



# **Board of Nursing**

## **Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

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### **MINUTES July 12, 2021 Remote Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Jennifer Laurent — Vice-Chair

**Board members present:** Jennifer Laurent, Luana Tredwell, Deborah Swartz, William White, Wendy Thurston, Daniel Coane, Kelly Sinclair, Douglas Sutton, Krystal Bernier, and William “Jamie” Floyd

**Staff members present:** Shiela Boni, Nursing Board Executive Officer; Carrie Phillips, Pharmacy Board Executive Officer; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney; George Belcher, Administrative Law Officer; Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator Supervisor; Kristin Donnelly, Case Manager; Beth Kneen, Docket Clerk; Laticia Garcia, Enforcement Licensing Administrator; Kelsi Alger, Licensing Administrator; Brittany Utton, Licensing Administrator, and Michelle Lavoie, Licensing Administrator

**Prosecuting Attorneys:** Elizabeth St. James, Jennifer Colin, and Benjamin Novogroski

**Guests:** Alaina Blunt

- 2. Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2021**

- Deborah Swartz moved to approve the minutes with two changes: (1) a roll call for the non-unanimous vote in 2021-48, and (2) addition of Board Member White’s surname. Luana Tredwell seconded. The motion passed.

- 3. Executive Officer Report**

- Shiela Boni shared the June 2021 Executive Officer report with Board members.

- 4. Discipline**

- 2021-82 – Drake, Beverly-** Summary Suspension Hearing

- Deborah Swartz moved to Order the license summarily suspended. Krystal Bernier seconded. Motion passed. Daniel Coane recused from voting.

- 2021-83 – Drop, Ann (AKA Leanna Drop Lamkin) –** Summary Suspension Hearing

- William White moved to Order the license summarily suspended. Wendy Thurston seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Daniel Coane recused.

c. 2021-10 – **Blunt, Alaina** – Preliminary Denial Hearing

- William White moved to grant Ms. Blunt with an unencumbered Vermont license. Deborah Swartz seconded the motion. Daniel Coane moved to table the motion from Mr. White and move the Board into deliberative session at 10:29 am. Krystal Bernier seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- The Board reconvened from deliberative session at 11:00 am. The Board resumed voting on the motion made by Mr. White. The motion failed, the roll call being:  
Jennifer Laurent – No  
Deborah Swartz – No  
Krystal Bernier – No  
Wendy Thurston – No  
Danny Coane – No  
William Floyd – No  
William White – Yes  
Doug Sutton – No  
Kelly Sinclair – No  
Luana Tredwell – No

Deborah Swartz moved that the Board find the respondent failed to comply with her administrative duty, imposed by statute, to give complete and accurate information in her license application; that the Board impose a fine of \$250; and that the Board authorize issuance of the license without discipline, finding that this monetary civil penalty does not constitute a finding of unprofessional conduct, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 129(a)(3).  
Seconded by Daniel Coane. Motion passed unanimously.

d. 2018-55 – **Abawonse, Lanre** – Stipulation & Consent Order

- Krystal Bernier moved to accept the Stipulation & Consent Order as presented. William White seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with Doug Sutton recused.

e. 2021-83 – **Appletree, Sarah** – Stipulation & Consent Order

- Wendy Thurston moved to approve the stipulation and consent order as written. Daniel Coane seconded. Motion passed unanimously with Doug Sutton recused.

f. 2020-74 – **Ayres, Jessica** – Stipulation & Consent Order

- Krystal Bernier moved to accept the Stipulation & Consent Order as presented. Deborah Swartz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously with Doug Sutton recused.

g. 2020-111 – **McManigle, Heather** – Stipulation & Consent Order

- Krystal Bernier moved to approve the Stipulation & Consent Order as presented. Doug Sutton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Topics for Discussion

- a. Administrative Rule Review – Shiela Boni spoke with members present and invited members to review broad topics in the administrative rule draft to ensure she and Mr. Gilman have recorded the special interests of each who would like to work with OPR staff on drafting and review of particular sections. Ms. Boni also informed members present that with Ellen Watson resigning her position with the Board there are vacancies in the Alternative to Discipline and Telehealth committees that will need to be filled. These vacancies will be discussed, with possible recommendations, at the August Board meeting.

b. New Board Member – William “Jamie” Floyd has joined the Board of Nursing as a new RN member. Introductions were made with Board members present as well as OPR office staff.

**6. Adjournment** - There being no additional business, Jennifer Laurent adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting –August 9, 2021 at 9:00 am.  
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