

CALL TO ORDER 8:31 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: February 19, 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	Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, AAG	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Kathleen Ross, DPH	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Ryan Burns, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Lisa Freeman, BA	Public Member	Y	Linda Fazzina, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, MPH, MSN, APRN, DNP	APRN Member	Y	Anthony Nanni, DPH	Y
Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, DNP, MSN, MPH, RN	RN Member	Y	Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
			Stacy Schulman, DPH	Y
			Julienne Cutaia, DPH	Y
			Brett Moody, DPH	Y
			Stephen Carragher, DPH	Y
			Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
			Susanne Cammarata, DPH	Y
			Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
			Lavita Sookram, DPH	Y
			Luis Maldonado, DPH	Y
			Meaghan Christinat, DPH	Y
			Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
			Laurie Falaro, DPH	Y
			Laura Morris, DPH	Y
			Alexandra Quental, DPH	Y
			Helen Smith, DPH	Y
			Olive Tronchin, DPH	Y
			Lisa Yu, DPH	Y

Mary Dietmann moved to change the order of the agenda and add the Motion for Summary Suspension as agenda item #2, following the approval of the February 5, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation. No objections were raised.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

The draft minutes of the February 5, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the minutes. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. Cynthia Arpin abstained. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Aja Dodwell, RN, Petition No. 2024-1607. Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Cynthia Arpin moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension as the Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue the practice of nursing. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Salvatore Diaz left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Emily J. Nadelgaft, RN, Petition No. 2024-235. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. The Respondent was present. Attorney Fazzina provided a synopsis of the matter. The Respondent submitted a request for the matter to be continued to another date. The Department filed an objection, and the Board denied the request. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension as the Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue the practice of nursing. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Kellena M. Beckford, RN, Petition No. 2024-1607. Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia represented the Department. The Respondent and Attorney Thomas Mitchel-Hoffler were not present. Attorney Cutaia provided a synopsis of the matter. Attorney Mitchel-Hoffler submitted a request for the matter to be continued on another date. The Department filed an objection, and the Board denied the request. Mary Dietmann moved to grant the Department's Motion for Summary Suspension as the Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue the practice of nursing. Elizabeth Rivera Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Lisa Freeman left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Arizona College – Appointment Qualifications Review (Dr. Amanda Bell)

Dr. Deborah Long, Interim Dean of Nursing, Elaine Harney, Campus President, and Dr. Amanda Bell appeared on behalf of Arizona College. Dr. Deborah Long presented the details of the appointment qualifications review. Mary Dietmann made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Amanda Bell as the Dean of Nursing for Arizona College. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

CT State Community College (Capital campus) – Letter of Intent

Karen Hynick, Acting Provost, Catherine Learning, Director of Nursing and Paula Dowd, Dean of Nursing and Health Professions appeared on behalf of CT State Community College. Karen Hynick presented the details of the Letter of Intent. No votes were taken.

CT State Community College (Norwalk campus) – Letter of Intent

Karen Hynick, Acting Provost and Ezechiel Dominique, Division Director for Nursing and Allied Health appeared on behalf of CT State Community College. Ezechiel Dominique presented the details of the Letter of Intent. No votes were taken.

Goodwin University – 3rd Quarterly Report

Karyn Therrien, LPN Program Director, appeared on behalf of Goodwin University. Karyn Therrien presented the 3rd Quarterly Report. No votes were taken.

University of Saint Joseph – Curriculum Changes to BSN Traditional and Accelerated Programs

Dr. Denise Puya, Chair of the Nursing Department, appeared on behalf of the University of Saint Joseph. Dr. Puya provided a summary of the curriculum changes for both programs. Mary Dietmann made a motion to approve the curriculum changes to both BSN programs. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Salvatore Diaz returned to the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

University of Bridgeport

Dr. Linda Wagner, Executive Director, Manyul Im, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Melissa Quinlan, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, appeared on behalf of the University of Bridgeport.

- Follow-up from February 5, 2025, meeting

Dr. Wagner presented the information requested by the Board during the meeting on February 5, 2025. It was determined that the University of Bridgeport had made curriculum changes for a semester without seeking prior approval from the Board. Assistant Attorney General Alina Bricklin-Goldstein advised the Board throughout the discussion. Considering that the program was already under conditional approval, the Board requested that the University of Bridgeport submit a report at the March 19, 2025, meeting. No votes were taken.

- Request for Permanent Waiver (Mamelchora Jumarito-Panaguion)

Linda Wagner presented the details of the permanent waiver request. Mary Dietmann made a motion to deny the permanent waiver request for Mamelchora Jumarito-Panaguion. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz recused himself. The motion received 2 ‘Aye’ votes and 3 ‘Nay’ votes.

Porter and Chester Institute – Resignation of Director of Practical Nursing and Appointment of Interim Director. Sherry Greifzu and Julie Trzaski, Assistant Director, appeared on behalf of Porter and Chester Institute. Sherry Greifzu announced her resignation as Director of Practical Nursing and shared that she would continue as a consultant for PCI.

Cynthia Arpin left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

CONSENT ORDER

Karen E. Scott, RN, Petition No. 2023-672. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. Both the Respondent and Attorney Patrick Monahan were present. Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the Consent Order. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Salvatore Diaz moved to change the order of the hearings on the agenda to 1) Vivine Dorain Crosdale, RN Petition No. 2024-288, 2) Juliette A. Cole, RN Petition No. 2024-657, and 3) Yesenia L. Cruz, RN Petition

No. 2024-1754. Camille Payne seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation. No objections were raised.

Lisa Freeman returned to the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Cynthia Arpin returned to the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Camille Payne left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

HEARINGS

Vivine Dorain Crosdale, RN, Petition No. 2024-288. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. The Respondent was not present.

The Board found that notice was properly served to the Respondent.

Lisa Freeman made a motion to grant the Department's motion to deem allegations admitted. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Cynthia Arpin made a motion that the Department of Public Health had met their burden of proof regarding paragraphs (1-10) within the Statement of Charges. Mary Dietman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

For remedy, Cynthia Arpin made a motion for revocation. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Juliette A. Cole, RN Petition No. 2024-288. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent was present.

Mary Dietmann made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential information. The motion was approved by roll call vote. The Board entered executive session at 1:26 p.m. All members of the Board (with the exception of Camille Payne), Assistant Attorney General Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Juliette A. Cole (Respondent), and Lisa Warner (court reporter) were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during the executive session. Public session resumed at 2:29 p.m.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Cynthia Arpin made a motion that the Department of Public Health has met their burden of proof regarding paragraphs (1-6) within the Statement of Charges. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez abstained. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

For remedy, Cynthia Arpin made a motion for revocation. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez abstained. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Cynthia Arpin left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Yesenia L. Cruz, RN Petition No. 2024-1754. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent was present.

The Respondent verbally provided an Answer to the Statement of Charges.

Exhibits were also entered for the record.

Due to time constraints, the hearing will be continued on March 5, 2025.

CCNW UPDATES

Professor Tammey Dickerson appeared on behalf of The Connecticut Center for Nursing Workforce (CCNW) and gave an informational update. Chairwoman Gina Reiners also provided an update on topics previously discussed with CCNW.

ADJOURNMENT

Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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