



Board of Nursing Public Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 8:00 AM
7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

Samantha O’Neill, Chair (SO); Matthew Kitsis, Vice Chair (MK); Maureen Murtagh (MM); Michele Melanson Schmitt (MMS); Joshua Dion (JD); Bette Bogdan (BB); Melissa Underhill (MU); Melissa Tuttle (MT); Dwayne Thibeault (DT); Heather Pearl (HP) *left at 9:15 am*

Members Absent:

Jennifer Thibeault (JT)
Wendy Stanley Jones (WSJ)
Huyen “Lizzie” Fowler (HF)

Board Staff:

Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator; Jeanne Lester, Board Administrator; Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel; Rahkiya Medley, Esq., Board Counsel; Shane Goulet, Esq., Hearings Examiner

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 AM by Samantha O’Neill, Chair, with a quorum of the Board present.

II. Public Comment – No written or spoken public comment was received.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. September 26, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Upon a motion by BB, with a second by MK, the Board voted to approve the minutes as stated; motion passed. Absent: MMS, MT, DT

IV. Public Appearances - Hearings

A. Disciplinary Hearings - No items

B. Show Cause Hearings

1. Julie Morse

LNA Applicant

Motion:

Show Cause Hearing proceeded at 9:39 AM and hearing concluded at 9:50 AM. Upon a motion by BB, with a second by JD, the Board voted to recommend approval of the application for licensure; motion passed.

2. Sabrina Boucher

RN Applicant

Motion:

Show Cause Hearing proceeded at 9:31 AM and hearing concluded at 9:37 AM. Upon a motion by DT, with a second by MK, the Board voted to recommend approval of the application for licensure; motion passed.

3. Paige Stewart, LPN

Motion:

Show Cause Hearing proceeded at 9:19 AM and hearing concluded at 9:29 AM. Upon a motion by BB, with a second by DT, the Board voted to recommend approval of the application for licensure; motion passed.

C. Show Cause Hearings 10:30

1. Keir Berman, RN

Motion:

Show Cause Hearing proceeded at 10:39 AM and hearing concluded at 10:56 AM. Upon a motion by DT, with a second by JD, the Board voted to recommend approval; motion passed.

2. Amy Kontos, RN

Motion:

Show Cause Hearing proceeded at 10:59 AM and hearing concluded at 11:08 AM. Upon a motion by BB, with a second by DT, the Board voted to recommend approval of temporary licensure; motion passed.

V. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

A. 2025 Meeting Dates - Informational

B. Onboarding Survey - Discussion

C. ICRS Update - Informational

D. P & E Committee Discussion & APRN Liaison Committee - Tabled to November 21, 2024 meeting

E. Newsletter Discussion - Tabled to November 21, 2024 meeting

VI. Rules and Legislative Topics

A. Rules - Tina Kelley, Rules Administrator

1. Nur 303.01 and 303.04 - Initial Proposal – Tabled to November 21, 2024 meeting
2. Nur 400 - Initial Proposal - Tabled to November 21, 2024 meeting
3. CALMA Workgroup discussion

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT, with a second by MK, the Board voted to designate SO, MM, MMS, MT and BB to participate in the workgroup to establish rules related to certified assisted living medication aides; motion passed.

- B. Legislative Updates – Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel, gave an overview of the following legislation:

- HB518
- HB1095
- SB369

VII. Education

A. LPN/RN

1. St. Joseph School of Nursing

Motion:

Upon a motion by JD, with a second by MMS, the Board voted to approve; motion passed.

2. St. Joseph School of Nursing and New Hampshire Technical Institute Site Visits

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS, with a second by MU, the Board voted to approve MM and BB to participate in upcoming site visits; motion passed.

B. LNA

1. St. Joseph Hospital - Informational
2. Cottage Hospital LNA Program

Motion:

Upon a motion by MK, with a second by MT, the Board voted to approve the textbook change; motion passed.

VIII. Clinical Practice Inquiry

- A. Brett Roberts – The Board reviewed and provided a response, referring to Nur 405.01.

IX. Additions After Posting – No items

X. Non-Public Session

Motion to move into Non-Public session for the purpose of board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 326-B: 38, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT, with a second by JD, the Board voted to initiate the 1st non public session at 9:18 am; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS, with a second by BB, the Board voted to initiate the 2nd non public session at 11:20 am; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

XI. Resume Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS, with a second by DT, the Board voted to resume public session at 10:32 am; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MK, with a second by MT, the Board voted to resume public session at 2:03 pm; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

A. Seal Minutes from Non-Public Session

Motion to keep minutes of the non-public session confidential from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 236-B: 38.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS, with a second by DT, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the 1st non-public session; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by BB, with a second by DT, the Board voted to seal the minutes from the 2nd non-public session; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm