. Abbe on her retirement. Linda Perfetto thanked the Board for working with the program throughout this three-year project.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING

Carol Gabriele and Hope Jukel-Regan were present for the review of their self-evaluation report. Addendums were submitted as requested. The Board did request submission of some of the outcomes of the systematic plan which begins on Page 97 of the five-year report. This will be submitted to Donna Canalis for her review. If this is in compliance, it does not have to be reviewed by the Board. Katherine Pellerin moved and Susan Neistein seconded to approve the school's five-year self-evaluation report. The motion passed unanimously. The next school review will be in November 2013.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – CENTRAL CT STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Linda Wagner was present for the curriculum review for CCSU. It is the Board's understanding that the clinical experience will not begin for two years, and initially the faculty will work in both programs with a coordinator who will oversee the BSN program.

The Board had the following questions and concerns.

- Where in the curriculum are students taught universal precautions?
- The curriculum is a difficult curriculum for an RN program and needs to be simplified for the students.
- Look at the consistency of grading some courses and using pass/fail for other courses. This can be difficult for students.
- Objectives/outcomes need to move from simple to complex.
- Look at academic policies – some need to be revised.

The Board requested revising some parts of the curriculum and presenting these revisions at the June 18, 2008 meeting.

The Board will wait for the decision of the Department of High Education Board of Governors as to their approval of the schools nursing program, and Donna Canalis' site visit to CCSU before rendering a decision on the nursing program. The site visit will be repeated once the building is completed.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER & CHESTER INSTITUTE - ROCKY HILL, ENFIELD, BRANFORD

Present for Porter and Chester Institute were Attorney Joan Feldman, Attorney Vincenzo Carannante, and Phyllis DelMastro, Program Administrator. The Board reviewed the Feasibility Studies for the Branford, Enfield, and Rocky Hill sites. The Rocky Hill and Enfield sites are tentatively scheduled to begin classes in the fall of 2008 while the Branford site will begin classes in the winter of 2009. Only two classes at each program will run at the same time and they will be in January and October. There will be a supervisor dedicated to each site.

Regarding the Enfield site, Merrily Moynihan moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to approve the Feasibility Study. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the Rocky Hill site, Merrily Moynihan moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to approve the Feasibility Study. The motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the Branford site, Merrily Moynihan moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to approve the Feasibility Study. The motion passed unanimously.

Porter and Chester will come before the Board for a curriculum review for all three sites on July 16, 2008. The site visits will be made as soon as the modular buildings are completed. Initial Approval of the programs will be contingent upon an acceptable review of each of the three sites.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

The Board reviewed a written request for a permanent waiver from Dr. Janice Thompson from Quinnipiac University for Mary Jean Michel-Marchitto. Ms. Michel-Marchitto graduated from Bridgeport University with an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing, and has a Masters Degree in Education with a major in Counseling Psychology. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that Ms. Michel-Marchitto be granted a permanent waiver for her work at Quinnipiac University. The motion passed unanimously.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard will be attending the NCSBN Executive Officer Training in June in Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 22, 2008. Her mentor for this training will be Myra Broadway from the Maine Board of Nursing.

Chair Bouffard will also be attending the NCSBN Annual Delegate Assembly Meeting in Tennessee. Chair Bouffard advised the Board that the NCSBN will pay expenses for two Board Members to attend and asked if anyone would be interested in attending. This meeting will take place August 4, 2008 through August 8, 2008. There will be further discussion at the June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the following Memoranda of Decision.

##### PAMELA JOHNSON, RN

Merrily Moynihan moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to reprimand Ms. Johnson's license. The motion passed unanimously.

##### FRANCINE FEATHLER, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Feathler's license. The motion passed unanimously.

##### SHERRY STONER, LPN

Heidi Darling moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Stoner's license. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – NOREEN SERBENT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Noreen Serbent. Ms. Serbent was not present and did not have representation. Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 18, 2008.

## MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHRYN PISCITELLO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathryn Piscitello. Ms. Piscitello was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Order and Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 18, 2008.

## HEARING – ANGELA STAR, RN

The hearing convened at 12:45 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Star was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Star. The hearing concluded at 1:20 PM.

Attorney Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges. Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Motion be granted, which passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that Ms. Star be found on paragraphs 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and was not found on paragraphs 2, 3, and 4. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that these charges did not rise to the level of further discipline regarding Ms. Star's license. The Memorandum of Decision dated June 18, 2007 remains in effect. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Summary Suspension ordered on May 21, 2008 be immediately vacated and Ms. Star's license be reinstated at this time pursuant to the Memorandum of Decision dated July 18, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:26 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Campbell, RN  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McGovern, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the J. M. Wright LPN Program.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY – CURRICULUM REVIEW

Dr. Linda Wagner and Dr. Mitchell Sakofs were present for the curriculum review and the additional information requested by the Board at their June 6, 2008 meeting. The Board requested clarification and verification of the following:

- the school will hire a clinical coordinator (a nurse) to oversee the new program
- a full syllabi will be submitted at the time of accreditation (to DHE) in three years
- the school will clearly explain the difference between applying to the school of nursing and admission to the school
- classrooms with the capacity to hold fifty students are available when needed.

The above was verified by CCSU. Linda Sacheli arrived during this discussion at 9:25 AM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant initial approval to CCSU contingent upon the DHE Board of Governor's approval at their June 18, 2008 meeting, and an acceptable site visit to the school once renovations are completed.

The initial approval will remain in effect until the results of the first licensing examination for program graduates are available. At that time the Board will review the results and recommend either full approval, conditional, approval, or program removal. (Section 20-99-47(a)(4) Program Approval.) The motion passed unanimously.

#### LINCOLN TECHNICAL SCHOOL – NEW CONTENT TO THE CURRICULUM

JoAnn Dean, Program Administrator of the Lincoln Technical Institute LPN Programs, was present for this discussion. At the April 2, 2008 Board Meeting, the Board discussed the 2008 NCLEX-PN Test Plan. At this meeting Ms. Dean requested that the Board review this new content prior to integration into the curriculum. The Board questioned several areas namely telephone triage, bladder scan, EKG's, and venipuncture. The students will not be performing these tasks, but they need to be informed and educated in these areas because the NCLEX-PN may include questions relating to these topics. The additions and modification noted in the report will be implemented beginning September 2008. Mary Brown moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to accept the curriculum changes to be implemented September 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY – NEW DEAN

The Board reviewed documentation from Sacred Heart University advising the Board that Dr. Anne M. Barker will be assuming the role of Chair effective July 1, 2008. Mary Brown moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Dr. Barker's credentials meet the qualifications of the regulations. The motion passed unanimously. The Board wishes Dr. Barker much success in her new endeavors.

#### MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2008

The Board reviewed the minutes from March 5, 2008. Linda Sacheli moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions, Maria Pietrantuono, Mary Brown, and Heidi Darling.

#### MINUTES – MARCH 19, 2008

The Board reviewed the minutes from March 19, 2008. Linda Sacheli moved and Heidi Darling seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions, Maria Pietrantuono, Mary Brown, and Merrily Moynihan.

#### MINUTES – APRIL 2, 2008

The Board reviewed the minutes from April 2, 2008. Linda Sacheli moved and Heidi Darling seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstention, Mary Brown, Maria Pietrantuono, and Ruth Espinoza.

#### MINUTES – APRIL 16, 2008

The Board reviewed the minutes from April 16, 2008. Ruth Espinoza moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Mary Brown and Maria Pietrantuono.

#### MINUTES – MAY 7, 2008

The Board reviewed the minutes from May 7, 2008. Linda Sacheli moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with Mary Brown abstaining.

## MINUTES – MAY 21, 2008

The Board reviewed the minutes from May 21, 2008. Ruth Espinoza moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with Maria Pietrantuono abstaining.

