

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

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

CHAIR UPDATES

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

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

OPEN FORUM

The Board discussed the regulation review process.

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

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION

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

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

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

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Denise Ambrose, LPN - Petition No. 2019-751

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

Davis Martin, LPN - Petition No. 2021-242

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

Mercedes Miranda, LPN - Petition No. 2020-706

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

Christopher Morahan, RN - Petition No. 2020-1009

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

CONSENT ORDERS

Gustavo Mastarreno, RN - Petition No. 2020-783

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

Respondent was present with Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

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

MOTION TO AMEND STATEMENT OF CHARGES

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

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

Respondent counsel was unable to connect to the meeting.

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

HEARINGS

Michael Presnick, RN - Petition No. 2017-1071

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Colleen Gallagher, LPN Petition No. 2021-630

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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