

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING**

**DATE: May 1, 2024**

**TIME: 8:30 AM**

**LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS**

**MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Present (Y/N)</b>	<b>DPH STAFF</b>	<b>Present (Y/N)</b>
Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, DNSc, Chairperson	RN Member	Y	Craig A. Sullivan, DPH	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	N	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	Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Lorriane Cullien, 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	Y	Chris Andresen, DPH	Y
Michael Cartier, Esq.	Public Member	Y	Helen Smith, DPH	Y
Cheryl-Ann Resha	Public Member	Y	Dana Dalton, DPH	Y

**CALL TO ORDER 8:33 AM**

**MINUTES OF APRIL 17, 2024, REGULAR MEETING**

The draft minutes of the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Brett Prestia moved to approve the minutes with amendments. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. The Minutes as amended were approved by roll call vote.

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Varene Semone Holman, R.N. Petition No. 2023-242. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Gina Reiners moved to summarily suspend Respondent. Cheryl Resha seconded the motion. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan provided a synopsis on the matter. The motion was approved by roll call.

Shalis Biggs, R.N. Petition No. 2022-1092. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Respondents Attorney Eroll Skyers appeared for the respondent. Gina Reiners moved to summarily suspend Respondent. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan provided a synopsis on the matter. The motion was approved by roll call.

Cindy Bristol, R.N Petition No. 2023-1389. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Salvatore Diaz moved to summarily suspend Respondent. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton gave a synopsis on this matter. This motion was approved by roll call vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS-SCHOOL ISSUES**

Lincoln Technical Institute. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent's Attorney Roger Swartzwelder provided closing argument. Mike Cartier first made the motion to not remove the Shelton day program. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote. Lisa Freeman moved to put the Shelton day program on conditional approval for one year. Rebecca Martinez seconded. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

### **CONSENT ORDER**

Laura L. Stewart, R.N. Petition No.2023-530. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. Lisa Freeman moved to approve the consent order. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. This was approved by roll call vote.

### **HEARINGS**

Chereece Reynolds,R.N. Petition No. 2023-241. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The respondent was not present. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina requested a motion for continuance on behalf of the respondent not being present due to uncertainty of the respondent having not received proper notice. The Board denied the request per counsel's suggestion based off the information provided of proper notice was given. The department made a motion to deem the allegations admitted. Mary Dietmann first motioned. Lisa Freeman seconded. The allegations were deemed admissible. Gina Reiners first motioned to find all charges and revocation. Mary Dietmann seconded. This motion passed by roll call vote.

Marie-Rose U. Simbizi, R.N. Petition No. 2023-1389. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent was present without counsel. Respondent

requested a motion for continuance. Lisa Freeman motioned to grant the request. Camile Payne seconded the motion. This motion was granted by roll call vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Carol Pulliam v. Board of Examiners for Nursing, Docket No. AAN-CV24-5024925.

Mary Dietmann moved to enter executive session to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency or a member. Gina Reiners seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

At 11:08 am the members of the Board entered executive session. Present during the executive session were Patrica Bouffard, Ryan Burns, Elizabeth Bannon, Salvatore Diaz, Mary Dietmann, Rebecca Martinez, Gina Rieners, Derrick Williams, Lisa Freeman, Cheryl-Ann Resha, Dr. Camile Payne.

At 11:56 am the members of the Board exited executive session.

Mary Dietmann made a motion to vacate the decision made on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and order revoking the license to schedule a new hearing on the statement of charges. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. This motion was approved by roll call.

Reordering of the agenda, the Board agreed with the recommendation from the office of the Attorney General that school matters will be handled at the beginning of the second semi-monthly meeting.

Discussion on the Nursing Education topics, the Board discussed attendance and hours within the LPN and RN programs throughout the state.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Salvatore Diaz moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m.**