### FACT FINDING – JUDY SMYTH, LPN

Assistant Attorney General Rose McGovern was present for this discussion. Linda Sacheli moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Board enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed and Executive Session was from 10:05 AM to 10:25 AM. No motions were made and no votes were taken during Executive Session.

Linda Sacheli moved and Mary Brown seconded that Fact Finding in this matter be tabled until July 16, 2008. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 10:25 AM – 10:35 AM

### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SHIRLEY RODD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Shirley Rodd. Ms. Rodd was not present and did not have representation. Linda Sacheli moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the Motion be granted because Ms. Rodd presents an immediate threat to public health and safety. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for July 16, 2008.

### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA RAMOS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa Ramos. Ms. Ramos was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion be granted because Ms. Ramos presents an immediate threat to public health and safety. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for July 16, 2008.

### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – ANDREA BUTLER, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Andrea Butler. Linda Sacheli moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Butler's probation to June 30, 2009. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

### CONSENT ORDER – JODY E. JACKSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jody Jackson. Ms. Jackson was present without representation. Heidi Darling moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order placing Ms. Jackson's license on probation for two years with a reprimand.

### HEARING – NOREEN SERBENT, RN

The hearing convened at 11:00 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Serbent was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono left for the day at 11:05 AM. The hearing concluded at 11:58 AM. The hearing was continued to determine if Ms. Serbent is currently incarcerated. The Notice of Hearing/Statement of Charges will be resent.

#### HEARING – KATHRYN PISCITELLO, RN

The hearing convened at 11:59 AM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Piscitello was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Piscitello. The hearing concluded at 12:43 PM.

Linda Sacheli moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Ms. Piscitello be found on all charges with the exception of #3 and #4 of Count 1. The motion passed with all in favor.

Linda Sacheli moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that Ms. Piscitello's license be placed on probation for four years. The motion failed as all were opposed. Linda Sacheli withdrew her original motion and made a new motion that Ms. Piscitello's license be revoked. The motion was seconded by Heidi Darling and passed unanimously.

Lunch recess 1:25 PM – 1:55 PM during which time Merrily Moynihan left for the day.

#### HEARING – MARGARET WILKINSON, RN

The hearing convened at 1:56 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Wilkinson was present with counsel, Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Testimony was provided by Ms. Wilkinson and Adam Jaffe, Ph.D. Ruth Espinoza and Linda Sacheli left for the day at 3:25 PM. The hearing concluded at 4:25 PM.

Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place on July 16, 2008.

#### HEARING – TRACY MALUK, RN

The hearing convened at 4:28 PM. This is a continuation of the May 21, 2008 hearing for Tracy Maluk. All Board Members have received the transcript and Board Members not in attendance at that hearing have received the exhibits. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Maluk was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Tracy Maluk. The hearing concluded at 4:45 PM.

Due to lack of a quorum, Fact Finding will take place on July 16, 2008.

#### HEARING – KEVIN CORMIER, LPN

Due to time constraints this hearing will be scheduled at a later date.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:46 PM.

The Board of Examiners for Nursing held a meeting on July 16, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Ruth Espinoza, Public Member  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General  
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
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Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the Howell Cheney LPN Program.

#### TOLLING LANGUAGE

Kathleen Boulware asked the Board to review the suggested language to be added to the terms set forth in Consent Orders and Memoranda of Decision. The Board tabled the discussion to the August meeting and suggested advice be obtained from the Office of the Attorney General regarding this issue.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – CAPITAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUESTS

Cynthia Adams, Director, presented the Board with a request for faculty education waivers for four faculty.

Arlene DeChesser, RN, APRN, MPH

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded the motion to approve a permanent waiver for Ms. DeChesser. The motion passed unanimously.

LYNN PELUSO, RN, BSN, MBA

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded the motion to approve a permanent waiver for Ms. Peluso. The motion passed unanimously.

DORETT BLACK, RN, BSN, MA

Katherine Pellerin moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded the motion to approve a permanent waiver for Ms. Black. The motion passed unanimously.

HEIDI SMOLKA, RN

Merrily Moynihan moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded the motion to approve a one-year temporary faculty education waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER – CURRICULUM REVIEW

Phyllis DelMastro, Porter and Chester Program Administrator, and Attorney Joan Feldman of Shipman and Goodwin, presented the Board with the curriculum review for the Branford, Enfield, and Rocky Hill sites. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to approve the curriculum and grant the program initial approval for all three sites contingent upon an acceptable on-site visit by Donna Canalis once the buildings are completed. The motion passed unanimously. The initial approval will remain in effect until the results of the first graduating class for all three sites are available. At that time the Board will review the results and recommend either full approval, conditional approval or program removal.

FACT FINDING – JUDY SMITH, LPN

All Board Members were mailed the hearing transcripts and exhibits.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Ms. Smith be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Ms. Smith's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

FACT FINDING – TRACY MALUK, RN

All Board Members were mailed the hearing transcripts and exhibits.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Maluk be found on charges 1, 2, 3, 4a, 4b, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Maluk's license be placed on four years probation upon the effective date of the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard who was opposed.

#### FACT FINDING – MARGARET WILKINSON, RN

All Board Members were mailed the hearing transcript and exhibits.

Mary Brown moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that Ms. Wilkinson be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Ms. Wilkinson's license be placed on probation for four years effective upon the date of the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Current Summary Suspension remains in effect until the Memorandum of Decision is signed.

#### MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with the following Memoranda of Decision.

##### DOREEN FLAHERTY, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to affirm their prior decision to extend Ms. Flaherty's probation to July 1, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor.

##### MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded to affirm their prior decision to extend Mr. Hasselbacher's probation to August 16, 2012. The motion passed with all in favor.

##### MARCUS HASSELL, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded to affirm their prior decision to revoke Mr. Hassell's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KIMBERLEY BURROWS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kimberly Burrows. Ms. Burrows was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 20, 2008.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PAMELA LYDING, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Pamela Lyding. Although Ms. Lyding was not present, Attorneys Marilyn Clark Pellett and David McCarey were present on her behalf. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. Respondent's request to hold the hearing subsequent to the resolution of a pending Superior Court appeal was granted.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHANTEL MICHAUD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Chantel Michaud. Ms. Michaud was present with counsel, Attorney Hillary Fisher Nelson. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 20, 2008.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MELANIE MEADE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Melanie Meade. Ms. Meade was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 20, 2008.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – JESSICA JOHNSON, RN, APRN

Legal Office Chief Stanley K. Peck presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order (ICO) for Jessica Johnson. Ms. Johnson was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the ICO be accepted.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the ICO suspending Ms. Johnson's license until the petition is resolved.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JESSICA VITALE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Vitale. Ms. Vitale was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – DANIEL ALVES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order (ICO) for Daniel Alves. Mr. Alves was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the ICO be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the ICO suspending Mr. Alves' license until the petition is resolved.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SARAH LOUIS HOAGLAND, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sarah Louis Hoagland. Ms. Hoagland was present without representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – ANITA HOEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Anita Hoey. Ms. Hoey was present with counsel, Attorney lee Tiernan. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – DOLORIS SEPELAK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Doloris Sepelak. Ms. Sepelak was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Consent Order be denied. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Merrily Moynihan and Amanda Campbell.

CONSENT ORDER – DIANE PETROSKI, APRN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order for Diane Petroski. Ms. Petroski was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – KAREN SANDERS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Karen Sanders. Ms. Sanders was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – MARCI GULLBERG, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Marci Gullberg. Ms. Gullberg was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – CHARMAINE SLATER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Charmaine Slater. Ms. Slater was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

CONSENT ORDER – DAWN NOYCE, RN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Dawn Noyce. Ms. Noyce was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that the Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lunch 12:30 – 1:00

## ORAL ARGUMENT – PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION – PAMELA JOHNSON, RN

Ms. Johnson was present for the Oral Argument.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to obtain legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General at 1:05 PM and concluded at 1:28 PM. No motions were made or votes taken during the Executive Session.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to obtain additional legal advice from the Assistant Attorney General 1:40 PM and concluded at 2:10 PM. No motions were made or votes taken during the Executive Session.

