

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 June 20, 2018 the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in room 1-D.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN
Lisa S. Freeman, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda Gaither, Legal Counsel to the Board, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Dana Dalton, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Helen Smith, RN, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, 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
Agnieszka Salek, Hearings Liaison, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Lincoln Technical Institute – Shelton Campus; Quinnipiac University and East Carolina University.

CHAIR UPDATES

Nothing to Report.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing to Report.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Chair Bouffard, Gina Reiners and Dana Dalton from the Department of Public Health will be attending the annual meeting. There is still one slot open for a Board members to attend.

SCHOOL ISSUES

St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University

Maryanne Davidson was present on behalf of St. Vincent's College.

St. Vincent's College at Sacred Heart University has provided the Department notice regarding the transfer of the curriculum and related teaching programs from St. Vincent's College to Sacred Heart University. The transfer is planned to be effective in late June or early July. The transfer was approved by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education-on 01/31/2018, and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges-on 03/01/2018. Although St. Vincent's will physically remain where it is currently housed, ownership is transferring to Sacred Heart University.

Dr. Davidson answered questions pertaining to the merger of St. Vincent's College into Sacred Heart University.

The Board requested additional documentation, inclusive of an organizational chart and the full report to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, be presented for the Board's review.

Connecticut League for Nursing (CLN) CT RN Educational Programs Statistics

Marcia Proto, Executive Director was present to discuss revisions to the educational program statistics.

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) – Appointment of Department Chair

Leona Konieczny, DNP, MPH, BSN, RN - BC, CNE was present for this discussion. Dr.

Konieczny was elected chair of the Department of Nursing at Central Connecticut State University from June 1, 2018 to August 31, 2021.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Elizaida Delgado, to approve Dr. Konieczny's appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

Quinnipiac University – Appointment of Dean of the School of Nursing

Lisa G. O'Connor. EdD, RN, was present for this discussion. Dr. O'Connor will be appointed as the Dean of the School of Nursing effective July 1, 2018.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco to approve Dr. O'Connor's appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

Three Rivers Community College – Waiver request

Edith Ouellette, MSN, RN was present for Three Rivers Community College

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Mary Dietmann, to grant a one year waiver for Leanne La Rose, BSN, RN as a clinical educator. The motion passed unanimously.

Schools below NCLEX pass rate

- Porter & Chester Institute – Stratford Campus

Patricia Donovan and Kathleen Bhatti were present on behalf of Porter & Chester.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Jennifer Long to accept Porter & Chester's plan of correction. Following discussion the Board unanimously rejected the plan of correction as written and requested that a revised plan of correction be submitted for review.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, that Porter & Chester be placed on conditional status. The motion passed unanimously.

- Stone Academy – West Haven Campus, Evening Program

Holly Mulrenan and Deborah Detrick were present on behalf of Stone Academy.

Geraldine Marrocco made a motion, seconded by Aimee Ballard to accept Stone Academy's plan of correction. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, that Porter & Chester be placed on conditional status. The motion passed unanimously.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Helen Smith, Nurse Consultant, DPH provided a summary of nursing scope of practice inquires received by the Department of Public Health in May 2018.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Jennifer Ressa, LPN

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

REQUEST TO MODIFY MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Presley Eze, LPN

Staff Attorney was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent and his counsel were not present.

The Board reviewed a motion filed by the Department of Public Health to modify a Memorandum of Decision issued on May 16, 2018. Jennifer long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to deny the Department of Public Health modification request. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

Jennifer long made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to adopt an Amended Memorandum of Decision due to technical changes. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Amended Order.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Jermaine Richards, LPN

Staff Attorney Brittany Allen presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges in this matter. Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Elizaida Delgado to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

LICENSE REINSTATEMENT REQUEST

Rachael Barker, LPN

Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH, presented a license reinstatement request regarding Rachel Baker, LPN. Ms. Barker was present but was not represented by counsel.

Following review, the Board recommended reinstatement with a one year period of probation with weekly random urine screens, monthly employer and therapy reports, no solo practice, and attendance at AA/NA meetings 8-10 per month.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Linda S. Greenhill, RN - Petition No. 2018-468

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Linda Greenhill. Ms. Greenhill 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 July 18, 2018.

Joshua Klies, LPN - Petition No. 2017-1029

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Joshua Klies. Mr. Klies was not present and was not represented by counsel. Amiee Ballard 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 July 18, 2018.

Dianne Powers, RN, APRN - Petition Nos. 2018-612., 2018-613

Staff Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Dianne Powers. Ms. Powers 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 Elizaida Delgado and passed with all in favor except Jennifer Long who recused herself from voting. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order. A hearing will be scheduled for July 18, 2018.

PREHEARING REVIEW

Rory O'Brien, RN Petition No. 2017-262

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a pre-hearing review in the matter of Rory O'Brien, RN.

Ms. O'Brien was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Amiee Ballard recused herself in this matter.

Following review, the Board recommended that this case be dismissed without discipline.

Nancy P. Laporta, RN Petition No. 2017-1104

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a pre-hearing review in the matter of Nancy Laporta, RN.

Ms. Laporta was present but was not represented by counsel.

Following review, the Board recommended that respondent's license be placed on probation for three months during which she must complete a nursing scope of practice course.

CONSENT ORDERS

Gregory Coyle, RN - Petition No. 2017-619

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Gregory Coyle, RN.

Mr. Coyle was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Gina Reiners moved and Geraldine Marrocco seconded, to approve the Consent Order.

Following discussion the motion to approve the Consent Order failed unanimously.

The Board recommends that the Order include a two year probation with a prohibition of employment in a home care setting.

Cynthia Riley, LPN - Petition No. 2017-820

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Cynthia Riley, LPN. The Board held a pre-hearing review in this matter at its April 18, 2018 meeting.

Ms. Riley was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Jennifer Long moved and Gina Reiners seconded, to approve the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order which imposes probation with conditions for a period of two years.

HEARINGS

Renee Devoe, RN - Petition No. 2018-347 – Reinstatement Hearing

Staff Attorney Leslie Scoville was present for the Department of Public Health. Ms. Devoe was present but was not represented by counsel.

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

Geraldine Marrocco moved, and Gina Reiners seconded that Ms. Devoe's license be reinstated to probation with conditions for a period of one year following completion of a registered nurse refresher program and passing of the NCLEX examination. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Alarcon, RN - Petition No. 2017-1460

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

Respondent orally requested a continuance for the purpose of obtaining documents relevant to the hearing.

Gina Reiners made a motion, seconded by Geraldine Marrocco, to grant respondent's request for a continuance. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be rescheduled to August 8, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 11:44 a.m.

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