

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: January 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		Stacy Schulman, Legal Counsel to the Board	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y		Tyra Peluso, Board Liaison	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	N		Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	Y		Aden Baume, Hearing Office Staff Attorney	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y		Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y		Laura Morris, DPH	Y
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC	RN Member	Y		Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y			

CALL TO ORDER 8:32 am

Gina Reiners moved to add a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Kristen Jodoin, RN, Petition No. 2021-248 and 2021-615 to the agenda. Brett Prestia seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Lisa Freeman moved to remove the word hearing from agenda Item No. 5. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Chair Bouffard removed the hearing for Kristen Jodoin from the agenda.

Cynthia Arpin moved to add Discussion of Board Attendance to the agenda. Rebecca Martinez seconded. Following vote by roll the motion was approved.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2023, SPECIAL MEETING

- Gina Reiners moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2023, regular meeting, as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

CHAIR UPDATE

- The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) meeting dates for 2024 were shared.
- Discussion of Board Attendance. Due to the recent resignation of a member of the Board, there was concern about the presence of a quorum for future meetings and all Board members were encouraged to try to attend all Board meetings in 2024. The chairperson stated that individuals can submit an application to serve on the Board via the State of Connecticut Executive Branch Jobs website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- There was no public comment.

SCHOOL ISSUES

- St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University. Professor Tammey Dickerson and Dean Karen Daley appeared for Sacred Heart University to provide notice of intent to transfer the existing associate degree in nursing program to the Davis/Henley College of Nursing at Sacred Heart. The Board requested additional documentation from the schools and continued discussion and consideration of the matter to the January 17, 2024, meeting.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

- Kristen Jodoin, RN, Petition No. 2021-248; 2021-615. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Gina Reiners moved to grant the motion to withdraw the statement of charges. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION OF REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

- Naomi Williams-Wal, Petition No. 2023-186. Dana Dalton presented the reinstatement documentation on behalf of DPH. Respondent did not appear. Following discussion, the Board advised DPH to obtain additional information and continued the matter to a later date. No votes were taken.

HEARINGS

- Lalaynya Grilley, RN, Petition No. 2022-106; 2023-156. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Respondent did not appear. Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's motion to deem the allegations admitted. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Following the close of hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, that the respondent be found on all charges. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Martinez, that respondent's license be revoked. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

- Brett Prestia made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Arpin. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36a.m.