Amanda Campbell moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to deny Ms. Johnson's request for a stay of the Board's June 4, 2008 Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously.

## HEARING – NOREEN SERBENT, RN

The hearing convened at 2:25 PM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Serbent was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 2:46 PM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Serbent be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that Ms. Serbent's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## HEARING – CHERYL HOWE, RN

The hearing convened at 2:55 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Howe was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 3:23 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Ms. Howe be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Howe's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## HEARING – SARAH THOMS, LPN

The hearing convened at 3:25 PM. Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Thoms was not present and did not have representation. The hearing concluded at 3:48 PM.

Mary Brown moved and Ruth Espinoza seconded that Ms. Thoms be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Thoms' license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:48 PM.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mary M. Brown, RN  
Susan Neistein, APRN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General  
Norma D. Gyle, Deputy Commissioner, DPH  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Ralph Urban, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:55 AM.

#### STUDENTS

There were no students in the audience at today's meeting.

#### NAUGATUCK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Joanne Ottman, Director of the Nursing Program, presented the Board with two waiver requests.

The first waiver is for Monica Pirotta who has her BSN and is enrolled in the MSN program at the University of Hartford which she expects to complete by May of 2009. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the waiver request for Ms. Pirotta be granted for one year. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard recused herself from both the waiver discussions and the voting.

The second waiver is for Patricia O'Brien-Winn who has her BSN and a master's degrees in education from the University of Bridgeport and is currently enrolled in the MSN program at Southern CT State University. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the waiver request for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

#### NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Mary Schuler, Director of Nursing at Norwalk Community College, presented the Board with two temporary faculty education waiver requests for the 2008/2009 school year and one permanent waiver request.

Dr. Schuler is requesting a temporary waiver for Denise Cooke who has matriculated into the Master's Degree Program at Fairfield University. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the waiver request be granted for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Schuler is requesting a temporary waiver for Michelle McDonald who has matriculated into the Master's Degree Program at Fairfield University. Amanda Campbell moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the waiver request be granted for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Schuler is also requesting a permanent waiver for Punitha Devadoss who has a Master's Degree in Health Administration and has a great deal of experience at Norwalk Hospital. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the permanent waiver request be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE – NEW CHAIR

Dr. Joyce Fontana was present for this discussion. The Board was provided with information on the new leadership of the Nursing Programs. Effective August 1, 2008 Dr. Joyce Fontana, RN, assumed the responsibilities of the Chair of the Nursing Division. Katherine Pellerin moved to accept the approval of Dr. Fontana's promotion. Maria Pietrantuono seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The Board congratulated Dr. Fontana on her promotion and wished her success in this new venture.

#### SAINT JOSEPH COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Dr. Joyce Fontana, Chair of the Program, presented the Board with a permanent waiver request for Dr. Barbara Ann Sullivan who has previously been granted a permanent waiver while employed as faculty at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Sullivan holds a BS in Nursing, a MS in Health Care Management, and a MA and PhD in Medical Anthropology. Merrily Moynihan moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to grant the permanent waiver. The motion passed unanimously. The program has no outstanding waivers at this time.

#### SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

SCSU was not represented by staff at this meeting. The Board reviewed documentation from SCSU requesting a permanent waiver for Regina Demitrack, RN, MPH. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the waiver request be granted pending Donna Canalis' review of the transcripts for Dr. Demitrack's BSN and MPH degrees. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Margo McCarthy, Chair of the Nursing Program, was present to request a faculty education waiver for Heather Alfonso who will be completing her Master's of Nursing program this December, 2008 from Liberty University. Merrily Moynihan moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant Ms. Alfonso a waiver for one year. The motion passed with all in favor. The program has no outstanding waivers.

#### WESTERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY – WAIVER REQUEST

WCSU was not represented by staff at this meeting. The Board reviewed documentation from WCSU requesting a faculty education waiver for Eileen Campbell who is matriculating in the WCSU MSN Program and expecting to graduate in January, 2009. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the waiver be granted for one semester. The motion passed unanimously.

#### BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING – WAIVER REQUEST

Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing was not represented by staff at this meeting. Donna Canalis provided the Board with documentation requesting a permanent waiver for Mary Stasolla Cilio, RN, MSW, PhD. Dr. Cilio's doctorate is in Transpersonal Psychology and has 35 years of psychiatric nursing experience. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the permanent waiver be granted to Dr. Cilio. The motion passed unanimously.

Donna Canalis provided the Board with documentation requesting a permanent waiver for Cheryl Ann Green, RN, PhD. Dr. Green's degree is Doctor of Philosophy Clinical Christian Counseling and has had 18 years of psychiatric nursing experience with advance degrees in Social Welfare and Counseling. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the permanent waiver be granted to Dr. Green. The motion passed unanimously.

#### REQUEST TO LIFT KEY RESTRICTION – DONNA DeLOS SANTOS, LPN

Donna DeLos Santos was present to request the Board to lift the key restriction in the Memorandum of Decision issued in December, 2005. Merrily Moynihan moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the key restriction be lifted. The motion passed unanimously.

#### INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – LAUREN DUCHON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Lauren Duchon. Ms. Duchon was not in attendance or represented by counsel. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Interim Consent Order be put in place until the petition is resolved. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Carole Denniss. Ms. Denniss was present. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order and Ms. Denniss was handed a copy of the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, and the Summary Suspension Order scheduling the hearing for September 3, 2008 at 11:30 AM.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – VINCENT EUGENIO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Vincent Eugenio. Mr. Eugenio was not in attendance and was not represented by counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and Summary Suspension Order scheduling the hearing for September 3, 2008 at 11:30 AM.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW – HILLARY DRUMM, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Hillary Drumm. Ms. Drumm was present with counsel, Attorney Robert Clemente. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed as it does not rise to the level of Board action.

#### REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – TAMAR DELOHERY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Tamar Delohery. Ms. Delohery was not present and was not represented by counsel. Amanda Campbell moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the Reinstatement Consent Order be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – SARAH HOAGLAND, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges in this case. Ms. Hoagland was not present and was not represented by counsel. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to grant this Motion to Withdraw as it was the recommendation of that Board at a prior meeting that this petition be dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

## MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – MARSHA GORDON, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Marsha Gordon. Ms. Gordon was not present and her counsel, Attorney Andrew Bowman, who was unable to attend as he had a court appearance today. Ms. Gordon has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Motion to Withdraw be granted. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 10:03 AM – 10:12 AM

## HEARING – MELANIE MEADE, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:12 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Meade was without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Meade and Drug Control Agent Sharon Milton-Wilhelm. Ms. Meade orally admitted to the Statement of Charges. Ms. Meade requested a continuance which was granted by the Board to be scheduled for September 17, 2008. Ms. Meade would provide Attorney Scoville signed Medical Release Forms.

## HEARING – PAULA REGAN, RN

The hearing convened at 11:00 AM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Regan was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Regan. Ms. Regan requested a continuance which was granted by the Board to be scheduled for October 15, 2008. Ms. Regan would provide Attorney Antonetti signed Medical Release Forms. Ms. Regan also provided her current address on the record.

Lunch Recess 11:45 AM – 12:23 PM

## MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the following Memoranda of Decision to the Board for approval.

### PATRICIA INTEGLIA, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to affirm their prior decision that Ms. Integlia's license be suspended with concurrent probation through January 9, 2009 followed by an additional four years of probation. The motion passed with all in favor.

