

CALL TO ORDER 8:32 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR NURSING

DATE: August 6, 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	N	Elizabeth Bannon, AAG	Y
Cynthia L. Arpin, EdD, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Joelle Newton, DPH	Y
Salvatore Diaz, DNP, MSN, RN	RN Member	Y	Linda Fazzina, DPH	Y
Mary E. Dietmann, EdD, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE	RN Member	Y	Julienne Cutaia, DPH	Y
Lisa Freeman, BA	Public Member	Y	Brett Karpuska, DPH	Y
Camille Payne, MPH, MSN, APRN, DNP	APRN Member	Y	Patricia Calderone, DPH	Y
Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez, DNP, MSN, MPH, RN	RN Member	Y	Dana Dalton, DPH	Y
Dianthus Whittley, LPN	LPN Member	Y	Laurie Falaro, DPH	Y
			Sara Montauti, DPH	Y
			Lisa Yu, DPH	Y
			Paula DelGrego, DPH	Y
			Inna Erlikh, DPH	Y
			Lavita Sookram, DPH	Y
			Charai Bellini, DPH	Y
			Gillian VanderVliet, DPH	Y

A regular meeting of the Board of Examiners for Nursing was held via Microsoft Teams on August 6, 2025. The meeting was convened at 8:32 a.m. Attendance was taken by roll call.

MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2025, REGULAR MEETING

The draft minutes of the July 16, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the minutes. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Cynthia Arpin abstained. Gina Reiners, Salvatore Diaz, and Lisa Freeman were not present for the vote.

MOTION TO AMEND STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Kristy Ilewicz, RN, Petition No. 2025-986. The Department of Public Health withdrew its Motion to Amend the Statement of Charges. No votes were taken.

Peggy K. Kayumba, RN, Petition No. 2025-276. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. Both the Respondent and Counsel, Attorney Tom Bucci were in attendance. Cynthia Arpin 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. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Gina Reiners, Salvatore Diaz, and Lisa Freeman were not present for the vote.

Kristy Ilewicz, RN, Petition No. 2025-986. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Cynthia Arpin 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. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. Gina Reiners, Salvatore Diaz, and Lisa Freeman were not present for the vote.

Yma Burke-Tomlinson, RN, Petition No. 2025-234. Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia represented the Department. The Respondent was present. Camille Payne 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. Gina Reiners, Salvatore Diaz, and Lisa Freeman were not present for the vote.

CONSENT ORDERS

Amogelang Onwu, LPN, 2024-423. Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia represented the Department. The Respondent was not present. Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Consent Order. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Gina Reiners and Lisa Freeman were not present for the vote.

Elaine Rinsland, RN, Petition No. 2024-908. Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia represented the Department. The Respondent was not present.

Cynthia Arpin moved to approve the Consent Order. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion.

During discussion, Salvatore Diaz made a motion, seconded by Camille, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential information. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 9:23 a.m. All members of the Board (with the exception of Gina Reiners and Lisa Freeman), Assistant Attorney Generals Elizabeth Bannon and Staff Attorney Julienne Cutaia were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during executive session. Public session resumed at 9:32 a.m.

The Board proceeded with their vote. The motion was denied unanimously. Gina Reiners and Lisa Freeman were not present for the vote.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

Kellena N. Beckford, RN, Petition No. 2024-1608. This matter was continued to a future date.

HEARINGS

Emily K. Telensky, RN Petition No. 2023-819. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent was present with counsel, Attorney Paul Spinella.

Additional exhibits were entered for the record.

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 unanimously. The Board entered executive session at 9:56 a.m. All members of the Board (with the exception of Gina Reiners and Lisa Freeman with Camille leaving at 10:02 a.m.), Assistant Attorney Generals Elizabeth Bannon, Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Emily K. Telensky (Respondent), Attorney Spinella and Lisa Warner (court reporter), were present during executive session. There were no votes taken during executive session. Public session resumed at 11:15 a.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 met its burden of proof for paragraphs 1 and 2 but did not find for paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Statement of Charges. Salvatore Diaz seconded the motion. The Board determined that there was no basis to impose disciplinary action. The motion was denied unanimously. Lisa Freeman abstained. Gina Reiners, Camille Payne, and Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez were not present for the vote.

Yesenia Cruz, RN, Petition No. 2025-932. Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina appeared for the Department. The Respondent was present and represented herself.

The Respondent gave an oral response to the Statement of Charges. Board and Department Exhibits were entered for the record.

Salvatore Diaz made a motion, seconded by Cynthia Arpin, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential information. The motion was approved unanimously. Gina Reiners, Camille Payne, and Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez were not present for the vote.

The Board could not move into executive session due to technical issues. The hearing will be continued at a future date.

Sheryl Charlton, RN, Petition No. 2025-237. Staff Attorney Joelle Newton appeared for the Department. The Respondent was not present.

Lisa Freeman moved to grant the Department's motion to deem the allegations admitted. Cynthia Arpin seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Gina Reiners, Camille Payne and Salvatore Diaz were not present for the vote.

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 1-9) of the Statement of Charges. Elizabeth Rivera-Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Gina Reiners, Camille Payne and Salvatore Diaz were not present for the vote.

Cynthia Arpin moved that Respondent's license should be revoked. Lisa Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Gina Reiners, Camille Payne and Salvatore Diaz were not present for the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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