

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: April 3, 2024

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	Craig A. Sullivan, DPH	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Elizabeth Bannon, AAG	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, AAG	Y
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	Y	Cindy Mahon, AAG	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Stacy Schulman, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	Y	Derrick Williams, Board Liaison	Y
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y	Ryan Burns, DPH Deputy Legal Director	Y
Camille Payne, MD	APRN Member	N		
Michael Cartier, Esq.	Public Member	Y	Helen Smith, DPH	Y
Cheryl-Ann Resha	Public Member	Y	Dana Dalton, DPH	Y

CALL TO ORDER 9:10 AM

MINUTES OF March 20, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

The review of the minutes of the March 20, 2024, meeting was continued until the next regular meeting.

SUMMARY SUSPEMSION

Anita Ajagbe, RN, Petition No. 2022-1089. Staff Attorney Lisa Fazzina appeared for the Department. Respondents Attorney Lawrence Kobak appeared.

Cynthia Arpin moved to grant the Department's motion to summarily suspend Respondent. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. Respondent's Attorney objected. The object was overruled and the motion to summarily suspend the Respondent was approved by roll call vote.

Vennesha Hunter, RN, Petition 2023-279. Staff Attorney Craig A. Sullivan appeared for the Department. Attorney Sullivan requested this matter be moved to a later time due to Respondent's Attorney not being present.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to move Vennesha Hunter, RN to a later point in the agenda. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call vote.

Guirlane Sajous, LPN, Petition No. 2022-1120. Staff Attorney Craig A. Sullivan appeared for the Department. Gina Reiners made the motion to add this matter to the agenda. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. This was added to the by roll call.

Gina Reiners motioned to moved this matter to later in the meeting. Rebecca Martinez seconded this motion. This motion was granted by roll call vote.

Patrice Andrene Williams, RN, Petition No. 2023-281. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent was present. Gina Reiner made the motion to add Patrice Andrene Williams under summary suspension. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion to approve the summary suspension. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The Respondent was allowed to speak on her behalf.

Mary Dietmann moved to grant the Department's motion to summarily suspend Respondent. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MOTION TO REOPEN

Carol Pulliam, RN, Petition No. 2022-1118. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. Respondent represented herself. Gina Reiner moved to grant Respondent's motion to reopen this matter. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion to reopen was denied following vote by roll call.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Mike Yovel Robert, RN*, Petition No. 2022-1118. Mary Dietmann, made the motion to accept the MOD as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved following a vote by roll call.

Sheila Harrington, RN Petition No. 2023-271. Gina Reiners moved to approve the MOD as presented. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was denied following vote by roll call.

HEARINGS

Alexandra Kavanagh, RN Petition No. 2023-249. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. Respondent had requested a Continuance of this matter which was approved by Chairwoman Patricia Bouffard.

Janice Pierre, RN Petition No. 2023-248. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. Respondent requested a Continuance. Gina Reiners moved to continue this matter. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The Motion was approved following a vote by roll call.

Simone Elizabeth Escoffery-Dick, RN Petition 2023-246. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represents the Department. Respondent had requested a Continuance of this matter which was approved by Chairwoman Patricia Bouffard.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Goodwin University. Review of the Feasibility Study and qualifications of a candidate to be appointed as a Nursing Administrator. Vivian Friday, Karen Therian, Michael Paradles, and Robert Decrescenzo present.

The board consider the application for a new licensed practical nurse program at Goodwin University. Gina Reiners motioned for approval. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote contingent upon revised and site approval.

THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC. – Monthly Update
The update was deferred to the April 17, 2024, regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairwoman Patricia Bouffard invited comment from the public. No member of the public offered comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Salvatore Diaz move to adjourn the meeting. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.