### NICOLE LAPOINTE, LPN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. LaPointe's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

### JAIME WATSON, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm their prior decision to dismiss the charges against Ms. Watson's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

### TRACY SHUGRUE, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Shugrue's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### DEBORAH GRIFFIN, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Griffin's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### HEARING – LAURIE PITKIN, RN

The hearing convened at 12:28 PM. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Pitkin was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Testimony was provided by Ms. Pitkin. The hearing concluded at 12:55 PM.

Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Pitkin's license be reinstated to probation for four years with the usual probationary terms. The motion passed unanimously. Ivelisse Varrone left at 12:59 PM for the day.

#### HEARING – JOHN GINETTI, RN

The hearing convened at 1:00 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Ginnetti was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Mr. Ginnetti. Maria Pietrantuono left for the day at 1:40 PM. The hearing concluded at 1:59 PM and was continued to January 21, 2009.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:05 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 3, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Linda Sacheli, LPN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General  
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:57 AM.

#### STUDENTS

There were no students in attendance possibly due to the fact that this is the first week of school for most students.

#### CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard and Maria Pietrantuono attended the Annual NCSBN Delegate Assembly Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee which will be discussed under NCSBN Updates.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF THE AGENDA

A revised agenda was distributed to the Board Members.

#### SCOPE OF PRACTICE – TRANSPORT NURSE SPECIALIST – REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY RULING

Linda Craib, RN, of the Pediatric Critical Care Transport at Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) was present requesting a declaratory ruling from the BOEN clarifying the scope of practice of the Registered Nurse practicing in the pre-hospital environment and during interfacility critical care transport. It is the position of CCMC that appropriate guidelines are not in place at this time, relative to the Connecticut Nurse Practice Act, to clearly define the scope of practice of this unique nursing subspecialty. Currently, teams of nurses are providing advanced critical care services to patients of all ages in Connecticut in part by attaining pre-hospital credentials as paramedics with oversight by the State Department of Public Health's Office of Emergency Services (OEMS).

While CCMC recognizes and supports the collaborative relationship that exists between OEMS and RNs in the pre-hospital and interfacility transport environment, that a qualified RN be required to credential as an emergency technician at any level in order to provide appropriate pre-hospital or interfacility transport nursing care, is not and has not been supported by the American Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) or the Air and Surface Transport Nurses Association (ASTNA) for over twenty years. This will be placed on the October 1, 2008 agenda for further discussion. Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton will be present at that meeting.

#### SCOPE OF PRACTICE – NURSES ACCEPTING ORDERS WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY MDs TO PHARMACISTS

The Board Office received a letter from Collins I. V. Care which is a licensed pharmacy providing home infusion therapy to patients in their home throughout the State of Connecticut and they employ RNs to provide care to these patients. Collins I. V. Care is not a Medicare certified agency. The nurses work within the scope of their nursing license and under the direction of CGS Chapter 378 "Nursing" as well as their own policies and procedures.

They were recently surveyed by JCAHO for reaccreditation. A question arose regarding the Connecticut laws and regulations and Collins I. V. Care is requesting a written opinion from DPH regarding the CGA Section 20-87a which states "The practice of nursing by a registered nurse is defined as the process of diagnosing human response to actual or potential health problems, providing supportive and restorative care, health counseling and teaching, case finding and referral, collaborating in the implementation of the total health care regimen and executing the medical regimen under the direction of a licensed physician or dentist."

Their question is as follows: is a nurse acting "under the direction of a licensed physician" if a physician gives an order to a pharmacist within the same organization and the pharmacist communicates the order to the nurse?

This will be placed on the next business agenda. Jennifer Filippone will contact John Gadea, Director of the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection, to request his presence at the October 1, 2008 meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE & STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES FOR MAY AND JUNE, 2008

Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming calls with the Board.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES - RN PROGRAM STATISTICS

Donna Canalis reviewed with the Board the Registered Nurse Educational Programs Statistics Reporting Sheet for the 2006-2007 Academic Year with predictions for the 2007-2008 Academic Year.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES - BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING SELF-EVALUATION REPORT

At their June 4, 2008 meeting the Board the Board reviewed the schools' self-evaluation report and had requested submission of some of the outcomes of the systematic plan beginning on Page 97 of the five-year report. The school has provided excerpts of curriculum meeting minutes and faculty organization meetings minutes from Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing. Meeting minutes were from October 9, 2006, May 21, 2007, August 28, 2007, August 29, 2007, September 10, 2007, September 17, 2007, October 9, 2007, October 15, 2007, January 28, 2008, February 4, 2008, February 11, 2008, February 18, 2008, and April 14, 2008. The Board reviewed the documentation provided and determined that the program was in compliance.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE – SITE VISITS

No one from Porter and Chester Institute attended this meeting. Donna Canalis reviewed her site visit to the Enfield and Rocky Hill locations. These two locations have the same supplies and set up, however the Enfield office is much smaller, particularly for faculty offices. Additional space for the faculty will be made available as needed. Plans are to move out of the Enfield office in a couple of years. The Enfield office area is being renovated and will be completed shortly. Enfield will be the first site to offer the LPN Program. Rocky Hill will be the second site to start and Branford will be the last. Upon completion of the Branford location, Donna Canalis will be contacted to complete her site visit. The Board also reviewed the floor plans which were faxed to the Board Office by Phyllis DelMastro, Administrator.

Two classes will be conducted on an alternate basis with four instructors. One instructor will be the lead. Class will finish and start on a staggered basis.

The Rocky Hill and Enfield sites have been granted conditional approval therefore the LPN program can be offered at each of these sites. The Branford site cannot offer the LPN program until a site visit has been made and the site has been approved.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES

Donna Canalis reviewed the RN & LPN NCLEX scores for the second quarter of 2008 with the Board.

Stone Academy – DPH will have information on additional students clarified. Donna Canalis will get information on graduation dates.

Goodwin College – Janice Costello was unable to attend this meeting and will write up a report. Donna Canalis will speak with DPH regarding the December class.

University of Connecticut – will review stats at end of next quarter.

Linda Perfetto will research nationally how the coding is handled for facilities with multiple programs.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with the following minutes for approval.

### JUNE 4, 2008

Heidi Darling moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

### JUNE 18, 2008

Mary Brown moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

### JULY 16, 2008

Amanda Campbell moved and Mary Brown seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Linda Sacheli.

### AUGUST 20, 2008

The Board moved to defer this set of minutes to the next meeting.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

The NCSBN met in Nashville, TN August 5-8, 2008, to consider pertinent association business with its Members Boards of Nursing. Faith Fields, NCSBN President and Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, presided at the meeting. There were 58 Member Boards represented by delegates.

Highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the Members Boards of Nursing included:

- Election of new directors to the Board of Directors and members of the Leadership Succession Committee.
- Approval of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses as a new member board.
- Approval of the College of Nurses of British Columbia as an Associate Member.
- Adoption of revised APRN Model Act and Rules.
- Adoption of revised Education Model Rules.
- Reassess the Uniform Core Licensure Requirements for currency and relevance in today's regulatory arena and report findings and recommendations to the 2009 Delegate Assembly.
- Approval of Associate Member annual fee of \$1,500.00

President Fields thanked the participants for a successful meeting and noted that the Board of Directors looks forward to working with Members Board and external organizations in the coming year. She remarked, "Our Delegate Assembly this year addressed a number of key issues facing nursing regulation today and met these challenges head on, ever mindful of our goal of protecting the public. Two historically significant accomplishments were made with the addition of the first Advance Practice Board of Nursing Member to NCSBN and the first international nursing regulator Associate Member of NCSBN. I am proud of the work that was done throughout the past year and know that this vital work will continue under the direction of the many dedication individuals who give back to nursing regulation through their service."

NCSBN will be meeting August 11-14, 2009 in Philadelphia, PA for its Annual Delegate Assembly.

### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – JACQUELINE BOCCARDI, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Jacqueline Boccardi. Linda Sacheli moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Boccardi's license. The motion passed unanimously. Break 10:25 AM – 11:30 AM

### MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – KEVIN CORMIER, LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Kevin Cormier. DPH received documentation from Mr. Cormier's conservator that he passed away in August, 2008. Linda Sacheli moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to grant the Motion which passed unanimously.

### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DAWNE CATUCCIO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Dawne Catuccio. Ms. Catuccio was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Linda Sacheli moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 17, 2008 at 9:00 AM. The Notice of Hearing, Summary Suspension Order, and Statement of Charges were hand delivered to Attorney Murray after signature by Chair Bouffard.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – PETER TABAKA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Peter Tabaka. Mr. Tabaka was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 17, 2008 at 9:00 AM. The Notice of Hearing, Summary Suspension Order, and Statement of Charges were hand delivered to Attorney Murray after signature by Chair Bouffard.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW – ROCKEFELLER SAINT-MARC, LPN

The Board reviewed the Prehearing Review packet presented by Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton. Mr. Saint-Marc was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. There was discussion at several different intervals during this meeting and it was the recommendation of the Board that this case be brought to hearing.

#### CEASE AND DESIST CONSENT ORDER – CECILIA TORRES, UNLICENSED

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Cease & Desist Consent Order for Cecilia Torres. Mary Brown moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to accept this Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 11:52 AM – 11:57 AM

#### HEARING – VINCENT EUGENIO, LPN

This hearing convened at 11:57 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Eugenio was not present and did not have representation. There was no testimony provided. Attorney Wilan made an oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted which was granted by the Board. The hearing concluded at 12:08 PM. Fact Finding will take place at the October 1, 2008 meeting.

#### HEARING – CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

The hearing convened at 12:35 PM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Denniss was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Denniss and her brother, Clifford Dennis.

Mary Brown moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Denniss be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mary Brown moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that Ms. Denniss' probation be extended for two years with weekly urine screens during the last year of probation. After discussion the motion failed.

Amanda Campbell raised a new motion, which was seconded by Heidi Darling, that Ms. Denniss' probation be extended for one year with the usual terms except that the drug/alcohol screens are to be weekly during the last year of probation. The motion passed unanimously.

Linda Sacheli moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Summary Suspension be vacated immediately. The motion passed with all in favor and Ms. Denniss' licenses were returned to her.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn at 1:15 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 17, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Linda Sacheli, LPN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amanda Campbell, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Laurence Cohen, Law Intern, Quinnipiac University  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Ralph Urban, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford, the University of Connecticut, and Quinnipiac University Law School.

Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs during the 10:30 AM break.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – WAIVER REQUESTS

Jo Ann Dean, Regional Program Administrator, and Cindy Williams, Program Manager of the New Britain Campus, were present to request two faculty education waivers for the Shelton program and one for the New Britain program.

#### Patricia DeLucia

Ms. DeLucia is employed at the New Britain campus as a full-time instructor since September 2003 and is matriculated in the MSN program at the University of Hartford and is projected to graduate in May 2010. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the temporary waiver for Ms. DeLucia for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Shannon Frederickson

Ms. Frederickson is employed at the Shelton campus as a full-time instructor since July 2003. She is matriculated in the MSN program specializing in education at Duquesne University and is projected to graduate in December 2008. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant a temporary waiver for Ms. Frederickson for six months. The motion passed unanimously.

## Carolyn Nicholson

Ms. Nicholson has been employed at the Shelton campus as a part-time instructor since September 2003. She is matriculated in the MSN program specializing in education at the University of Hartford and is projected to graduate in May 2010. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to grant a temporary waiver to Ms. Nicholson for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

## SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY WAIVER REQUEST (SHU)

There was no one present from the SHU Program. The Board reviewed the request for a temporary faculty education waiver for Jessica Farrone. Ms. Farrone is presently enrolled in the MSN program at SHU with a projected completion in May of 2009. Mary Brown moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to grant Ms. Farrone a temporary waiver for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

## MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with the following Memorandum of Decision (MOD).

### MICHAEL DOYLE, LPN

Linda Sacheli moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Board affirm their prior position to reinstate Mr. Doyle's license to probation for two years after he successfully completes an LPN Refresher Program and the NCLEX-PN examination. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

## MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CAROLYN SCHIEREY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Carolyn Schierey. Ms. Schierey was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 1, 2008 at 11:30 AM.

## MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JESSICA BLANCHETTE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Blanchette. Ms. Blanchette was not present and was not represented by counsel. Linda Sacheli moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 1, 2008 at 11:30 AM.

## MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DEBRA KAHN, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Debra Kahn. Ms. Kahn was not present and was not represented by counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 1, 2008 at 11:30 AM.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ROBERT HALL, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Robert Hall. Mr. Hall was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Linda Sacheli, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 1, 2008 at 11:30 AM.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW – TARA HYLINSKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review Packet for Ms. Hylinski. After discussion, it was the recommendation of the Board that there be a modification of the December 20, 2006 Consent Order increasing the frequency of the drug/alcohol screen reports to weekly for the remainder of this Consent Order. This would ensure the Board that Ms. Hylinski is compliant and safe to practice nursing.

#### HEARING – MICHELLE QUIGLEY, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:53 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Quigley was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Quigley who requested a continuance. The Board granted the continuance to December 17, 2008 at 11:30 AM. The hearing concluded at 9:57 AM.

#### HEARING - MELANIE T. MEADE, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:58 AM. This is a continuation of the August 20, 2008 hearing in which Ms. Meade requested a continuance to provide additional information requested by the Board. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Meade was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Meade. Break 10:02 AM – 10:12 AM. Further testimony by Ms. Meade. Break 10:28 AM – 10:47 AM. During this break Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin spoke with the students. The hearing concluded at 11:01 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Linda Sacheli seconded to find Ms. Meade on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Linda Sacheli, to place Ms. Meade's license on suspension for six months effective upon signature of the Memorandum of Decision with concurrent probation for four years with the standard language for drug/alcohol screen monitoring, filing of employment and therapist reports, and narcotic key restriction for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING - KAREN M. HATEM, RN

The hearing convened at 11:10 AM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville with co-counsel, Law Intern Laurence Cohen from Quinnipiac University, were present to represent the Department of Public Health. Ms. Hatem was present with counsel, Attorney Raymond F. Parlato. Testimony was provided by Michelle Sylvestre, Drug Control Agent. Attorney Parlato requested a continuance to allow the Department time to acquire Ms. Hatem's medical/treatment records. Attorney Parlato assured the Board that Ms. Hatem would sign releases for her medical/treatment records. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing is continued to November 5, 2008 at 11:30 AM.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn at 12:10 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 1, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Donna Roberts, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amanda Campbell, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Henry Salton, Assistant Attorney General  
Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General  
Jeniffer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Ralph Urban, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Southern Connecticut State University.

Chair Bouffard would provide the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs during the break.

#### CHAIR UPDATES

Welcome to newly appointed LPN Board Member Donna Roberts, appointed to the Board by Governor Rell in September.

Farewell to Linda Sacheli for her years of dedicated service to the citizens of the State of Connecticut. Linda was appointed to the Board on March 14, 1997 and replaced by Donna Roberts.

#### SCOPE OF PRACTICE - TRANSPORT NURSE SPECIALIST CONNECTICUT CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CENTER REQUEST FOR DECLARATORY RULING

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton and Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief from the Office of Practitioner Licensing at the Department of Public Health were present for this discussion. Linda Craib, Pediatric Critical Care Transport of the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Daniel Fisher and Tom Ziemba were present for this discussion. On August 12, 2008, the Board received a request for a declaratory ruling from the Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) requesting clarification of the scope of practice of a registered nurse when practicing in the pre-hospital environment and during inter-facility critical care transport.

