

CALL TO ORDER 8:31 a.m.

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING**

**DATE: March 19, 2025**

**TIME: 8:30 a.m.**

**LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS**

**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	Kathleen Ross, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Ryan Burns, DPH	Y
Lisa Freeman, BA	Public Member	Y	Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, MPH, MSN, APRN, DNP	APRN Member	N	Linda Fazzina, DPH	Y
Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, DNP, MSN, MPH, RN	RN Member	N	Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
			Anthony Nanni, DPH	Y
			Julienne Cutaia, DPH	Y
			Brett Moody, DPH	Y
			Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
			Lisa Yu, DPH	Y
			Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
			Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
			Gillian VanderVliet, DPH	Y
			Luis Maldonado, DPH	Y
			Meaghan Christinat, DPH	Y
			Leslie Greer, DPH	Y
			Sara Montauti, DPH	Y
			Laura Morris, DPH	Y
			Susanne Cammarata, DPH	Y
			Helen Smith, DPH	Y

A regular meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing was held via Microsoft Teams on March 19, 2025. The meeting was convened at 8:31 a.m. Attendance was taken by roll call.

Cynthia Arpin moved to add the following items to the agenda: 1) Motion for Summary Suspension, related to Anna M. Valente, RN, Petition No. 2024-1532; 2) Memorandum of Decision, related to Michelle McDonald, RN, Petition No. 2022-1111 and 3) Memorandum of Decision, related to Vivine Dorain Crosdale, RN Petition No. 2024-288. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2025, REGULAR MEETING**

The draft minutes of the March 5, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the minutes. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with Mary Dietmann abstaining.

### **CHAIR UPDATES**

#### Nursing Regulations

The Nursing Regulations will be reviewed and updated. This process is set to begin sometime in the spring/summer.

#### New Board members

The appointment of Alexcis Rivera and Dianthus (Diane) Whittley were announced but neither were present at the meeting. They are scheduled to attend the April 2, 2025, meeting.

### **SCHOOL BUSINESS**

#### Goodwin University – Letter of Intent

Vivienne Friday, Dean of Nursing and Health Professions appeared on behalf of Goodwin University. Vivienne presented details of the Letter of Intent. No votes were taken.

#### Mitchell College – Curriculum Change

Martha Kershaw, Director of Nursing, appeared on behalf of Mitchell College and presented details of the proposed curriculum change. The Board made a recommendation for Mitchell College to provide additional information for their review at a future meeting. No votes were taken.

#### Porter and Chester Institute (PCI) – Approval of Program Administrator (Julie Trzaski)

Julie Trzaski, Assistant Director and Valerie Moffatt, Vice President of Human Resources, appeared on behalf of PCI. Mary Dietmann moved to deny the appointment of Julie Trzaski as Program Administrator for Porter and Chester Institute. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board requested that PCI return to the April 2, 2025, meeting and report the details of their progress in finding a candidate.

Chairwoman, Gina Reiners, announced that an anonymous letter regarding Porter and Chester Institute was received and addressed the Board of Examiners for Nursing, the CT Department of Health and the CT Office of Higher Education. The letter was acknowledged, but the Board chose not to discuss it further at the present meeting.

#### University of Bridgeport – Corrective Action Plan

Linda Wagner, Executive Director and Manyul Im, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, appeared on behalf of the University of Bridgeport. Linda Wagner and Manyul Im presented the details of the corrective action plan. The Board requested that the University of Bridgeport return with a report. Salvatore Diaz recused himself from the discussion. No votes were taken.

### **MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Anna M. Valente, RN, Petition No. 2024-1532. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was 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.

### **MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

Michelle E. McDonald, RN, Petition No. 2022-1111. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Vivine Dorain Crosdale, RN, Petition No. 2024-288. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously except for Lisa Freeman who was not present for the vote.

### **MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Tammy Piccirillo, LPN, Petition No. 2024-1479. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the Department's Motion for Reconsideration. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously except for Lisa Freeman who was not present for the vote.

### **REQUEST FOR REINSTATEMENT HEARING**

Katie Ann Martins. Cynthia Arpin moved to grant the Respondent's request for a Reinstatement Hearing. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously except for Lisa Freeman who was not present for the vote.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Salvatore Diaz made a motion to adjourn. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 p.m.