

**BOARD OR COMMISSION: Nursing Board (Regular Meeting)**  
**DATE: July 19, 2023**  
**TIME: 8:30 AM**  
**LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Name	Member	Present (Y/N)		DPH STAFF	Present (Y/N)
Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, DNSc, Chairperson	RN Member	Y		Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y		Helen Smith, DPH	Y
Jason Blando	Public	Y		Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y			
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	Y			
Jennifer C. Long, APRN, MSN, NNP-BC	APRN Member	Y			
Salvatore Diaz, RN	RN Member	Y			
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y			
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP, PMHCNS	RN Member	Y			
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y			

**1. CHAIR UPDATE :** Announced the end of Board Member Geraldine Marrocco’s term and the new appointment of Salvatore Diaz.

Jennifer Long moved to add the summary suspension of Jacqueline Alumno, RN . Gina Reiners seconded. Unanimously voted to add the item to the agenda.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT :** Dana Dalton reported changes from the Department regarding letters to the schools.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Review and approve minutes from the following meetings:

October 19, 2022: Gina Reiner moved to approve the minutes. Rebecca Martinez seconded. Jennifer Long noted that the minutes should be amended to reflect that no vote was taken on the prehearing review. Brett Prestia and Jennifer Long abstained. The motion to amend was unanimously approved.

December 21, 2022: Gina moved to approve the minutes. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Brett Prestia abstained. Patricia Taylor prehearing review should not show that the motion passed unanimously. There was no vote. The motion was unanimously approved with edit.

January 18, 2023: Gina Reiners moved to approve the minutes. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Brett Prestia abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

May 30, 2023 (special meeting): Gina Reiners moved to approve the minutes. Mary Dietmann seconded. Brett Prestia abstained. Unanimously approved.

June 21, 2023: Lisa Freeman moved to approve the minutes. Brett Prestia seconded. Gina Reiners and Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### **4. SCHOOL ISSUES**

- Office of Higher Education, - Stone Academy update : Timothy Larson reported that the Office of Higher Education will submit the audit summary and is still issuing transcripts. A webinar will be provided for students. *This discussion was for informational purposes only. No votes were taken.*

- Albertus Magnus College – Addendum to Pre-Licensure BSN Nursing Program. Jaimie Sinutko, Nursing Director presented the addendum. Mary Dietmann, Cynthia Arpin, and Jason Blando recused. Salvatore Diaz abstained. Lisa Freeman moved to accept the feasibility study with the addendum. Rebecca Martinez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gina Reiners moved to approve Albertus Magnus College’s new BSN Nursing Program. Brett Prestia seconded. Mary Dietmann, Cynthia Arpin, and Jason Blando recused. Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion unanimously approved.

- Connecticut State Community College (CSCC) – Notice of Merger of 12 Community Colleges. Catherine Leary, Carol Gabriele, Constance Hotchkiss, Barbara McFarland, and Paula Dowd were present for CSCC. Helen Smith presented a report of the merger, and the presentation was for informational purposes only. *No votes were taken.*

- Lincoln Technical College (LTC) – Request for Approval of Corrective Action Plan for Shelton Campus, Evening Program: Patricia Delucia, Deborah Little, Ruth-Sara Mazzaferro were present for LTC. Helen Smith presented background for requirement of corrective action plan and summary of corrective action plan. Jennifer Long moved to accept the corrective action plan. Rebecca Martinez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gina Reiners moved to place Lincoln Tech Shelton Evening program on conditional status. Cynthia Arpin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Porter and Chester Institute (PCI) - Request for Approval of Corrective Action Plan for Multiple Campuses and Groups. Sherry Griefzu and Lauren Kuzara were present for PCI. Helen Smith

presented background for requirement of corrective action plan and summary of corrective action plan.

Gina Reiner moved to approve the corrective action plan for Porter and Chester Institute Bridgeport Day and Evening, Hamden Evening, and Waterbury Day Programs. Lisa Freeman seconded. Patricia Bouffard expressed that information provided by Ms. Griefzu during the meeting was not included in writing in the corrective action plan. Brett Prestia and Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion failed by unanimous vote.

Mary Dietmann moved to place the Bridgeport day and evening programs on conditional status. Rebecca Martinez seconded. Brett Prestia, Lisa Freeman, and Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to place the Hamden evening program on conditional status. Jennifer Long seconded. Brett Prestia, Lisa Freeman, and Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to place the Waterbury day program on conditional status. Jennifer Long seconded. Brett Prestia, Lisa Freeman, and Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Quinnipiac University – Approval of Appointment of Dean Larry Slater, PhD, MAc, RN-BC, CNE, FAAN . Dr. Larry Slater was present. Helen Smith provided a summary of Dr. Slater’s qualifications.

Mary Dietmann moved to approve Dr. Larry Slater as Dean of the School of Nursing at Quinnipiac University. Gina Reiners seconded. Jason Blando abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

- University of Hartford (UHart) – Approval of Appointment Executive Director and Chair, Nursing Department, Edith Ouellet, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE. Dr. Edith Ouellet and Cesarina Thompson were present for UHart. Helen Smith provided a summary of Dr. Ouellet’s qualifications.

Mary Dietmann moved to approve Dr. Edith Ouellet as the Executive Director and Chair for the Nursing Department at the University of Hartford. Gina Freeman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **5. MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

- Sarah R. Zoni, RN: Petition No. 2022-1282 – Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department; Respondent did not appear.

Jennifer Long moved to approve. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **6. MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

- Michelle E. McDonald, RN: Petition No. 2022-1111 - Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department; Attorney Stephen Manning appeared on behalf of Respondent.

Mary Dietmann moved to grant the summary suspension. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Salvatore Diaz and Gina Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Jacqueline McInerney, RN: Petition No. 2022-1112 - Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department; Respondent did not appear. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the summary suspension. Cynthia Arpin seconded. Jason Blando and Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Jacqueline Alumno, RN: Petition No. 2023-137 - Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department; Respondent was present.

Mary Dietmann moved to grant the summary suspension. Gina Reiners seconded. Jason Blando and Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **7. CONSENT ORDERS**

- Erin S. Gentile, RN: Petition Number: 2022-915 - Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department; Respondent was present.

Jennifer Long moved to approve the Consent Order. Gina Reiners seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **8. REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT HEARING**

- Katieann Martins: Jennifer Long moved to grant a reinstatement hearing. Gina Reiners seconded. Brett Prestia abstained. Patricia Bouffard opposed. The motion was approved by a majority.

## **9. FACT FINDING**

- Marcus A. Garcia, RN\* : Petition No.2023-407 - Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department; Respondent did not appear.

Jennifer Long moved to re-open the record. Cynthia Arpin seconded. The motion was unanimously granted.

The Notice of Hearing was entered into the record.

Attorney Baume moved to deem the allegations admitted.

Jennifer Long moved to grant the motion to deem the allegations admitted. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to find on all Charges. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Marty Dietmann moved to revoke. Gina Reiners seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

## 10. HEARINGS

- Angel Predzimirski, RN\*: Petition No. 2023-569 - Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department; Respondent was present.

Attorney Fazzina moved to amend paragraph 2 of the Charges to reflect a date of May 18, 2022. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the motion to amend. Rebecca seconded. Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respondent Answered the Charges at the hearing: 1. Admit, 2. Admit, 3a. Denied, 3b. Screen tested positive, but denies taking anything for it to be positive. 3c. Admit, but were excused. 3d. Admit

At 1:46 pm. Brett Prestia moved to go into executive session to discuss Respondent's medical records. Rebecca Martinez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Return to public session at 2:50 pm

Gina Reiners moved to find that all allegations in the statement of charges were proven by the Department. Cynthia Arpin seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Gina Reiners moved to have Respondent continue under the current probationary terms. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to vacate the summary suspension. Gina Reiners seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

*Jason Blando left the meeting at 3:00 pm*

- Kathleen Cataford, RN: Petition No. 2022-423 - Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department; Attorney Richard Brown was present for the Respondent.

At 3:11 pm Cynthia Arpin moved to go into executive session to discuss a minor's medical records. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

*Gina Reiners left the meeting at 4:15 pm*

Return to public session at 4:45 pm

Jennifer Long moved to find that all allegations in the statement of charges were proven by the Department. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jennifer Long moved to revoke. Rebecca seconded. Brett Prestia and Salvatore Diaz opposed. The motion was passed by a majority.

- Keave Davis, RN\* : Petition No. 2022-1096 – This matter was removed from the agenda prior to the meeting at the request of the parties.
- Sue-Elynn Heller, RN\* : Petition No. 2023-708 – The respondent requested a continuance of this matter. Gina Reiners moved to grant the continuance. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

*Jennifer Long left the meeting at 5:10 pm*

- Christopher Kay, RN\* : Petition No. 2023-696 - Staff Attorney Aden Baume was present for the Department; Respondent was present.

Attorney Baume moved to amend the statement of Charges to identify the allegations numbered 7-11, as numbers 1-5.

Mary Dietmann moved to grant the motion to amend. Brett Prestia seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respondent answered charges on the record: 1 – admits, 2 – admits, 3d – admits, 3e – admits, 3f – admits, 4 a. – denies, 4b. – admits it tested positive but did not take any substances that would have tested positive, 4c. – admits, he was out-of-state.

At 5:34 pm Lisa Freeman moved to go into executive session to discuss Respondent's medical records. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Returned to public session at 6:02 pm

Mary Dietmann moved to find that the allegations in paragraphs 1, 2, 3d, 3e, and 3f, 4b and 4c of the statement of charges were proven by the Department but that the allegations in paragraph 4a were not proven. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to extend Respondent's current probation an additional year to November 2025 with increased weekly urine screens for the full duration of probation in addition to all probationary terms already in place. Rebecca Martinez seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary moved to vacate Respondent's summary suspension. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

- Carol Pulliam, RN : Petition No. 2022-413 - Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina was present for the Department; Respondent did not appear. The Board Chair continued the hearing to August 9, 2023.

- Tracy L. Rosenzweig, LPN\* : Petition No. 2022-859 - Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan was present for the Department. The Board Chair granted a continuance in this matter prior to the hearing.
- Mary Elizabeth Taylor, RN\* : Petition No. 2023-581 - Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department. The Board Chair continued the hearing to August 9, 2023.

Rebecca moved to adjourn at 6:23 pm and Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.