As the petition indicates, the issues arise in the context of the role of RNs in the CCMC pediatric transport program. The petition seeks a declaratory ruling adopting six (6) statements equally divided among three categories: (i) Scope of Practice; (ii) Preparation, Education, Training and Certification of the Transport Registered Nurse; and (iii) Medical Supervision of the Transport Registered Nurse. After a lengthy discussion AAG Henry Salton asked the Board if there was a motion to grant the petition for a declaratory ruling. There was no response from the Board, therefore the petition has been denied. AAG Henry Salton will draft the Board's response for review and signature at the October 15, 2008 meeting.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming scope of practice calls for the months of July and August. Ms. Cybulski and Jen Filippone discussed GNs practicing as NAs.

The temporary practice of APRNs is 120 days and the temporary practice for RNs is 90 days.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES – HENRY ABBOTT TECHNICAL SCHOOL - SURVEY REPORT

Pamela Cramer, Department Head at Henry Abbott Tech, and Patricia Fennessy, Department of Education LPN Nurse Consultant, were present for this review.

Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant Henry Abbott LPN Program continued approval. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, new Board Member Donna Roberts.

#### SCHOOL ISSUES

#### CT STATE DOE TECHNICAL SCHOOL SYSTEM RESEARCH REPORT - CLASS OF 2005-2007

This report will be tabled to the November 1, 2008 meeting.

#### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bouffard reviewed stats with the Board. Currently there are 54 jurisdictions and associate members. Connecticut is one of the four jurisdictions that does not have an Executive Officer. The Mid Year Meeting will be held in March.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 2008

The Board reviewed the minutes for the month of August, 2008. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Mary Brown and Donna Roberts.

#### MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the following Memoranda of Decision (MOD) for signature.

#### JUDY SMITH, LPN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Judy Smith's license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Donna Roberts. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD. Katherine Pellerin was out of the room when the voting took place on all three MODs.

#### KATHRYN PISCITELLO, RN

Ivelisse Varrone moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Piscitello's license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Donna Roberts. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

#### MARY SMYTH, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to place Ms. Mary Smyth's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Donna Roberts. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

Break 10:00 AM – 10:45 AM

#### REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – MICHAEL ROSTOCK, RN

Michael Rostock was present to request a reinstatement hearing from the Board. Mr. Rostock's license was revoked November 3, 2004. Merrily Moynihan moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to grant Mr. Rostock's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for February 18, 2009.

#### FACT FINDING – VINCENT EUGENIO, LPN

Board Members were mailed the exhibits/transcript from the September 3, 2008 hearing.

Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to move into Executive Session at 10:50 AM for advice from counsel, AAG Emily Melendez.

Executive Session concluded. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to find Mr. Eugenio as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mary Brown moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to revoke Mr. Eugenio's license to ensure the safety of the public. Mr. Eugenio's conduct is a violation of Section 20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes as he engaged in unprofessional conduct by failure to adhere to the terms of the Memorandum of Decision dated November 21, 2007.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RYAN TEAGUE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ryan Teague. Mr. Teague was present without representation. AAG Melendez commented that several documents on several different cases in the packet presented have not been redacted by the Legal Office. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Donna Roberts. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order which were then hand delivered to Mr. Teague.

#### INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – KIMBERLY PRATT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order (ICO) for Kimberly Pratt. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the ICO. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JENNIFER TELAGE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Telage. Ms. Telage was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously with Katherine Pellerin recusing herself from this case. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing and the Summary Suspension Order.

## CONSENT ORDER – PHYLLIS MILLER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Ms. Miller which would place Ms. Miller's license on probation for four years. Merrily Moynihan moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to deny the CO. The motion passed with all in favor and one abstention, Donna Roberts. It was the recommendation of the Board that Ms. Miller provide monthly employer reports for one year and to successfully complete a course in leadership, or problem solving, or critical thinking skills during the first six months of probation.

## HEARING – JESSICA BLANCHETTE, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:45 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Blanchette was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Blanchette. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to continue for additional information. The motion failed as there were no Board Members in favor of the motion. Donna Roberts abstained. The hearing concluded at 12:40 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. Blanchette be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Donna Roberts.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to extend Ms. Blanchette's probation for one year. The motion failed as only Katherine Pellerin and Mary Brown were in favor. All others were opposed with the exception of Donna Roberts who abstained. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to revoke Ms. Blanchette's license to ensure the safety of the public. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Mary Brown and Merrily Moynihan who were opposed and Donna Roberts who abstained. Ms. Blanchette's conduct is a violation of Section 20-99(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes as she engaged in unprofessional conduct by failure to adhere to the terms of the Memorandum of Decision dated February 6, 2008.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn at 12:50 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 15, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Donna Roberts, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amanda Campbell, RN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Patrick Kwanashie, Assistant Attorney General  
Robert Kiley, Paralegal Specialist, Office of the Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH  
Ralph Urban, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:50 AM

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford and the UConn School of Nursing Master's Program.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – ANGELA STAR, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision (MOD) for Angela Star. Merrily Moynihan moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to dismiss the Amended Statement of Charges dated May 29, 2008. The MOD dated July 18, 2007 shall continue in full force and effect. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Donna Roberts. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

#### CONSENT ORDER – GITA AGGARWAL, LPN

Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Gita Aggarwal. Ms. Aggarwal was not present and was not represented. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept the CO. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

Maria Pietrantuono arrived at 8:55 AM.

#### CONSENT ORDER – THERESA YOUNG, LPN

Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a CO for Theresa Young. Ms. Young was not present and did not have representation. Donna Roberts moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the CO be accepted. The motion failed. It was the recommendation of the Board that coursework relating to signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia and decision making be included.

Heidi Darling arrived at 8:58 AM.

#### CONSENT ORDER – KAREN JACOBS, RN

Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a CO for Karen Jacobs. Ms. Jacobs was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to accept the CO. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

#### CONSENT ORDER – HEATHER JEANETTI, RN

Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a CO for Heather Jeanetti. Ms. Jeanetti was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the CO. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

#### CONSENT ORDER – LEONA GIORDANO aka LEONA BILODEAU, LPN

Diane Wilan presented the Board with a CO for Leona Giordano. Ms. Giordano was present without representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to accept the CO. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

#### CONSENT ORDER – MARY ANN DORFLINGER, RN

David Tilles presented the Board with a CO for Mary Ann Dorflinger. Ms. Dorflinger was present with counsel, Attorney May Alice Moore Leonhardt. Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

#### HEARING – JENNIFER TELAGE, LPN

The hearing convened at 9:19 AM. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Telage was not present and did not have representation. There was no testimony provided. The hearing concluded at 9:30 AM.

Merrily Moynihan moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to find Ms. Telage on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mary Brown moved to revoke Ms. Telage's license, seconded by Heidi Darling, which passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – PAULA REGAN, RN

The hearing convened at 9:36 AM. This is a continuation of a hearing held on August 20, 2008. Board Members not in attendance at the August 20<sup>th</sup> hearing were provided with the hearing exhibits and all Board Members were provided with the August 20<sup>th</sup> hearing transcript prior to this meeting. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Regan was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Regan. The hearing concluded at 10:03 AM.

Mary Brown moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that Ms. Regan be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Ms. Regan's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### HEARING – NANCY WALKER, LPN

The hearing convened at 10:07 AM. This is a continuation of a hearing held on May 21, 2008. Board Members not in attendance at the May 21<sup>st</sup> hearing were provided with the hearing exhibits and all Board Members were provided with the May 21<sup>st</sup> hearing transcript prior to this meeting. Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Walker was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Walker. The hearing was continued to April 15, 2009.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members to adjourn at 10:16 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 5, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Donna Roberts, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General  
Darren Cunningham, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Donna Canalis, Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Ralph Urban, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:47 AM.

