

CALL TO ORDER 8:30a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: June 4, 2025

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS

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

MEETING MINUTES

Name	Member	Present (Y/N)	AAG/DPH STAFF	Present (Y/N)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC, Chairperson	RN Member	Y	Elizabeth 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	Linda Fazzina, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
Lisa Freeman, BA	Public Member	N	Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, MPH, MSN, APRN, DNP	APRN Member	Y	Anthony Nanni, DPH	Y
Alexcis Rivera, BSN, RN, LPN	LPN Member	N	Julienne Cutaia, DPH	Y
Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, DNP, MSN, MPH, RN	RN Member	N	Brett Moody, DPH	Y
Dianthus Whittle, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Chris Andreson, DPH	Y
			Helen Smith, DPH	Y
			Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
			Lavita Sookram, DPH	Y
			Susanne Cammarata, DPH	Y
			Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
			Laurie Falaro, DPH	Y
			Luis Maldonado, DPH	Y
			Leslie Greer, DPH	Y
			Laura Morris, DPH	Y
			Gillian VanderVliet, DPH	Y

A regular meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing was held via Microsoft Teams on June 4, 2025. The meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. Attendance was taken by roll call.

MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

The draft minutes of the May 21, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the minutes. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Dianthus Whittley was not present for the vote.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Porter and Chester Institute (PCI): Report on the Hamden evening, Bridgeport day, and Bridgeport evening programs. Jim Bologna, President and CEO, Sherry Greifzu, Interim Director of Practical Nursing, Julie Trzaski, Assistant Director, and Attorney Eric Del Pozo appeared on behalf of Porter and Chester Institute. Sherry Greifzu provided clarification on PCI's intentions for all three programs. The Board confirmed that they will be moving forward with scheduling a removal hearing for the Bridgeport day and evening programs. No votes were taken.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Althea McLean, RN, Petition No. 2023-1319. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension finding that the Respondent posed a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue the practice of nursing. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS

Andrea D. Pappalardo, RN, Petition No. 2022-519. Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Consent Order. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz abstained. The motion was approved unanimously.

Emily J. Nadelgaft, RN, Petition No. 2024-235. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Consent Order. Camille Payne seconded the motion. The motion was denied through a unanimous vote.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Amanda Espinosa, LPN, Petition No. 2024-35. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

HEARINGS

Emily K. Telensky, RN Petition No. 2023-819. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Paul Spinella.

The Respondent denied all allegations in the Statement of Charges. Exhibits were entered for the record.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential information. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 10:15 a.m. All members of the Board (with the exception of Lisa Freeman, Alexcis Rivera, and Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez), Assistant Attorney Generals Elizabeth Bannon and Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Emily K. Telensky, Attorney Spinella and Lisa Warner (court reporter), were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during executive session. Public session

resumed at 10:19 a.m.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential information. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 10:42 a.m. All members of the Board (with the exception of Lisa Freeman, Alexcis Rivera, and Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez), Assistant Attorney Generals Elizabeth Bannon and Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, Cora Cogill (intern), Staff Attorney Linda Fazzino, Emily K. Telensky, Attorney Spinella and Lisa Warner (court reporter), were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during executive session. Public session resumed at 12:51 p.m.

Due to loss of a quorum at 1 :00 p.m., the hearing will be continued and scheduled for a 2nd date at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Salvatore Diaz made a motion to adjourn. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

DRAFT