

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

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

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

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

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

#### **OPEN FORUM**

Nothing to report.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

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

#### **MINUTES**

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

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

## **SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Lincoln Technical Institute  
Patricia DeLucia, Deborah Little and Marie Acker were present from Lincoln Technical Institute. This matter was tabled from the August 11, 2021 meeting to allow for revised information to be presented.  
Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the curriculum change request which will increase total hours from 1591 to 1600 and will make changes to program philosophy, course descriptions, and student outcomes and objectives. The motion passed unanimously.
- Porter & Chester Institute – Bridgeport Campus - Site Visit  
Nancy Brunet and Vicky Kane were present on behalf of Porter & Chester.  
Helen Smith, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH reported on an August 12, 2021 site visit to the Bridgeport campus of Porter & Chester Institute. The Practical Nursing Program at the Stratford campus will be relocating to Bridgeport.  
Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Gina Reiners to approve the program relocation. The motion passed unanimously.
- St. Vincent's College – Approval of a Chair of the Associate Degree Nursing Program  
Maryanne Davidson and Tammey Dickerson were present from St. Vincent's College.  
This matter was reviewed at the August 11, 2021 meeting at which time the Board voted to allow St. Vincent's College to refile its request with a detailed description of Ms. Dickerson's teaching responsibilities and administrative workload.  
Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman to approve Tammey Dickerson as Chair of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The motion passed. Jason Blando and Mary Dietmann recused themselves from voting.
- Western Connecticut State University – Site Visit  
Jeanette Lupinacci and Andrew Hull were present on behalf of Western Connecticut State University.  
Helen Smith, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH reported on an August 9, 2021 site visit due to relocation of staff offices and the nursing laboratories  
Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the relocation. The motion passed unanimously.
- Stone Academy – 5 year study  
Linda Dahlin, Lisa Palmer and Attorney Aaron Bayer were present on behalf of Stone Academy.  
Helen Smith, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH provided an overview of Stone Academy's report.  
Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin to approve the five year study.  
Following discussion the motion failed unanimously.  
Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to table this matter until revisions to suggested criterions are presented . The motion passed unanimously.
- Stone Academy –Campus Site Visit and Clinical Observations  
Helen Smith, RN Nurse Consultant, DPH reported on an August 4, 2021 site visit to Stone Academy's West Haven Campus and clinical observations for the Waterbury, West Haven and East Hartford campus groups. This matter will be revisited when the revisions to the 5 year study are presented.

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

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

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

## **SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

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

**MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Nicholas Lewonczyk, LPN - Petition No. 2017-50

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

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

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

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

**LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST**

Samantha Angelini, RN - Petition No. 2021-758

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

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

**REQUEST FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT HEARING**

Tammy Piccirillo, LPN

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

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

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

**MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Amy Saunders, LPN - Petition No. 2021-188

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

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety, and welfare.

The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for October 20, 2021.

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

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

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety, and welfare.

The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for October 20, 2021.

Stacey Thompson, LPN - Petition No. 2021-714

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

Jennifer Long moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety, and welfare.

The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for October 20, 2021.

Christine Trombino, LPN - Petition No. 2020-895

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

Geraldine Marrocco moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety, and welfare. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for October 20, 2021.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Linda Lee, LPN - Petition No. 2019-362

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

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

Lashanan Massey, LPN - Petition No. 2019-1192

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

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

Sandra Ring, LPN - Petition No. 2020-1074

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

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

Karen Hull, RN - Petition No. 2020-228

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

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

Lisa Freeman left at 12:09 p.m.

**FACT-FINDING**

Patricia Fryer, RN - Petition No. 2021-572

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

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

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

## **HEARINGS**

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

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

Respondent orally answered the Statement of Charges.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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