

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 15, 2017 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 2-D, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia C. Bouffard, RN, Chair
Aimee Ballard, LPN
Mary M. Brown, RN
Elizaida Delgado, LPN
Mary Dietmann, RN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Geraldine Marrocco, RN
Gina M. Reiners, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Sara Montauti, HPA, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Porter & Chester Institute (Branford), Stone Academy (East Hartford), The University of Connecticut (Waterbury) and Southern Connecticut State University.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to Report

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to Report

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard provided an update regarding the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact and proposed revisions to the NCLEX examination.

MINUTES

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long, to approve the minutes from October 18, 2017. The motion passed with all in favor except Lisa Freeman, Gina Reiners, and Mary Dietmann who abstained.

SCHOOL ISSUES

Fairfield University, Egan School of Nursing - Temporary Waiver Request (Ryan Keenan, BSN, RN)

Dean Meredith Wallace Kazer was present on behalf of Fairfield University.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant a temporary waiver for Mr. Keenan. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding annual nursing school surveys

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH reported that due to a reduction in resources, the Department finds it difficult to continue with the annual nursing school surveys.

Ms. Boulware pointed out that the surveys are not required by statute or regulation.

The Board commented that the surveys are necessary and should continue. Ms. Boulware was asked to report back to the Board after determining if stake holders would be interested in taking over the surveys.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquiries received by the Department of Public Health in September and October 2017.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Denise Meadows, LPN - Petition No. 2016-779

Gina Reiners moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that Ms. Meadow's licensed practical nurse be revoked. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

Dawn Palmer, RN - Petition No. 2016-263

Mary Dietmann moved to affirm the Board's prior decision that the probation of Ms. Palmer's registered nurse license be extended. The motion was seconded by Geraldine Marrocco and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Karina Francis, RN - Petition No. 2017-1046

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Karina Francis. Ms. Francis was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Mary Dietmann and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for December 20, 2017.

Frances Pisaturo, LPN - Petition No. 2017-658

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Frances Pisaturo. Ms. Pisaturo was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Mary Brown moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension in that respondent's continued practice as a nurse is a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety and welfare. The motion was seconded by Lisa Freeman and passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for December 20, 2017.

CONSENT ORDERS

Kristin Brice, LPN - Petition No. 2015-1510

Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Kristin Brice. Ms. Brice was not present nor represented by counsel. This matter was previously reviewed at the October 18, 2017 meeting during which the Board recommended additional terms be added. Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes probation for a period of two years.

Ashley Dizney, APRN, RN - Petition Nos. 2017-897 and 2017-169

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ashley Dizney. Attorney Bridget Gallagher was present for respondent. Gina Reiners moved and Mary Brown seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes a four year probation of each license and a \$1000.00 civil penalty.

HEARINGS

Lori Riley, RN - Petition No. 2017-1060

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco that the Board grant the Department of Public Health's oral motion to deem the allegations admitted based on an Answer to the Statement of Charges not being filed. The motion passed unanimously.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Ms. Riley be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded that Ms. Riley's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Ressa, LPN - Petition No. 2017-377

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was not present and was not represented. This was a continuation of the hearing which began on September 20, 2017

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Ressa be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Mary Dietmann seconded that Ms. Ressa's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

Presley Eze, LPN Petition No. 2016-1043

Staff Attorney Joelle Newton was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present with Attorney Daniel Csuka. This was a continuation of the hearing which began on September 20, 2017

Mary Brown made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to enter executive session to take testimony regarding confidential treatment records from respondents' therapist. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 10:23 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Mary Dietmann left for the day at 11:00 a.m.

Geraldine Marrocco left for the day at 12:30 p.m.

Following close of the hearing the Board conducted fact-finding.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Mr. Eze be found as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Gina Reiners moved and Lisa Freeman seconded that Mr. Eze's license be placed on probation for a period of four years effective with the signing of the Memorandum of Decision. Probation will include the usual terms pertaining to therapy and drug screening, no home care or agency employment and no access to narcotic keys if working in Connecticut, and documentation of 12 step participation. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Patricia C. Bouffard, D.N.Sc., Chair
Board of Examiners for Nursing