

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: February 21, 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		Ryan Burns, Deputy Legal Director	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y		Elizabeth Bannon, AAG	Y
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	Y		Alina Bricklin-Goldstein	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y			
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	N			
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	Y			
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y			
Camille Payne, MD	APRN Member	N			

CALL TO ORDER 8:33AM

Mary Dietmann moved to add consideration of a Summary Suspension for Angel Predzimirski, RN, to the agenda. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

Gina Reiners moved to add Chair Update to the agenda. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

Mary Dietmann moved to add legal update to the agenda. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

Gina Reiners moved to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024, regular meeting. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

LEGAL UPDATE

Deputy Legal Director Ryan Burns provided a brief informational legal update relating to the timing of processing of agenda related documents. No votes were taken.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jacqueline Alumno, RN*, Petition No. 2023-137. Cindy Arpin moved to approve the memorandum of decision as presented. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Angel Predzimirski, RN, Petition No. 2024-166. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Cindy Arpin moved to grant the Department's motion to summarily suspend Respondent. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

CONSIDERATION OF REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER

Fernando L. Roldan, Unlicensed R.N., Petition No. 2021-786. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Lisa Freeman moved to accept the reinstatement consent order. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Gina Reiners recused herself. Following vote by roll call, the remaining Board members approved the motion.

HEARINGS

Heidi A. Smith, RN*, Petition No. 2023-1426. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent appeared. Respondent provided a verbal answer admitting to the statement of charges.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential medical and treatment records. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 9:43 a.m. All members of the Board, with the exception of Brett Prestia, Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon and Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, Staff Attorney Stacy Schulman, Attorney Newton, Department witness Lavita Sookrum, the Respondent, Board Liaison Tyra Anne Peluso, and the stenographer were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during the executive session. Public session resumed at 10:14 a.m.

Following the close of hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that the respondent be found on all charges. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that respondent be placed on probation with conditions. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Mary Archer, RN*, Petition No. 2022-908. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton for the Department. Respondent did not appear.

The Department renewed its motion from the continued hearing to deem allegations admitted. Lisa Freeman moved to approve the Department's motion to deem allegations admitted. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Following the close of hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reinders made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that the respondent be found on all charges. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with Brett Prestia not present.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, that respondent's license be revoked. The motion was approved by roll call vote, with Brett Prestia not present.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Arizona College of Nursing: Fourth Quarterly Report. Vincent Salyers provided an informational update on the fourth quarter report. No votes were made.

Central Connecticut State University: Letter of Intent to Establish an Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Kerri Langevin and Sara Horniak present. An informational update was provided related to the establishment of the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. No votes were made.

Lincoln Technical Institute: Proposal for Curriculum Revision. Patricia Delucia, Dean of Nursing appeared for Lincoln Technical Institute and discussed the proposed decrease in program hours. Deborah Little, Laura McKeown and Ruth-Sarah Mazzaferro were also present for Lincoln Technical Institute.

Mary Dietmann moved to accept the proposed curriculum revision. Brett Prestia seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz was not present. The remaining members voted to approve the motion.

Mitchell College: Appointment of Nursing Administrator. Tracy Esty and Jaime Sinutko appeared for Michelle College. Jaime Sinutko, interim director of nursing, provided an informational summary to the Board. Following brief discussion and a request that the organizational chart be provided, Mary Dietmann made a motion to approve the appointment of Jaime Sinutko. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz was not present. The remaining members voted to approve the motion.

Western Connecticut State University, Appointment of Nursing Administrator and Feasibility Study. JeanetteLupinaci and Joan Paladino appeared for Western Connecticut State University.

Gina Reiners moved to accept the appointment of Jeanette Lupinaci as department chair for the accelerated baccalaureate school of nursing program at Western

Connecticut State University. Brett Prestia seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Salvatore Diaz made a motion to approve the Feasibility Study proposal for an accelerated baccalaureate school of nursing program. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. Mary Dietmann and Cindy Arpin recused themselves. The remaining board members approved the motion by roll call vote.

THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC.

Linda Wagner, Co-Chair for the Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce, Inc. Deans and Directors Counsel provided an informational update. No votes were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CHAIR UPDATE

New Board member Dr. Camille Payne was announced but was not present at today's meeting. The National Council Licensure Examination 2023 stats were provided as an informational update. No votes were made.

ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Freeman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann. Following vote by roll call the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 p.m.