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Connecticut and Porter and Chester LPN Program.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Waiver Request – Sacred Heart University

#### OPEN FORUM

Janice Costello, Director of the RN Nursing Program at Goodwin College, introduced three visitors from a nursing program in the country of Jordan who have been observing Goodwin College's RN Nursing Program this semester.

## SCOPE OF PRACTICE

### NURSES ACCEPTING ORDERS WHICH HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY MDs TO PHARMACISTS

John Gadea, Director of the Drug Control Division of the Department of Consumer Protection, was present for discussion with the Board regarding nurses accepting orders which have been given by MDs to pharmacists. After discussion with representatives from Collins IV Care and Mr. Gadea, the Board agreed that it was not within the scope of registered nurse practice to act on a physician order given to a pharmacist (i.e., laboratory testing). A registered nurse must be able to verify a physician order if the order has not been written by the physician on a physician order sheet (POS). If the nurse and the pharmacist conduct a conference call, the nurse may accept a telephone order and enter the order onto the POS as such. Any verbal or telephone order provided to a registered nurse requires written verification from the provider within an acceptable timeframe usually determined per facility policy and/or protocol.

Amanda Campbell arrived during this scope of practice discussion.

### CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES FOR SEPTEMBER, 2008

Diane Cybulski reviewed the scope of practice calls. There were no unusual calls received in the Board Office this month.

### SCHOOL ISSUES - THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUESTS

#### HEATHER BADER

Heather Bader has worked at Three Rivers since January, 2005 and is expected to complete her MSN degree in May of 2009 at the University of Hartford. Ms. Bader will be teaching Medical Surgical Nursing which is her area of expertise. Katherine Pellerin moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that Ms. Bader be granted a one-year faculty education waiver. The motion passed unanimously. An official transcript will be submitted once received.

#### EDITH OUELLETT

Edith Ouellet has worked at Three Rivers since September, 2006 and is expected to complete her MSN Degree in May of 2009 at the University of Hartford. Ms. Ouellet will be teaching Maternal Child Health which is her area of expertise. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to grant Ms. Ouellet a one-year faculty education waiver. The motion passed unanimously. An official transcript will be submitted once received.

#### PAULA SULLIVAN

Paula Sullivan has been an adjunct faculty member at Three Rivers from 1994 – 1999. She is presently enrolled in the Walden University On-Line Masters Program with expected graduation in Spring, 2010. Once the waiver is approved, Ms. Sullivan will immediately enroll in the National League for Nursing/Indiana University Course, Clinical Faculty: A New Practice Role which she will complete prior to the beginning of Spring, 2009 semester. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Sullivan be granted a one-year faculty education waiver. The motion passed unanimously. The letter of matriculation will be submitted once received.

## SCHOOL ISSUES - SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY - WAIVER REQUEST

There was no one from the Sacred Heart Program in attendance at this meeting. The Board reviewed the written request for a one-year temporary waiver for Kathleen Agis. Ms. Agis was granted a one-year waiver in February 2008, however, she will need an extension of this waiver in order to complete her MSN degree in June of 2009. This waiver request was tabled due to non receipt of an official transcript from Drexel University stating that Ms. Agis is a matriculating MSN student and her expected date of graduation. Once this is received the Board will review and offer their decision.

## SCHOOL ISSUES - DOE TECHNICAL SCHOOL SYSTEM RESEARCH REPORT – CLASS OF 2005 – 2007

Patricia Fennessy, Consultant from the DOE, and Anne Simko, Eli Whitney Department Head, were present at this meeting to provide the Board with a synopsis of the report.

## SCHOOL ISSUES - RN PROGRAM STATISTICS – NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOLLOW-UP

Corrections were made regarding the number of RNs as incorrect information had been provided.

## SCHOOL ISSUES - VINAL TECH SCHOOL EVALUATION

Patricia Fennessy, DOE Consultant, and Audrey Szczesiul, Vinal LPN Department Head, were present for this review. Donna Canalis conducted an on-site visit on October 22 and 23, 2008. Vinal Tech has both day and evening LPN programs. The Board expressed concern regarding the number of teaching hours the Department Head was responsible for, (138) hours, plus additional hours for the evening class as needed. The Board also requested the number of hours the secretary provided. Patricia Fennessy, PNE Program Consultant, will clarify secretarial hours and request a log of teaching hours from the Department Head. This information will be submitted at the February 2009 Board of Examiners for Nursing Meeting.

Katherine Pellerin moved to accept the school's evaluation and granted the program Continued Full Approval. The motion, seconded by Ivelisse Varrone, passed unanimously. The next review will be October, 2013.

## SCHOOL ISSUES - A. I. PRINCE EVALUATION

Patricia Fennessy, DOE Consultant, and Susan Deane, A. I. Prince LPN Department Head, were present for this review. Donna Canalis conducted an on-site visit on October 28 and 29, 2008. There is a possibility that the program will be moving back to their site in the summer of 2009. After discussion of the report and site visit, Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the program Continued Full Approval. The motion passed with all in favor. The next review will be October, 2013.

## NCLEX SCORES

### UNIVERSITY OF CONECTICUT

The Board reviewed the NCLEX percentage for the Master's Entry into Nursing Program (DPL) of December 2007. Thirty-one students took the test, twenty-eight passed, three students failed, for a percentage of 90.32%.

The BSN class of May 2008 achieved an 84% (138 students took the test, 117 passed, 21 failed).

## PLANS OF CORRECTION - LPN PROGRAMS

J. M. Wright, Stone Academy LPN Program, and E. C. Goodwin LPN Program will be requested to attend the December 17, 2008 business meeting regarding their NCLEX Scores and their plans of correction.

## START TIME FOR MEETINGS IN 2009

Due to the 2009 Legislative Session starting in January, the BOEN meetings will be held at the Department of Public Health Complex from January 21<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. All meetings will begin at 8:30 AM. There will only be on-site parking for Board Members. All visitors are to park off-site and use the shuttle service which runs every 10-15 minutes. Parking is located at the corner of Forest Street and Capitol Avenue in "Lot C" located next to Hartford High at 55 Forest Street. The meetings will be held in the "470" building in Room C with the exception of February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup> which will be held in Room 470-A/B. Regarding the meetings on February 18<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup> we are requesting that students do not attend these meetings as meeting room A/B is not large enough to accommodate students.

## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bouffard had nothing new to report.

## REQUEST TO LIFT NARCOTIC KEY RESTRICTION – DONNA DeLOS SANTOS, RN

Ms. DeLos Santos was present for this discussion. After review of Ms. DeLos Santos' request and the supporting documentation, Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the narcotic key licensure restriction be lifted for Ms. DeLos Santos to allow her to accept a position with the Department of Corrections. The motion passed with all in favor.

## MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with the following Memoranda of Decision (MOD).

### GEORGE STOWE, LPN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

### DENISE PINDER, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

## CONSENT ORDER – PAMELA LYDING, RN

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro, as counsel for the Department of Public Health, presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Pamela Lyding. This CO would resolve two pending litigation matters in New Britain Superior Court and a pending open case regarding Ms. Lyding. Both lawsuits would be withdrawn in their entirety tomorrow from the New Britain Superior Court. Attorney Martha Murray was present for Attorney Marilyn Clark Pellett. Katherine Pellerin moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the CO be accepted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – AMANDA SMITH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Amanda Smith. Ms. Smith was present without representation. Chair Patricia Bouffard recused herself from this case and Katherine Pellerin was named Chair Pro Tem. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Pro Tem Pellerin signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 19, 2008. Ms. Smith requested a continuance, which was granted by the Board to April 15, 2009.

#### INTERIM CONSENT ORDER - LORI AUGUSTINE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order (ICO) for Lori Augustine. Ms. Augustine was not present and was not represented by counsel. Mary Brown moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the ICO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the ICO.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARY McMANUS, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Mary McManus, *a/k/a* Mary Smyth. Ms. McManus was not present and did not have representation. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 19, 2008.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JACQUELINE BARTON, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jacqueline Barton. Ms. Barton was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 19, 2008.

