

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
89 MAIN STREET, 3rd FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT
BOARD OF NURSING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
August 10, 2020
Remote Meeting**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM by Ellen Watson — Chair

Board members present: Ellen Watson, Krystal Bernier, Luana Tredwell, Douglas Sutton, Deborah Swartz, Daniel Coane, William White, Jennifer Laurent, Virginia Hudson, Kelly Sinclair, and Wendy Thurston

Board members absent: None

Staff members present: Phyllis Mitchell, Nursing Board Executive Officer; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney; Michael Kupersmith, Hearing Officer; Kristin Donnelly, Licensing Administrator I; Beth Kneen, Docket Clerk; Carrie Phillips, Pharmacy Board Executive Officer; John Lewis, Chief Investigator; Michael Warren, Investigative Coordinator; Ellen Leff, Case Manager; Agatha Kessler, Assistant Director; Lauren Hibbert, Director

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

Guests: Scott McGee, Johannah Donovan, Megan Slack, Jeff T., Gary Apfel, Devon Green

Changes and Additions to the Agenda:

There were no changes or additions made.
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2. Approval of Minutes:

Daniel Coane moved to approve the minutes with one additional note to indicate the meeting was held remotely. Virginia Hudson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
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PASS

3. Summary Suspensions/Disciplinary Hearings:

2020-65	Donovan, Johannah was present via telephone. The Board went into deliberation at 11:35 and reconvened at 12:04. Krystal Bernier moved to SUMMARILY SUSPEND the license of RN Johannah Donovan . Virginia Hudson seconded. Ellen Watson recused from voting. The votes were as follows: Deborah Swartz: Aye Virginia Hudson: Aye Douglas Sutton: Aye Kelly Sinclair: Aye Luana Tredwell: Aye William White: Nay Wendy Thurston: Aye Krystal Bernier: Aye Daniel Coane: Aye Jennifer Laurent: Aye
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PASS

2020-22	Kelley, Alisa was not present. Daniel Coane moved to DENY the LNA license application of Alisa Kelley . Jennifer Laurent seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
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PASS

4. Stipulations/Hearings/Default Orders:

2020-13	Slack, Megan was present via telephone. Krystal Bernier moved to ACCEPT the proposed STIPULATION & CONSENT ORDER to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of LPN Megan Slack . Wendy Thurston seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Deborah Swartz and Luana Tredwell recused from voting.	PASS
2014-658	Williams, Dennise was not present. Daniel Coane moved to ACCEPT the proposed STIPULATION & CONSENT ORDER to CONDITION the license of RN Dennise Williams . Virginia Hudson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Jennifer Laurent recused from voting.	PASS
2018-21	Nash, Trisha was not present. Deborah Swartz moved to ACCEPT the proposed REMOVAL of CONDITIONS 6A-C and CONDITION 7 from the STIPULATION & CONSENT ORDER . Krystal Bernier seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Luana Tredwell and Douglas Sutton recused from voting.	PASS
2020-33	Figueroa, Nicholas was not present. Jennifer Laurent moved to ACCEPT the proposed DEFAULT ORDER to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of LNA Nicholas Figueroa . Wendy Thurston seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Luana Tredwell recused from voting.	PASS

6. Executive Director's Report:

Phyllis Mitchell reviewed the July 2020 Executive Director Report with Board members present.

7. Practice:**APRN Sub-Committee:**

The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Ad-Hoc Committees:

Phyllis Mitchell provided an update from the Alternative Program Committee. The Committee met on 7/31 to discuss new strategies to promote the program as participation has been low. The Committee revamped an informational poster and will distribute this to area stakeholders to help increase awareness and participation in the program. Gabriel Gilman reminded Board members that they will also have the opportunity to better define the program and its benefits through the Rulemaking process.

9. Other Business:

- There was no other business discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:35 PM.

Motion: Jennifer Laurent

Second: Virginia Hudson

