

CALL TO ORDER 8:31AM

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: November 6, 2024

TIME: 8:30 AM

LOCATION: Via Microsoft TEAMS

MEETING MINUTES

Name	Member	Present (Y/N)	DPH STAFF	Present (Y/N)
Gina Reiners, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, PMHCNS-BC, Chairperson	RN Member	N	Liz Bannon, AAG	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Alina Bricklin-Goldstein, AAG	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	N	Ryan Burns, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
Lisa Freeman, BA	Public Member	Y	Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Anthony Nanni, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, MPH, MSN, APRN, DNP	APRN Member	Y	Linda Fazzina, DPH	Y
Cheryl-Ann Resha, EdD, MSN, RN, FNASN, FAAN	Public Member	Y	Brett Moody, DPH	Y
Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, DNP, MSN, MPH, RN	RN Member	Y	Helen Smith, DPH	Y
			Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
			Meaghan Christinat, DPH	Y
			Susanne Cammarata, DPH	Y
			Laurie Falaro, DPH	Y
			Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
			Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
			Sara Montauti, DPH	Y
			Lavita Sookram, DPH	Y
			Luis Maldonado, DPH	Y
			Patricia Calderone, DPH	Y
			Gillian VanderVliet, DPH	Y
			Heidi Joseph, DPH	Y
			Alexandra Quental, DPH	Y

Cheryl-Ann Resha moved to add to the agenda: 1) Motion for Summary Suspensions for Juliette Dominique, RN Petition No. 2024-287 and Colleen E. Quigley, LPN, Petition No. 2024-247 to agenda item #4; 2) the Modification of Reinstatement Consent Order for Fernando L Roldan, RN, Petition No. 2024-1118 after agenda item #7; 3) Consent Order for Alexia C. Evans, LPN, Petition No. 2023-1128 to agenda item #6; and 4) the Motion to Withdraw Motion For Summary Suspension and Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Lynne M. Reynolds, RN, Petition No. 2024-1344 to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 2024, REGULAR MEETING

The draft minutes of the October 16, 2024, meeting were reviewed. Lisa Freedman moved to approve the minutes. Rebecca Martinez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

University of Bridgeport – Facility Visit

Inna Erlikh gave an informational update related to the completion of the onsite visit. The facility met the nursing education program and licensure requirements general the regulations for their approved Associate Degree in Nursing program. Linda Wagner, Executive Director, and Melissa Quinlan Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness appeared on behalf of the University of Bridgeport. No votes were taken.

CHAIR UPDATE

Proposed 2025 Regular Meeting Dates

Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the proposed 2025 regular meeting dates with the exception of July 2nd. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION & MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Lynne M. Reynolds, RN, Petition No. 2024-1344. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. The Respondent was present. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve both the Motion to Withdraw Motion for Summary Suspension and Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Luis H. Alfaro, LPN, Petition No. 2023-1256. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Lisa Freeman 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.

Marvalin M. Buckley, RN, Petition No. 2024-124. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Attorney Christian Young gave a brief statement on behalf of the Respondent. 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. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Rebecca Martinez left the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Stephanie A. Paresi, LPN, RN, Petition No. 2024-1449, 2023-1249, 2021-1022. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. The Respondent was in attendance. Cheryl-Ann Resha 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. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Tammy Piccirillo, LPN, Petition No. 2024-1479. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Lisa Freeman 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.

Juliette Dominique, RN, Petition No. 2024-287. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni 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. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Colleen E. Quigley, LPN, Petition No. 2024-247. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. Both Respondent and Attorney Jeffrey Ment were present. Attorney Ment gave a brief statement on behalf of the Respondent. 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. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Dianne P. Beckford, RN, Petition No. 2024-125. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Cheryl-Ann Resha moved to approve the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Camille Payne seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

CONSENT ORDER

Kimberly A. Anglin, RN, Petition No. 2023-1405. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. The Both Respondent and Attorney Richard Brown were present. Attorney Brown gave a brief statement on behalf of the Respondent. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Consent Order. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Alexia C. Evans, LPN, Petition No. 2023-1128. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. The Respondent was present. Cheryl-Ann Resha moved to approve the Consent Order. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MODIFICATION OF CONSENT ORDER

Jared L. Alexander, RN, Petition No. 2024-651. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Modification of Consent Order. Lisa Freedman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MODIFICATION OF REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER

Fernando L. Roldan, RN, Petition No. 2024-1118. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina represented the Department. Both Respondent and Attorney Richard Brown were present. Attorney Brown gave a brief

statement on behalf of the Respondent. Cheryl-Ann Resha moved to approve the Modification of Reinstatement Consent Order. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Athena Fidas, RN, Petition No. 2022-862. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Patrice A. Williams, RN, Petition No. 2023-281. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

HEARINGS

*Jamie A. Pelletier, RN, Petition No. 2023-1062. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. Both Respondent and Attorney Ellen Costello were in attendance.

Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, 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 10:49 a.m. All members of the Board (with the exception of Gina Reiners, Salvatore Diaz and Rebecca Martinez), Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon, Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Jamie A. Pelletier (Respondent), Attorney Costello, Arla Washenko (witness) and Robert Dixon (court reporter) were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during the executive session. Public session resumed at 11:28 a.m.

Cheryl-Ann Resha made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman 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 11:50 a.m. All members of the Board (with the exception of Gina Reiners, Salvatore Diaz and Rebecca Martinez), Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon, Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Jamie A. Pelletier (Respondent), Attorney Costello, Michelle Tapper (witness) and Robert Dixon (court reporter) were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during the executive session. Public session resumed at 12:19 p.m.

Lisa Freeman made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez 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 12:24 p.m. All members of the Board (with the exception of Gina Reiners, Salvatore Diaz and Rebecca Martinez), Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon, Staff Attorney Joelle Newton, Jamie A. Pelletier (Respondent), Attorney Costello, Sarah Froese (witness) and Robert Dixon (court reporter) were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during the executive session. Public session resumed at 12:31 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 with regard to paragraphs 1, 2 (2021 - no findings, 2022-2023 specific to alcohol abuse only), 3 specific to alcohol abuse only, 4 and 5. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion for remedy which would include: 1) four year probation, 2) random alcohol and drug screens every week for the 1st and 4th years and two screens per month for the 2nd and 3rd years, 3) monthly employer reports for 1st and 4th and quarterly for 2nd and 3rd, 4) monthly therapy reports for 1st and 4th years and quarterly for 2nd and 3rd, 5) attend support groups with average of ten times per month with quarterly reports including record of attendance, 6) no self-employment, independent practice, home care, pooling, assisted living or home health agency, and 7) include tolling language in case of gaps in employment. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m.