

CALL TO ORDER 8:32 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: April 2, 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	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	Y	Linda Fazzina, DPH	Y
Alexcis Rivera, BSN, RN, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, DNP, MSN, MPH, RN	RN Member	Y	Anthony Nanni, DPH	Y
Dianthus Whittley, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Julienne Cutaia, DPH	Y
			Chris Andreson, 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
			Judith Bailey, DPH	Y

			Patricia Calderone, DPH	Y
			Laurie Falaro, DPH	Y
			Lavita Sookram, DPH	Y

A regular meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing was held via Microsoft Teams on April 2, 2025. The meeting was convened at 8:32 a.m. Attendance was taken by roll call.

Lisa Freeman moved to add the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges, related to Olga Kwasnik, RN, Petition No. 2025-52, to the meeting agenda. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

The draft minutes of the March 19, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the minutes. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, Alex Rivera, and Diane Whittley abstained. The motion was approved unanimously.

SCHOOL BUSINESS

Porter and Chester Institute (PCI) – Approval of Interim Program Administrator (Sherry Greifzu)

Sherry Greifzu, Julie Trzaski, Assistant Director and James Bologa, President and CEO, appeared on behalf of PCI. Salvatore Diaz moved to find the Sherry Greifzu has the required qualifications to serve as Program Administrator for PCI. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Lisa Freeman was not present for the vote.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Taylor R. Culmone, RN, Petition No. 2025-307. 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 poses a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to continue the practice of nursing. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Laura L. Stewart, RN, Petition No. 2024-1756. Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez moved to approve the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges and vacating the Summary Suspension. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz, Mary Dietmann, Lisa Freeman, Diane Whittley and Alex Rivera abstained. The motion was approved unanimously.

Olga Kwasnik, RN, Petition No. 2025-52. Anthony Nanni represented the Department and informed the Board that the Respondent voluntarily surrendered her license. The Respondent was not present. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

CONSENT ORDERS

Samuel A. Haddy, RN, Petition No. 2024-244. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Attorney Richard Brown was present and represented the Respondent. Mary Dietmann moved to approve the Consent Order. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Carlos Parades, RN, Petition No. 2024-574. Staff Attorney Anthony Nanni represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Attorney Richard Brown was present and represented the Respondent. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez moved to approve the Consent Order. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz and Diane Whittley abstained. Camille Payne and Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez voted in favor while Cynthia Arpin, Mary Dietmann, Lisa Freeman, Alex Rivera and Gina Reiners voted against the motion. The motion did not pass with a 2-5 vote.

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

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

Salvatore Diaz moved to accept the Department's recommended modification concerning paragraph 1L(3) of the Memorandum of Decision. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Salvatore Diaz moved to accept the Department's recommended modification related to the tolling language in paragraph 5 of the Memorandum of Decision. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARINGS

Amanda Espinosa, LPN, Petition No. 2024-35. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. The Respondent was not present.

Cynthia Arpin moved to grant the Department's motion to deem the allegations in the Statement of Charges admitted. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Cynthia Arpin made a motion to find that the Department of Public Health has met its burden of proof, and that the Respondent be found on all charges (paragraphs 1-8) of the Statement of Charges. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Cynthia Arpin moved that Respondent's license should be revoked. Mary Dietmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Aja Dodwell, RN, Petition No. 2024-1607. Staff Attorney Julianne Cutaia appeared for the Department. The Respondent was present and was represented by Attorney Aggie Cahill.

Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Lisa Freeman, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential information. The motion was approved unanimously. Salvatore Diaz was not present for the vote. The Board entered executive session at 11:57 a.m. All members of the Board (with the exception of Salvatore Diaz), Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon, Staff Attorney Julianne Cutaia, Aja Dodwell, Attorney Cahill and Robert Dixon (court reporter), were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during executive session. Public session resumed at 12:08 p.m.

Cynthia Arpin made a motion, seconded by Camille Payne, to enter executive session. The motion was approved unanimously. Salvatore Diaz, Alex Rivera, and Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez were not present for the vote. All members of the Board (with the exception of Salvatore Diaz, Alex Rivera, and Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez), Assistant Attorney General Elizabeth Bannon, Staff Attorney Julianne Cutaia, Aja Dodwell, Attorney Cahill and Robert Dixon (court reporter), were present during executive session.

Salvatore Diaz returned at 12:51 p.m. and entered executive session. There were no votes taken during executive session. Public session resumed at 1:15 p.m.

Following the close of the hearing, the Board conducted fact-finding. Cynthia Arpin made a motion to find that the Department of Public Health has met its burden of proof and that the Respondent be found on all charges (paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 5) of the Statement of Charges (the Statement of Charges did not contain a paragraph 4). Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz and Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez abstained. The motion was approved unanimously. Mary Dietmann, Camille Payne, and Alex Rivera were not present for the vote.

Cynthia Arpin moved that Respondent should be reprimanded and her license should be subject to probation for four years. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. Salvatore Diaz and Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez abstained. The motion was approved unanimously. Mary Dietmann, Camille Payne, and Alex Rivera were not present for the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Lisa Freeman made a motion to adjourn. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.