

CALL TO ORDER 8:33AM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: November 20, 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	Liz Bannon, AAG	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, AAG	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Kathleen Ross, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Ryan Burns, DPH	Y
Lisa Freeman, BA	Public Member	Y	Linda Fazzina, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, MPH, MSN, APRN, DNP	APRN Member	Y	Anthony Nanni, DPH	Y
Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, DNP, MSN, MPH, RN	RN Member	Y	Stacy Schulman, DPH	Y
			Brett Moody, DPH	Y
			Stephen Carragher, DPH	Y
			Helen Smith, DPH	Y
			Susanne Cammarata, DPH	Y
			Meaghan Christinat, DPH	Y
			Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
			Julienne Cutaia, DPH	Y
			Laurie Falaro, DPH	Y
			Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
			Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
			Sara Montauti, DPH	Y
			Lisa Yu, DPH	Y
			Holly-Ann Dzen, DPH	Y
			Alexandra Quental, DPH	Y
			Luis Maldonado, DPH	Y
			Gillian VanderVliet, DPH	Y

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

The draft minutes of the November 6, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the minutes. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

CT State Community College at Quinebaug

- Practical Nursing Feasibility Study - Kimberly Griffiths, Academic Director of Nursing and Allied Health, Dr. Paula Dowd, Academic Dean of Health Professions, Dr. Karen Hynick, Acting Provost and Denise Cortegiano appeared on behalf of CT State Community College at Quinebaug. Kimberly Griffiths gave an informational summary of the proposed accelerated practical nursing program. Rebecca Martinez moved to approve the feasibility study. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. Both Salvatore Diaz and Cynthia Arpin recused themselves. The remaining members approved the motion by roll call vote.
- Practical Nursing Program Director – Mary Dietmann made a motion to approve Kimberly Griffiths as the Academic Director of the practical nursing program. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.
- Practical Nursing Program Curriculum – Mary Dietmann made a motion to approve the practical nursing program curriculum. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Arizona College - Appointment Qualifications Review (Dr. Deborah Long)

Dr. Deborah Long, Elaine Harney, Campus President, Catherine Holton, Senior Director of Nursing Regulatory Affairs, Dr. Barbara Hall, Vice President of Nursing Regulatory Affairs appeared on behalf of Arizona College. Dr. Deborah Long presented on behalf of her appointment qualifications review. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez made a motion to approve Dr. Deborah Long as the Interim Dean of Nursing at the Arizona College at their East Hartford location. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Goodwin University - 2nd Quarterly Report – Karyn Therrien, LPN Program Director and Sue Yan, Clinical Coordinator appeared on behalf of Goodwin University. Karyn Therrien presented the 2nd Quarterly Report. No votes were taken.

Elizabeth Rivera-Martinez temporarily left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

Lisa Freeman joined the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

University of Hartford – Waiver Request (Sarah Freitas) – Edie Ouellet, Executive Director and Chair of the Nursing Department and Sarah Freitas appeared on behalf of the University of Hartford. Edie Willett presented the temporary waiver request for Sarah Freitas. Mary Dietmann made a motion to grant the temporary waiver for Sarah Freitas. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mitchell College - Appointment Qualifications Review (Dr. Martha Kershaw)

Dr. Jamie Sinutko, Program Administrator and Dr. Martha Kershaw appeared on behalf of Mitchell College. Dr. Martha Kershaw presented on behalf of her appointment qualifications review. Mary Dietmann made a motion to approve Dr. Martha Kershaw as the Director of Nursing at Mitchell College. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

CONSENT ORDER

Barbara Bouffard, RN, Petition No. 2023-385. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Consent Order. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Laura Keating, RN, Petition No. 2024-858. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Consent Order. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion received 6 'Aye' votes and 1 'Nay' vote resulting in the motion being approved.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER

Bethany Robinson, RN Petition No. 2023-766. The Board took no action in regard to this item.

Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez returned to the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Marvalin M. Buckley, RN Petition No. 2024-124. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. Both the Respondent and Attorney Young were not present. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Camille Payne seconded the motion. The motion received 7 'Aye' votes and 1 'Nay' vote resulting in the motion being approved.

Juliette Dominique, RN Petition No. 2024-287. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Tusheika Horton, RN Petition No. 2022-1103. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. Attorney Virginia Gillette appeared for the Respondent. Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Cindy Bristol, RN, Petition No. 2022-1094, 2024-1143. The Respondent was not present. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

SCHOOL MEMORANDUM OF DECISION.

Porter and Chester Institute (PCI) – Bridgeport Campus, Day Group. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS

*Juliette A. Cole, RN, Petition No. 2024-657. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent was present. The Respondent requested if it would be possible to voluntarily surrender her license in lieu of the hearing. Assistant Attorney General, Alina Bricklin-Goldstein explained that Ms. Cole could request a continuance to allow her the opportunity to discuss the details of a voluntary surrender with Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina. The Board granted the request for a continuance.

*Luis H. Alfaro, LPN, Petition No. 2023-1256. Prior to the scheduled hearing, the Respondent requested a continuance which was granted by the Board. This hearing will be scheduled for a future date.

*Tammy Piccirillo, LPN, Petition No. 2024-1479. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent was present and represented herself.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential information. The motion was approved by roll call vote. The Board entered executive session at 11:39 a.m. All members of the Board, Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon, Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Tammy Piccirillo (Respondent), and Robert Dixon (court reporter) were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during the executive session. Public session resumed at 12:00 p.m.

Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez left the meeting at 12:00 and returned at 12:43 p.m.

Lisa Freeman left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Cynthia Arpin made a motion that the Department of Public Health has met their burden of proof with regard to all allegations (paragraphs 1-7) within the statement of charges. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion for remedy which would include: 1) four years of probation; 2) random alcohol and drug screens every week for the 1st and 4th years and two screens per month for the 2nd and 3rd years; 3) monthly employer reports for 1st and 4th and quarterly for 2nd and 3rd; 4) monthly therapy reports for 1st and 4th years and quarterly for 2nd and 3rd; 5) attend support groups with average of 8-10 times per month (full 4 years) with quarterly reports including record of attendance; 6) narcotic key restriction for the first year; 7) no self-employment, independent practice, home care, pooling, assisted living or home health agency; and 8) inclusion of tolling language in case of gaps in employment. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez abstained. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Salvatore Diaz made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.