

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

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

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

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

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

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

Chair Updates – no updates

Additional Agenda Items and Reordering of Agenda

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

Open Forum - no concerns

National Council of State Boards of Nursing – Update

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

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Bi-Monthly Update

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

SCHOOL ISSUES

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

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

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

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

- *Stone Academy – Comments from former faculty*

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

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

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Adwoa Darko, LPN Petition No. 2020-351

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

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

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

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

CONSENT ORDERS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HEARINGS

Susan Fellows *Petition No.: 2021-700* *Staff Attorney Aden Baume*

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

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

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

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

REGULATIONS

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

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