

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 18, 2012 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair – *Left for the day 12:15 PM*
Mary M. Brown, RN – *Chair Pro Tem 12:15 PM*
Jennifer Long, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Alfreda G. Gaither, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Stacy M. Schulman, Assistant Counsel to the Board, DPH
Emily Melendez, Assistant Attorney General (*present for Executive Session only*)
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Michael Carrah, Intern, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Goodwin College.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – LAUREN DUCHON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Lauren Duchon who was present at this meeting without representation. The Board reviewed the Order and questioned Ms. Duchon as to whether or not she was planning to take a refresher program to which she replied that she was unable to enter into a refresher program until the Reinstatement Consent Order was signed by the Board. Mary Brown moved to accept the Reinstatement Consent Order as written, which was seconded by Maria Pietrantuono and passed unanimously. The Board did state that they have concerns as to why the refresher course language was not in the Order as Ms. Duchon had been out of the practice of nursing for over three years.

CONSENT ORDER – CHERYL SAVAKIS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Cheryl Savakis. Ms. Savakis was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – KEARA McNULTY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Keara McNulty. Ms. McNulty was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, that the Consent Order be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – CONCETTA MANCINI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Concetta Mancini. Ms. Mancini was present without representation. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – ZYNIA D. ALVAREZ, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Zynia D. Alvarez. Ms. Alvarez was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW – KELLY PEASLEY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Kelly Peasley. Ms. Peasley was present with counsel. It was the recommendation of the Board that this case be dismissed.

CONSENT ORDER – JESSICA JOHNSON, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Jessica Johnson. Ms. Johnson was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

RULING RE: MOTION TO REOPEN HEARING – LAURENE MORGAN, RN

On May 24, 2012 the Board Office received correspondence from Laurene Morgan requesting the paperwork needed to reopen a decision to revoke a nursing license dated May 8, 2012. This letter was received in the Office of Practitioner Licensing on May 14, 2012. In reviewing Ms. Morgan's letter, there is no reason stated for the request for reconsideration. A letter was sent to Ms. Morgan on May 30, 2012 requesting that she provide the Board with further details as to why the Board should reconsider their final decision issued on May 2, 2012. Ms. Morgan's request was placed on the July 18, 2012 agenda and a copy of the agenda was mailed, first class mail to Ms. Morgan on July 11, 2012. To date, the Board has not received any additional information from Ms. Morgan in response to the May 30, 2012 letter. After reviewing Ms. Morgan's request, Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to deny Ms. Morgan's request to reopen the hearing on the basis that the request failed to state legally sufficient grounds for reconsideration. The motion passed unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez approached the Board requesting that the Board move into Executive Session to apprise the Board of a current Administrative Appeal.

Jennifer Long moved that the Board move into Executive Session at 9:14 AM. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed unanimously. The room was cleared of all visitors. At 9:40 AM Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to move out of Executive Session. This motion passed unanimously at which time Chair Bouffard stated that the Board was going to take a fifteen minute recess and observers were invited back into the room.

HEARING – PAMELA DOLE, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dole was present with Attorney John Giulietti. This hearing is continued from April 18, 2012. Testimony was provided by Debra Hernandez, a nurse practitioner from Hartford Hospital. Lunch Recess 12:15 PM – 12:50 PM during which time Chair Bouffard and Jennifer Long left for the day. Chair Bouffard appointed Mary Brown as Chair Pro Tem for the remainder of the meeting. The hearing concluded at 3:05 PM and is rescheduled for October 17, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 3:05 PM.

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