

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Nursing Board (Special Meeting)
DATE: November 1, 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	N		Helen Smith, DPH	Y
Jason Blando	Public	Y		Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y		Laura Morris, DPH	Y
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	Y		Tyra Peluso, Board Liaison	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y		Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y		Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	N			
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y			

CALL TO ORDER 8:37AM

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the October 18, 2023, minutes, as presented. Brett Prestia seconded the motion. Jason Blando and Mary Dietmann abstained. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Chair reordered the agenda to hear Item 5 (Reopen Fact Finding) next.

3. MOTION TO REOPEN FACT FINDING

- Christopher Kay. Petition No. 2023-696. Mary Dietmann moved to table the discussion until the November 15, 2023, board meeting. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

- Selena Marie Acocella, Petition No. 2020-977 and 2021-190. Attorney William Palmieri appeared for Respondent. Mary Dietmann moved to affirm the MOD as presented. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
- Melissa Marti, Petition No. 2022-853. Mary Dietmann moved to affirm the MOD as presented. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. RECONSIDERATION OF MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

- Kristin Brice, Petition No. 2022-913. Lisa Freeman moved to reconsider the MOD. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lisa Freeman moved to amend the MOD. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lisa Freeman moved to approve the amended MOD as presented. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

- Maxine J. Hunte: Petition No. 2023-214, Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the motion. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

- Maxine J. Hunte: Petition No. 2023-214, This matter was not considered by the Board in light of the approval of the *motion to withdraw the statement of charges*.

8. CONSENT ORDER

- Franklin Jones: Petition No. 2022-258, Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Lisa Freeman moved to grant the consent order as presented. Mary Dietmann seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. HEARINGS

- Nicole R. Slonski, Petition No. 2022-1019. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent did not appear.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz that the respondent's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Keave Davis, Petition No. 2022-1096. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent appeared and was represented by Attorney Ellen Costello. Respondent's written answer, admitting allegation 1 and denying allegations 2 and 3, were entered into the record.

Attorney Costello moved to recuse board members from participating in the matter. Lisa Freeman moved to deny Respondent's motion to recuse board members. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Respondent and the Department each filed additional motions all of which were overruled by the Board Chair.

At 11:17am, Mary Dietmann moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential academic information. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board returned to the public meeting at 12:20pm. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during Executive Session. The following individuals attended the executive session: all members of the Board, Attorney Stacy Schulman, Attorney Alfreda Gaither, Attorney Aden Baume, Board Liaison Tyra Anne Peluso, Respondent Keave Davis and Respondent Attorney Ellen Costello, Department Attorney Linda Fazzina, and the Court Stenographer.

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

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, to place Respondent on probation. The motion was unanimously rejected. After board discussion, Lisa Freeman made a new motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, that the respondent's RN license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

- Krystle Fabozzi, Petition No. 2022-748. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. The Respondent did not appear. Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, to grant the Department's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, that the respondent's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

- Kenisha Hieka Rose, Petition No. 2022-1119. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent appeared, represented by Attorney James Demetriades.

At 4:15pm, Brett Prestia moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential academic information. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion was unanimously approved. The Board returned to the public meeting at 5:27pm. No motions were made, and no votes were taken during Executive Session. The following individuals attended the executive session: all members of the Board, Attorney Stacy Schulman, Attorney Alfreda Gaither, Attorney Aden Baume, Board Liaison Tyra Anne Peluso, Respondent Kenisha Hieka Rose and Respondent's Attorney James Demetriades, Department Attorney Linda Fazzina, and the Court Stenographer.

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

Salvatore Diaz made a motion, seconded by Brett Prestia, that the respondent's RN license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

- Melonie J Daley, Petition No. 2023-135. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Respondent appeared on her own behalf. Brett Prestia moved to grant the respondent's request to continue the hearing to November 15, 2023, with no objection by the Department. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Brett Prestia moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.