

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: May 29, 2024

TIME: 8:30 AM

LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS

MEETING MINUTES

Name	Member	Present (Y/N)	DPH STAFF	Present (Y/N)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC 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	Joelle Newton	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, MD	APRN Member	N	Derrick Williams, Board Liaison	Y
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	Y	Ryan Burns, DPH Deputy Legal Director	Y
Cheryl-Ann Resha	Public Member	Y	Chris Andresen, DPH	Y
			Helen Smith, DPH	Y
			Dana Dalton, DPH	Y

CALL TO ORDER 8:31 AM

MINUTES OF May 1, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

Rebecca Martinez first moved to approve the May 1st, 2024, minutes with an amendment that the reference to Staff Attorney Joelle Newton should be removed from the Lincoln Tech matter. Mary Dietmann seconded. This motion was approved by roll call vote.

MINUTES OF April 3, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

Cheryl-Ann Resha moved to approve the April 3rd, 2024, minutes with an amendment adding that Guirlane Sajous was summarily suspended. Rebecca Martinez seconded. This motion was approved by roll call vote.

MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING

Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the May 22, 2024, minutes. Cheryl- Ann seconded. Minutes approved by roll call vote. Mary Dietmman and Rebecca Martinez abstained.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Mary Archer RN Petition No. 2022-908. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the MOD as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved following a vote by roll call.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Guirlane Sajous, L.P.N. Petition No. 2022-1120. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan for the department. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan gave a synopsis. Rebecca Martinez first moved to approve. Mary Dietmman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote.

THE CONNECTICUT CENTER FOR NURSING WORKFORCE, INC

Lisa Wagner, director for the School of Nursing at the University of Bridgeport and the cochair of the Connecticut Center Nursing Workforce deans and directors' council provided updates concerning staff changes and introduced those replacing her. Jeannette Lupinacci from Western Connecticut state University and Tammy Dickerson from Sacred Heart University.

Lisa Wagner also commented on matters which have been ongoing since the last meeting pertaining to nursing education, transition to practice, looking at retention of nurses. Other concerns are some hospitals are allowing less and less of students to actually do some hands on skills.

Marcia Proto gave thanks to Lisa Wager for her services as this was her last meeting. Marcia Proto provided information on how many students have enrolled into the nursing programs, graduation numbers, and faculty data.

The Board thanked Lisa [AND MARCIA] for their service.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Porter and Chester Institute- Julie Trzaski represented the school and provided a synopsis of the proposed curriculum. Mary Dietmman moved to accept the proposed curriculum. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Mary Dietmman made a motion to place the University of Bridgeport BS program on conditional status for 2024 to 2025. Lisa Freeman seconded. Salvatore Diaz and Brett Prestia abstained. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Due to the programs passing NCLEX scores, Mary Dietmman moved to remove the following schools from conditional status to full approval. Central Connecticut State University, Goodwin University accelerated, Goodwin University associate degree, Quinnipiac University accelerated, Quinnipiac University BS, Capital Community College, Naugatuck Valley Community College, and Saint Vincent's Colleges College at

SHSU. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was passed by roll call vote. Salvatore Diaz abstained.

Mary Dietmman moved to schedule a hearing for the Bridgeport Campus LPN Day group program removal. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Lisa Freeman moved to put Porter and Chester Institute Bridgeport Campus evening group LPN program on conditional status. Brett Prestia second motioned. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Cheryl-Ann moved to put Porter and Chester Institute Enfield evening program on conditional status. Lisa Freeman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote with one abstention from Brett Prestia.

Salvatore Diaz moved to put Porter and Chester Institute Hamden Campus on conditional status. Cheryl-Ann seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Due to the programs passing NCLEX scores Cheryl-Ann Resha moved to have the following schools moved from conditional approval to full approval. Porter and Chester Institute Waterbury Campus day and evening group, Lincoln Technical Institute, Shelton Campus day and evening group. Mary Dietmman seconded. The motion passed by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Slater Dean of QU School of Nursing requested from the Board of Nursing quarterly reports as a way to help the students who did not pass the NCLEX exam so the school can reach out to them and support them.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.