

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 July 20, 2022 via Microsoft TEAMS.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Cynthia L. Arpin, RN, MSN – (RN Member)
Joseph Bierbaum (Public Member)
Lisa S. Freeman, BA - (Public Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Dana Dalton, RN, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Aden Baume, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeff Kardys, Board Liaison, DPH
Kerry Colson, AAG, Board Counsel

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

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard reported that the regulations are with DPH for revisions. Dana Dalton will follow up on the status of the revisions.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Jeff Kardys advised that there were no changes to the agenda. Ms. Trombino's boyfriend, Ricardo, called into the meeting and requested a continuance of the hearing on her behalf. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to continue the hearing of Ms. Trombino. The motion passed unanimously. A motion to approve the agenda as revised was made by Mary Dietmann and seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. The motion unanimously passed.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Mary Dietmann reported on the National Council Education Committee meeting of July 15, 2022. NSCBN is conducting a national study of the pre-licensure of RNs and expects preliminary data to be available April 2023. The NCSBN annual meeting is in August. Chair Bouffard, Cynthia April and Dana Dalton will be attending in person.

MINUTES

Jennifer Long made a motion to approve the minutes for January 5, 2022, seconded by Mary Dietmann. The motion unanimously passed.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion to approve the minutes for January 19, 2022, seconded by Gina Reiners. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Jennifer Long, who abstained.

CONNECTICUT LEAGUE FOR NURSING – Monthly Update

Marcia Proto provided an update from the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce. Marcia asked that future agendas reflect the merged entity name as the CT Center for Nursing Workforce. There are two new co-chairs for the Deans and Directors Council, Linda Wagner, University of Bridgeport and Ezekiel Dominique, Norwalk Community College. The Center for Nursing Workforce has received funding to create a full-time nurse faculty preparation course.

OLD BUSINESS

Goodwin University – Corrective Action Plans

Bruce Hoffman, Dr. Vivienne Friday and Dr. Michael Pardales appeared on behalf of Goodwin University.

- *Associate Degree Program*

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion to vacate the July 6, 2022 Board decision to reject the Goodwin University corrective action for the Associate Degree Program to correct any appearance of a conflict of interest with a Board member. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann. Gina Reiners recused herself. The motion unanimously passed.

Jennifer Long made a motion to reject the Goodwin University corrective plan of action for the associate degree program presented at the July 6, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. Gina Reiners recused herself. The motion unanimously passed.

Goodwin University will revise the plan for the September 21, 2022 meeting.

- *Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing Program*

Mary Dietmann made a motion to vacate the July 6, 2022 Board decision to reject the Goodwin University corrective action for the Accelerated Bachelor of Nursing Program to correct any appearance of conflict of interest with a Board member. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long. Gina Reiners recused herself. The motion unanimously passed.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to reject the Goodwin University corrective plan of action for the accelerated bachelor of nursing program. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long. Gina Reiners recused herself. The motion unanimously passed.

Goodwin University will revise the plan for the September 21, 2022 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- *Memorandum of Decision Template*

Dana Dalton presented on the revised and updated memorandum of decision template.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Corey Richmond, RN *Petition No. 2021-48*

Attorney Ellen Costello appeared on behalf of Respondent. Respondent was not present.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to affirm the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Corey Richmond which imposes a three-year probation. The motion passed unanimously.

Colleen Gallagher Petition No. 2021-630
Respondent was not present.

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

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Kimberly Lemire RN Petition No. 2022-561 Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan

Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kimberly Lemire. 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 August 3, 2022.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Stacey Thompson, LPN Petition No. 2021-714 Staff Attorney Aden Baume

Staff Attorney Aden Baume presented the Board with a Motion for to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Stacey Thompson. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Geraldine Marrocco moved to grant the Department's Motion to Withdraw the Statement of Charges against Stacey Thomspson. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Martinez and passed unanimously

PREHEARING REVIEW

Mary-Elizabeth Taylor, RN Petition No. 2018-1355 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a pre-hearing review packet in this matter. Respondent was present and represented by Attorney Mary Alice Leonhardt. The Board recommended probation for 1 year with conditions.

CONSENT ORDERS

Bridget Nicholson RN Petition No. 2020-248 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a four-year probation with conditions. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Alan Smith, RN Petition No. 2020-339 Staff Attorney Joelle Newton

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Jennifer Long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a reprimand. The motion passed unanimously.

Break from 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

HEARINGS

Sarah Croteau, LPN Petition No. 2021-1222¹ Staff Attorney Aden Baume
Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and not represented.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to revise the Statement of Charges to reflect the correct spelling of Respondent's name from Sara to Sarah, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board accepted the Department's exhibits.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco 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 Geraldine Marrocco that Respondent's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Maureen Hurley, RN Petition No. 2020-391² Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina

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

Gina Reiners made a motion to continue the hearing to get verification that Respondent and Respondent's counsel received the hearing notice. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Martinez and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m. on a motion by Gina Reiners, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco.

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Chair Board of Examiners for Nursing

¹ There was a clerical error for the hearing of Sara Croteau. The petition number on the agenda was Petition No. 2021-1222. The correct Petition No is 2021-739.

² There was a clerical error for the hearing of Maureen Hurley, RN. The petition number on the agenda was Petition No. 2020-391. The correct Petition No. is 2019-732.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm on a motion by Lisa Freeman, seconded by Mary Dietmann.

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