

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING****DATE: July 17, 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	Y		Tanya DeMattia, AAG	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y		Ryan Burns, DPH	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y		Craig Sullivan, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, APRN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y		Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
Lisa Freeman, BA	Public	Y		Linda Fazzina, DPH	Y
Rebecca Martinez, LPN	LPN Member	Y		Aden Baume, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, APRN	APRN Member	Y		Anthony Nanni, DPH	Y
Cheryl-Ann Resha	Public Member	Y		Stacy Schulman, DPH	Y
				Brett Moody, DPH	Y
				Betty Rozario, DPH	Y
				Helen Smith, DPH	Y
				Susanne Cammarata, DPH	Y
				Elizabeth Leung, DPH	Y
				Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
				Laura Morris, DPH	Y
				Timothy Winter, DPH	Y
				Laurie Falaro, DPH	Y
				Samantha Gonzalez, DPH	Y
				Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
				Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
				Sara Montauti, DPH	Y
				Luis Maldonado, DPH	Y
				Meaghan Christinat, DPH	Y
				Marlena Deschaine, DPH	Y
				Lavita Sookram, DPH	Y
				Lorraine Walker, DPH	Y
				Lisa Yu, DPH	Y
				Gillian VanderVliet, DPH	Y
				Olive Tronchin, DPH	Y
				Patricia Calderone, DPH	Y

**CALL TO ORDER: 8:32 AM**

Mary Dietmann moved to add to the Agenda the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges for Shalis Biggs, RN, Petition No. 2022-1092 under Agenda item #4 Memorandum of Decision. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

### **MINUTES OF JULY 3, 2024, REGULAR MEETING**

The draft minutes of the July 3, 2024, meeting was reviewed. Salvatore Diaz moved to approve the minutes. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

### **SCHOOL BUSINESS**

Porter and Chester (PCI) – Corrective Action Plan (Enfield, Hamden & Bridgeport Evening Groups).

Sherry Greifzu, Director of Practical Nursing and Julie Trzaski, Assistant Director, appeared on behalf of Porter and Chester Institute. Sherry Greifzu provided a summary of the Corrective Action Plan. After discussion, Cheryl-Ann Resha moved that the Corrective Action Plan be continued to the Board meeting scheduled August 21, 2024 and that PCI provide additional information on the following: 1) HESI exit and or specialty exams in a non-high stakes manner; 2) Faculty development status and faculty employment full and part-time; and 3) Clinical and Classroom integration with a plan to support reopening once approved. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Rebecca Martinez abstained while the committee received 1 'Nay' vote and 5 'Aye' votes resulting in the motion's approval.

University of Bridgeport (traditional BSN track program) – Corrective Action Plan.

Linda Wagner, Executive Director, appeared on behalf of the University of Bridgeport. Linda gave a brief summary of the Corrective Action Plan. After discussion, Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the University of Bridgeport's traditional BSN program. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz recused himself and Lisa Freeman abstained. The remaining members voted and approved the motion.

### **SCHOOL MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

Porter and Chester Institute (PCI) – Waterbury Evening Group

The Board requested that PCI provide additional information per the Memorandum of Decision and continue the discussion at the upcoming Board of Examiners for Nursing meeting scheduled for August 21, 2024. No votes were taken.

### **LITIGATION MATTERS**

Selena Marie Acocella v. State of Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing, Docket No. HHB-CV23-6082517-S. Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Salvatore Diaz, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal advice on pending litigation. The motion was approved by roll call vote. The Board entered Executive Session at 10:54 am. All members of the Board (Rebecca returned mid-session), Tona DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General and the court reporter were present. Public session resumed at 11:09 am. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Consent Order. Cheryl-Ann Resha seconded the motion. Rebecca Martinez was not present to vote. The motion received 1 'Nay' vote (Salvatore Martinez) and 6 'Aye' votes (Cynthia Arpin, Mary Dietmann, Lisa Freeman, Camille Payne, and Cheryl-Ann Resha) resulting in the motion's approval.

## **MEMORANDUM OF DECISION**

Allison Christine Sewell, RN, Petition No. 2024-334. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Memorandum of Decision as presented. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. Rebecca Martinez was not present, and Cheryl-Ann Resha abstained. The remaining members voted and approved the motion.

## **MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

Shalis Biggs, RN, Petition No. 2022-1092. Staff Attorney Craig Sullivan appeared for the Department. Respondent was not present. Attorney Skyers appeared for the Respondent. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

## **HEARINGS**

Michelle E. McDonald, RN, Petition No. 2022-1111. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. Both Respondent and Attorney Stephan Manning were in attendance. Due to time restrictions and loss of quorum, this hearing was scheduled to be continued at the next Board of Examiners for Nursing Meeting scheduled for August 7, 2024.

Several members of the Board had to leave due to other obligations, prior to the end of the meeting (Rebecca Martinez, Camille Payne and Salvatore Diaz).

## **ADJORNMENT**

Cynthia Arpin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cheryl-Ann Resha.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m.