

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: February 7, 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	Tyra Peluso, Board Liaison	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Lorraine Cullen	Y
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	Y	Sara Montauti	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Laura Morris, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	Y	Susanna Cammarata	Y
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y		

CALL TO ORDER 8:31AM

Salvatore Diaz moved to add a motion for summary suspension for Heidi A. Smith, RN, to the agenda. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. Following vote by roll the motion was approved.

Lisa Freeman moved to add a motion for summary suspension for Christopher Lee Bruender, RN, to the agenda. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt, appearing on behalf of Respondent, objected. Pat Bouffard overruled the objection. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Following vote by roll the motion was approved.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

Mary Dietmann moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024, regular meeting. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. Following vote by roll the motion was approved.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Lincoln Technical Institute, Shelton Campus, Day Group. Ruth Sarah Mazzaferro, Patricia Delucia and Attorney Roger Swartzwelder appeared on behalf of Lincoln Technical Institute. Gina Reiners moved to open fact finding to permit Lincoln Technical Institute the opportunity to present closing arguments. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. A vote by roll call was taken. Mary Dietmann voted nay. The motion was approved.

Porter and Chester Institute, Waterbury Campus, Evening Group. Sherry Greifzu and Attorneys Joan Feldman and Eric DelPozo appeared on behalf of Porter and Chester Institute. Gina Reiners moved to open fact finding to permit Porter and Chester Institute the opportunity to present closing arguments. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. A vote by roll call was taken. Mary Dietmann voted nay. Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was approved.

MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Heidi A. Smith, R.N., Petition Number: 2023-1426. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the motion on behalf of the Department. Mary Dietman moved to grant the Department's motion to summarily suspend Respondent. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Following vote by roll the motion was approved.

Christopher Lee Bruender, RN; Petition No. 2024-79. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the motion on behalf of the Department. Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's motion to summarily suspend Respondent. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion was denied by roll call vote.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Krystle Fabozzi, L.P.N.*, Petition No. 2022-748. Gina Reiners moved to approve the MOD as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Carol Pulliam, RN, Petition No. 2022-413. Gina Reiners moved to approve the MOD as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Heidi A Smith, RN*, Petition No. 2023-954. Rebecca Martinez moved to reject the MOD as presented. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Conrado Macapagal Valido Jr., LPN*, Petition No. 2023-1071. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the MOD as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Nicole R. Slonski, L.P.N., Petition No. 2022-1019. Rebecca Martinez moved to approve the MOD as presented. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

MOTION TO MODIFY MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Beatriz McMillian, RN*, Petition No. 2023-687. Cindy Arpin moved to correct a scrivener error of the petition number from 2023-687 to 2023-681. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Gina Reiners moved to deny the motion to modify the memorandum of decision. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

PRE-HEARING REVIEW

Athena Fidas, RN, Petition No. 2021-862. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent appeared.

Sarah Gantley, APRN, Petition No. 2021-989. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Attorney Rebecca Brindley appeared on behalf of Respondent.

Melissa M. Castelli, RN, Petition No. 2023-903. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear.

CHAIR UPDATE

National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Pat Bouffard and Mary Dietmann provided an update on regulations in process related to school funding and transparency of licensure data.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Brett Prestia made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rebecca Martinez. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31AM