

CALL TO ORDER 8:33AM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: August 21, 2024

TIME: 8:30 AM

LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS

**The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision,
and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.**

MEETING MINUTES

Name	Member	Present (Y/N)	DPH STAFF	Present (Y/N)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC, Chairperson	RN Member	Y	Liz Bannon, AAG	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, AAG	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Ryan Burns, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	N	Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
Lisa Freeman, BA	Public	Y	Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Anthony Nanni, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, APRN	APRN Member	N	Stacy Schulman, DPH	Y
Cheryl-Ann Resha	Public Member	N	Brett Moody, DPH	Y
			Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
			Helen Smith, DPH	Y
			Susanne Cammarata, DPH	Y
			Meaghan Christinat, DPH	Y
			Elona Enesi, DPH	Y
			Laura Morris, DPH	Y
			Mary Green, DPH	Y
			Laurie Falaro, DPH	Y
			Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
			Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
			Sara Montauti, DPH	Y
			Lavita Sookram, DPH	Y
			Lisa Yu, DPH	Y
			Elizabeth Leung, DPH	Y
			Luis Maldonado, DPH	Y
			Patricia Calderone, DPH	Y

				Gillian VanderVliet, DPH	Y
				Jayme O'Mara, DPH	Y
				Timothy Winter, DPH	Y

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Albertus Magnus College – Facility Visit

Susanne Cammarata gave an informational update related to the completion of the onsite visit. The LPN to Bachelor of Science and Nursing program met the regulatory requirements for approval as a nursing education program. Cynthia Jeffrey, Program Director, appeared on behalf of Albertus Magnus College.

Central Connecticut State University – Facility Visit

Susanne Cammarata gave an informational update related to the completion of the onsite visit. The accelerated Bachelor of Science Nursing program met the regulatory requirements for approval as a nursing education program. Kerri Langevin, Associate Professor appeared on behalf of Central Connecticut State University.

CCNW UPDATES

Dr. Tina Loarte-Rodriguez, Executive Director, appeared on behalf of The Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce (CCNW). Dr. Loarte-Rodriguez gave an informational update. CCNW is currently working on providing feedback on the nursing minimum data set to the National Forum and eagerly awaiting the opportunity to serve on a nurse compact implementation work group. They are also working on finalizing the 2022 and 2023 calendar year data stories.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 7, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

The draft minutes of the August 7, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the minutes. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. During discussion, the Board requested that amendments be made to the minutes.

Salvatore Diaz made a motion to remove “Mary Dietmann made a motion to deem all allegations admitted. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.” and to add Erin K. Fitzpatrick as a continued hearing. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote, approving the August 7, 2024 minutes with amendments.

SCHOOL BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Mitchell College – Feasibility Study

Dr. Jamie Sinutko, Program Administrator appeared on behalf of Mitchell College. Dr. Sinutko gave an informational summary of the proposed ABSN program. During discussion, the Board offered suggestions with the intent to improve the presented program. The Board requested that Mitchell College review their recommendations and present their program again at a future board meeting. No votes were made.

Quinnipiac University

Larry Slater, Dean for the School of Nursing, Lisa Rebesch, Senior Associate Dean, and Dr. Tyler Traister appeared on behalf of Quinnipiac University.

- o Approval of Program Director (Dr. Tyler Traister) - Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Tyler Traister as Program Director of Quinnipiac University Undergraduate Nursing Programs. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

- Proposal Review – Larry Slater and Dr. Lisa Rebesch provided details on the proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at the Center for Education, Simulation and Innovation (CESI) location at Hartford HealthCare’s Hartford Campus. Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at CESI. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

University of Bridgeport

Dr. Linda Wagner, Executive Director, appeared on behalf of the University of Bridgeport.

- Approval of Program Director (Dr. Linda Wagner) – Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the appointment of Dr. Linda Wagner as Executive Director of the University of Bridgeport’s School of Nursing. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.
- Feasibility Study (ADN) – Dr. Wagner provided details on the proposed (ADN) program. Cindy Arpin moved to approve the feasibility study for the University of Bridgeport’s (ADN) program. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion received 2 ‘Aye’ votes and 3 ‘Nay’ votes resulting in the motion being denied. The Board shared concerns due to one of Bridgeport University’s programs already being under Conditional Approval. The Board requested that the matter be continued and that the University of Bridgeport provide an informational update on the program that is currently under conditional approval. In addition, they requested information on the program staff as far as experience, credentials, and team mentorships.

University of Saint Joseph – Curriculum Change.

Dr. Denise Puya, Chair of the Nursing Department appeared on behalf of the University of Saint Joseph.

Dr. Puya provided an informational summary of the proposed curriculum change focusing on health promotion, chronic disease management, hospice and palliative care. Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the curriculum change for the University of Saint Joseph. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

SCHOOL MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Porter and Chester Institute (PCI) – Waterbury Evening Group

Sherry Greifzu, Director of Practical Nursing and Julie Trzaski, Assistant Director, appeared on behalf of Porter and Chester Institute. Cynthia Arpin made a motion to not approve the Memorandum of Decision, seconded by Salvatore Diaz. After discussion, Cynthia Arpin withdrew her original motion. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision with the following amendments: (1) Under “Order” #3 change May 8, 2024, to August 11, 2024, and (2) Reflect that this MOD is superseded by the Board’s granting full approval on May 29, 2024. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Angel Predzirmirski, RN, Petition No. 2024-166. The respondent was not present. Rebecca Martinez moved to affirm the memorandum of decision to vacate the suspension of the nursing license as the Board felt that the respondent no longer posed a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. However, the Memorandum of Decision related to probation conditions remains in full effect. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MOTION TO AMEND STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Cindy Bristol, RN, Petition No. 2022-1094, 2024-1143. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Rebecca Martinez moved to approve the amended statement of charges. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Lalaynya Grilley, RN, Petition No. 2022-106, 2023-156. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Summary Suspension as the Board feels the Respondent presents a clear and immediate danger to the public. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS

*Erin K. Fitzpatrick, RN, Petition No. 2024-762. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. The Respondent was not present.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion to affirm that the notice has been properly served to the Respondent. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Lisa Freeman made a motion to grant the Department's motion to deem all allegations admitted. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Cynthia Arpin made a motion that the Department of Public Health has met their burden of proof and that the Respondent be found on all charges (#1-9) of the amended statement of charges. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion for remedy of revocation. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board lost Quorum.

*Noreen Espeut-Richards, RN, Petition No. 2022-1100. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. The Respondent was not present. Both the Board and Department exhibits were entered as full exhibits for the record and evidence was closed. Fact finding will be conducted at a future date.

Lalaynya Grilley, RN, Petition No. 2022-106, 2023-156. Attorney Anthony Nanni appeared for the Department. The Respondent was not present. Notice to Respondent for this date was confirmed. No new evidence was presented and no new fact finding was conducted. The hearing concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

Cynthia Arpin made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.