

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 18, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, D.N.Sc. - (RN Member, Chair)  
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)  
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS - (RN Member)  
Rebecca Martinez, LPN – (LPN Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)  
Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member)  
Jason Blando - (Public Member)

**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  
Craig Sullivan, Staff Attorney, DPH  
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH

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

#### **CHAIR UPDATES**

Nothing to report.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

None reported

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

Mary Dietmann gave a report on education committee teleconference meeting during which the AACN New Essentials Plan was discussed.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, LPN, to approve the agenda as revised. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Marcia Proto and Audrey Beauvais provided an update from the Connecticut League for Nursing and the Deans and Directors. They reported that the attrition rates at LPN programs are currently being reviewed.

#### **MEMORANDA OF DECISION**

Angel Predzimirski, LPN - Petition No. 2020-1221

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Angel Predzimirski, LPN which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of four years. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION FOR MODIFIACATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

Patricia Fryer, RN - Petition No. 2021-572

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

The Board reviewed a Department of Public Health motion requesting an amendment to a Memorandum of Decision issued on April 6, 2022 to correct an error in paragraph 1B on page 7. Gina Reiners moved, and Mary Dietmann seconded, to grant the Department's request. The motion passed unanimously.

*Lisa Freeman arrived at 9:03 a.m.*

**MOTION FOR SUMMAREY SUSPENSION**

Lynn Dougan, R.N - Petition No.: 2021-1192

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lynn Dougan. 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 Gina Reiners and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for June 1, 2022.

Portia Hamilton aka Portia Dayon, RN - Petition No. 2022-447

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for in this matter. 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 Rebecca Martinez and passed unanimously. A hearing will be scheduled for June 1, 2022.

Rachel Pisani, APRN, RN - Petition Nos. 2021-1209; 2021-1223

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney John O'Brien.

Gina Reiners 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 June 1, 2022.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

Toni Barstow, L.P.N.- Petition No. 2021-981

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in the matter of Toni Barstow, LPN.

Respondent was represented by Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

Lunie LaFrance, R.N. - Petition No. 2021-733

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in the matter of Lunie LaFrance, RN.

Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand and probation for a period of one year. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda K. Summa, LPN - Petition No. 2022-165

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented a Consent Order in the matter of Amanda Summa, LPN.

Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the Consent Order which imposes probation for a period of three year. The motion passed unanimously.

## **HEARINGS**

Lisa Paulsen, RN - Petition No. 2019-1389

Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was represented by Attorney Ryan M. Scopelliti.

The Board reviewed a request for continuance filed by Attorney Scopelliti.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to grant respondent's request for a continuance. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be rescheduled to November 16, 2022.

*Gina Reiners left the meeting at 9:32 a.m. because she is recused in the Sheryl Lacoursiere matter.*

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

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Ellen Costello.

The Board entered executive session on a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Jennifer Long, for the purpose of receiving testimony regarding privileged health information.

*Lisa Freeman left the meeting during executive session at 12:00 noon*

*Lisa Freeman rejoined the meeting during executive session at 1:34 pm*

*Geraldine Marrocco joined the meeting during executive session at 1:50 pm*

No motions were made and no votes were taken in executive session.

Following executive session, counsel for respondent made a request for a continuance. Jennifer Long moved, and Rebecca Martinez seconded, to grant the request for a continuance. The motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm on a motion by Jennifer Long, seconded by Lisa Freeman.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc.

Chair Board of Examiners for Nursing