#### CONSENT ORDER – FRANCIS MAZZEO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Roberta A. Swafford presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Francis Mazzeo. Mr. Mazzeo was present with counsel, Attorney William Seavers. Merrily Moynihan moved and Mary Brown seconded that the CO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

#### CONSENT ORDER – PHYLLIS MILLER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Phyllis Miller. Ms. Miller was not present and did not have representation. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the CO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

#### CONSENT ORDER – TARA HYLINSKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Tara Hylinski. Ms. Hylinski was not present and did not have representation. Katherine Pellerin moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that the CO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

#### CONSENT ORDER – LAURA BIVONA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order (CO) for Laura Bivona. Ms. Bivona was present with counsel, Attorney Barbara Burke. Katherine Pellerin moved to accept the CO, seconded by Heidi Darling, with the language change to successfully a course in pediatric tracheostomy. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

#### HEARING – KIMBERLEY BURROWS, RN

The hearing convened at 11:50 AM. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Burrows was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Burrows who requested a continuance. Amanda Campbell moved, seconded by Ivelisse Varrone, to grant the continuance to acquire treatment documents. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin, Heidi Darling, and Mary Brown. Motion carried. The hearing has been rescheduled to April 15, 2009. Ms. Burrows will sign the release for medical records.

Lunch break 12:50 PM – 1:25 PM

#### HEARING – KAREN HATEM, RN

The hearing convened at 1:27 PM. Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health with co-counsel Laurence Cohen, Law Intern from Quinnipiac University. This is the continuation of a hearing which started on September 17, 2008. Ms. Hatem was present with counsel, Attorney Raymond Parlato. Testimony was provided by Jane Logan Matulaitis, Nursing Home Administrator, and Ms. Hatem. Merrily Moynihan left at 1:50 PM. The hearing concluded at 3:10 PM.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Hatem be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Hatem's license be placed on probation for two years with the standard probationary terms. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members to adjourn at 3:15 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 19, 2008 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Amanda Campbell, RN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Katherine Pellerin, RN  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Donna Roberts, LPN

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Heidi Darling, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jacqueline Hoell, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Laurence Cohen, Law Intern, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Ralph Urban, Court Reporter

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Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:53 AM

#### STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the day and evening LPN programs at Vinal Tech and the University of Hartford.

Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

#### REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – SUSANNE HOLLY, RN

Ms. Holly was present to request a reinstatement hearing for her RN license which was revoked on April 6, 2005. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Holly be granted a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for April 1, 2009 at 11:30 AM.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - JESSIE HELLER-WORK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessie Heller-Work. Ms. Heller-Work was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 3, 2008. The Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, and the Summary Suspension Order was then hand delivered to Attorney Sheehan.

#### MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - PHILLIP ROCKETT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Phillip Rockett. Mr. Rockett was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 3, 2008. Attorney Murray was hand delivered the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, and the Summary *Suspension Order*.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – JOANNE PRELI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Joanne Preli. Ms. Preli was not present and did not have representation. The Board stated that due to the lack of information provided the Board could not make a decision as to whether this case rises to the level of Board action.

#### PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – SANDRA OROSCO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Sandra Orosco. Ms. Orosco was not present and did not have representation. It was the recommendation of the Board that language be added to the Consent Order that Ms. Orosco also successfully complete courses on emergency care, safety, and ethics, and fined a civil penalty of \$1,000.00.

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – CHERYL HOWE, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Cheryl Howe. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Howe's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MARGARET WILKINSON, RN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Margaret Wilkinson. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Wilkinson's license on probation for four years and to vacate the summary suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

#### HEARING – MARY McMANUS *aka* MARY SMYTH, RN

The hearing convened at 9:25 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles and Law Intern Laurence Cohen were present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. McManus was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. McManus. The hearing concluded at 11:10 AM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to find Ms. McManus as charged. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to revoke Ms. McManus' license. The motion passed with all in favor.

#### HEARING – JACQUELINE BARTON, LPN

The hearing convened at 11:21 AM. Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Barton was not present and did not have representation. There was no testimony provided. Attorney Tilles moved to have the changes deemed admitted. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded to grant this Motion to Deem which passed unanimously. The hearing concluded at 11:35 AM. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that Ms. Barton be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Marie Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Barton's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

Lunch break 11:40 AM – 12:37 AM

#### HEARING – JENNIFER MIEREZ, LPN

The hearing convened at 12:37 PM. Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Mierez was present without representation. Testimony was provided by Ms. Mierez, Kyle Mansfield, LDSW, co-worker, Dr. Valencia Bagby-Young, Clinical Supervisor to Ms. Mierez, and Sandra Bursumar, co-worker. Maria Pietrantuono left at 3:08 PM, Merrily Moynihan and Mary Brown left at 3:25 PM. Due to lack of a quorum, fact finding will take place on December 17, 2008 at 11:00 AM. Hearing concluded at 4:40 PM.

#### HEARING – AMY ZIEGLER, LPN

Due to the lateness of the day, Ms. Ziegler was granted a continuance to April 1, 2009 at 11:30 AM.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn at 4:45 PM.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair  
Mary M. Brown, RN  
Heidi Darling, LPN  
Merrily Moynihan, Public Member  
Maria Pietrantuono, RN  
Donna Roberts, LPN  
Ivelisse Varrone, Public Member

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Amanda Campbell, RN  
Katherine Pellerin, RN

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kerry Colson, Assistant Attorney General  
Stanley K. Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH  
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Roberta A. Swafford, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH  
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH  
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

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

## **STUDENTS**

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Southern CT State University.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs at the end of today's meeting.

## **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BELINDA GARNETT aka GARNETT WUTKE, RN**

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Belinda Garnett aka Belinda Garnett Wutke. Ms. Garnett was not present and did not have representation. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 17, 2008.

## **MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – MEG FENN, RN, APRN**

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Fenn had signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit on November 24, 2008. Ms. Fenn was not in attendance at this meeting. Ivelisse Varrone moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that this Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges be accepted. The motion passed unanimously.

## **PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – LOUISE TEWKSBURY, LPN**

Legal Office Attorney Roberta Swafford presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order (CO) packet for Louise Tewksbury. Ms. Tewksbury was not present and did not have representation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that this CO be accepted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the CO.

## CONSENT ORDER – PAUL PITNEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a CO for Paul Pitney. Mr. Pitney was present with counsel, Attorney Joanne Sheehan. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that this CO be denied. The motion passed with all in favor. It was the recommendation of the Board to amend the CO as follows: probation period be increased to two years with monthly medical treatment reports for the first six months and quarterly reports thereafter along with monthly drug screen reports with the exception of the first and last six months which are to be weekly reporting. Attorney Wilan requested a continuance of the December 17, 2008 hearing in order to work out the terms of the CO.

## MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – SAMARA DIMEOLA LPN

Janice E. Wojick presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision (MOD) for Samara DiMeola. Mary Brown moved and Ivelisse Varrone seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to deny Ms. DiMeola's request for reinstatement at this time. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the MOD.

## HEARING – SHIRLEY RODD, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Rodd was not present and did not have representation. The hearing convened at 9:40 AM. There was no testimony provided and documents were entered into the record. Attorney Tilles made a motion to amend the petition number to 2008-0219-010-022. Mary Brown moved to amend the petition number, which was then seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, and passed unanimously. Attorney Tilles motioned to have the allegations deemed admitted. Maria Pietrantuono made a motion to accept the motion to deem, which was seconded by Donna Roberts, and passed unanimously. The hearing concluded at 10:10 AM.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Rodd be found as charged as the allegations were deemed admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Merrily Moynihan seconded that Ms. Rodd's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:15 AM. After the meeting was adjourned Chair Bouffard spoke with the students from Southern Connecticut State University.