

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: June 5, 2024

TIME: 8:30 AM

LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS

**DRAFT
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	Y		Elizabeth Bannon, AAG	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	N		Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, AAG	Y
Lisa S. Freeman, BA	Public	Y		Brett Moody, DPH	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y		Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y		Laura Morris, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, MD	APRN Member	N		Derrick Williams, Board Liaison	Y
Brett M. Prestia, MD	Public Member	N		Ryan Burns, DPH Deputy Legal Director	Y
Cheryl-Ann Resha	Public Member	Y		Chris Andresen, DPH	Y
				Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
				Helen Smith, DPH	Y

CALL TO ORDER 8:33 AM

Cynthia Arpin moved to add Jaime A. Pelletier Petition No. 2023-1062 to the agenda underneath the summary suspension section. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Cynthia Arpin moved to add to the agenda the case of Cindy Bristol, R.N. Petition No. 2023-1389 after the minutes to discuss the possibility of a motion for continuance. Salvatore Diaz seconded. This was approved by roll call vote.

MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

The draft minutes of the May 29, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Rebecca Martinez moved to approve the minutes. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded. Cynthia Arpin abstained due to previously not being in attendance. The minutes were approved by roll call vote.

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Cindy Bristol, R.N. Petition No. 2023-1389. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. The Respondent requested continuance and the Department had no objection to this request. Cythina Arpin first moved to approve the request. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Juliette Anne Cole, R.N. Petition No. 2024-2657. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. Respondent was in attendance and stated that she had legal counsel. Respondent's counsel was not present. Respondent made a request for a continuance. Salvatore Diaz motioned to deny the request, Cynthia Arpin seconded. The motion to deny the requested continuance was approved by roll call vote.

Attorney Linda Fazzina provided a synopsis on the matter. Salvatore Diaz moved to summarily suspend Respondent. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Jamie A. Pelletier, R.N. Petition No. 2023-1062. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Neither the Respondent nor their counsel Attorney Ellen M. Costello were present. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton provided a synopsis of the matter. Salvatore Diaz moved to summarily suspend Respondent. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Melanie Daley, R.N. Petition No. 2023-135. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the MOD as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Mike Yovel Robert, R.N. Petition No. 2022-1118. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the MOD as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Jennifer Barr, R.N. Petition No. 2022-734. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the MOD as presented. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

CONSENT ORDER

Jeannie Pasacreta, A.P.R.N., R.N. Petition No. 2018-1108 and 2023-1343 Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department and gave the synopsis of the case.

Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the consent order. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. There was discussion concerning whether the civil penalty amount was sufficient. The motion to approve the Consent Order was approved by a roll call vote.

Laurie K. Laslett, L.P.N. Petition No. 2023-806. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. Respondent and counsel were present. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina gave the synopsis of the case. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Consent Order. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MOTION TO AMEND STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Marie-Rose Simbizi, R.N. Petition No. 2023-1389. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. Respondent was in attendance and stated that she did not have counsel. Respondent did not oppose the amendment to the Statement of Charges. Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the amendment. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Monette Duplan, R.N. Petition No. 2022-1099. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan represented the Department. Cheryl-Ann Resha moved to approve requested withdrawal of the Statement of Charges. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

LITIGATION MATTERS

Selena Marie Acocella vs. State of Connecticut, Docket No. HHV 23-6082517-S Legal advice from the Office of the Attorney General.

Cynthia Arpin moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation to which the Board is a party. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. In addition to the Board members, Attorney Elizabeth Bannon, Attorney Alina Bricklin- Goldstein, and Deputy Legal Director Ryan Burns were present during the executive session.

After returning to public session, Cheryl-Ann Resha made a motion to authorize counsel to proceed in settlement discussions but reserving final approval of any settlement to the Board. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. This motion passed by roll call vote with Lisa Freeman's abstaining.

HEARINGS

Carol Pulliam, R.N. Petition No. 2022-413. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina gave a synopsis on the case. The

Respondent was not present. Salvatore Diaz moved that the Board find that Carol Pulliam was provided reasonable notice of the hearing. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote. Salvatore Diaz moved to deem the allegations admitted. Cynthia Arpin seconded. This vote was approved by roll call. Lisa Freeman moved to find that each of the charges all the charges. Salvatore Diaz seconded. The vote was approved by roll call vote. Lisa Freeman moved that Respondent's license should be revoked. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote.

Allison Christine Sewell, R.N. Petition No. 2024-334. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan represented the Department. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan gave a synopsis of the case. The Respondent was not in attendance. Salvatore first moved to deem the allegations admitted. Lisa Freeman seconded. This motion passed by roll call vote. Lisa Freeman moved to revoke Respondent's license. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. This motion passed by roll call vote.

Janice Pierre, R.N. Petition No. 2023-248. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. The Respondent was offered additional time to review the exhibits provided to her. The Respondent requested a continuance to allow her to retain an attorney. The Department had no objection. Board Chair Gina Reiners passed this item.

Varone Semone Holman, R.N. Petition No. 2023-242. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan represented the Department and provided a synopsis of the case. The Respondent and counsel for the Respondent were in attendance. Cynthia Arpin moved to find all charges were proven. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. This motion passed by roll call vote. The Board extended empathy regarding this matter. Cynthia Arpin moved to revoke Respondent's license. Salvatore seconded the motion. The 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. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton provided a synopsis of the case. This hearing was continued for the next board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.