

CALL TO ORDER 8:31AM

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

**DATE: October 16, 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	Ryan Burns, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
Lisa Freeman, BA	Public Member	Y	Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Anthony Nanni, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, MPH, MSN, APRN, DNP	APRN Member	Y	Brett Moody, DPH	Y
Cheryl-Ann Resha, EdD, MSN, RN, FNASN, FAAN	Public Member	Y	Helen Smith, DPH	Y
Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, DNP, MSN, MPH, RN	RN Member	N	Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
			Meaghan Christinat, DPH	Y
			Susanne Cammarata, DPH	Y
			Laura Morris, DPH	Y
			Francesca Testa, DPH	Y
			Laurie Falaro, DPH	Y
			Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
			Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
			Sara Montauti, DPH	Y
			Lavita Sookram, DPH	Y
			Lisa Yu, DPH	Y
			Melissa Cope, DPH	Y
			Luis Maldonado, DPH	Y
			Patricia Calderone, DPH	Y
			Gillian VanderVliet, DPH	Y

Mary Dietmann moved to add CCNW Updates to the agenda, after agenda item #1. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Rebecca Martinez moved to add the Modification of Consent Order for Kyra E. Kulas, RN, Petition No. 2024-1302 to the agenda, after agenda item #3. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Assistant Attorney General Alina Bricklin-Goldstein made a recommendation to the Board to reconsider the placement of CCNW updates on the agenda with the possibility of losing quorum later in the meeting. Cindy Arpin moved to add CCNW Updates after agenda item #8. Lisa Freedman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

### **MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2024, REGULAR MEETING**

The draft minutes of the October 2, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Lisa Freedman moved to approve the minutes. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

### **SCHOOL BUSINESS**

#### **Mitchell College – Facility Visit**

Susanne Cammarata gave an informational update related to the completion of the onsite visit. The facility met the nursing education program and licensure requirements general the regulations for their approved Bachelor of Science Nursing program. Jaime Sinutko, Program Administrator appeared on behalf of Mitchell College. No votes were taken.

### **CONSENT ORDER**

Jared Lynn Alexander, RN, Petition No. 2024-651. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was present. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Consent Order. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

### **MODIFICATION OF CONSENT ORDER**

Kyra E. Kulas, RN, Petition No. 2024-1302. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. Both Respondent and Attorney Richard Brown were in attendance. Lisa Freedman moved to approve the Modification of Consent Order. Cindy Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

### **MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

Issac S. Folorunsho, RN, Petition No. 2022-1102. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. Attorney Ashley Blair attended on behalf of the Respondent. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

### **MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

Lalayna Grilley, RN, Petition No. 2022-2022-106, 2023-156. Lisa Freeman moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Noreen Espeut-Richards, RN, Petition No. 2022-1100. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

## **SCHOOL HEARINGS**

### **Porter and Chester Institute (PCI) – Bridgeport Campus, Day Group**

Sherry Greifzu, Director of Practical Nursing, Julie Trzaski, Assistant Director, and Attorney Eric Del Pozo appeared on behalf of Porter and Chester Institute. This hearing is a continuation from the September 18, 2024, regular meeting. Board Exhibits (13-15) were entered as full exhibits for the record. Attorney Del Pozo gave a brief opening statement. Sherry Greifzu and Julie Trzaski were then given an opportunity to present their case.

Salvatore Diaz made a motion to keep PCI – Bridgeport Campus, Day Group on conditional approval for a 1-year extension. PCI must submit quarterly special progress reports to include: NCLEX performance tracking, reports on attrition, mountain measurement reports, faculty retention and both student and faculty satisfaction reports. Camille Payne seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion was approved by roll call vote receiving 1 ‘Nay’ vote and 6 ‘Aye’ votes. PCI is expected to submit the first quarterly report at the January 15, 2025, regular meeting.

## **PRE-HEARING REVIEW**

Brenda Cruz, RN, Petition No. 2022-1165. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. Both Respondent and Attorney Karen Wackerman were in attendance. After consideration of Attorney Newton’s presentation of evidence, the Board recommended that the case be resolved with reprimand to include a civil penalty, working boundaries, probation, employer reports, drug/alcohol screening and training courses.

## **HEARINGS**

\*Kristen J. Phillips, LPN, Petition No. 2023-648. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent was present without representation. The Respondent requested a continuance to obtain legal counsel. The Department had no objection, to which the Board granted the Respondent’s request. This hearing will be continued at a future date.

\*Jamie A. Pelletier, RN, Petition No. 2023-1062. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Both Respondent and Attorney Ellen Costello were in attendance. Attorney Costello requested a continuance to allow her time to review additional information submitted by the Department. The Board granted Attorney Costello’s request for a continuance. This hearing is scheduled to continue November 6, 2024.

\*Christina L. Perullo, LPN, Petition No. 2023-910. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Respondent was present without representation. The Respondent requested a continuance to obtain legal counsel. The Department had no objection, to which the Board granted the Respondent’s request. This hearing will be continued at a future date.

## **CCNW UPDATES**

Tina Loarte-Rodriguez, Executive Director, and Jeanette Lupinacci, Board Member, appeared on behalf of The Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce (CCNW). Both Tina Loarte-Rodriguez and Jeanette Lupinacci, gave an informational update.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Cynthia Arpin made a motion to adjourn. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m.