

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**  
**89 MAIN STREET, 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT**  
**BOARD OF NURSING**  
**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**  
**October 14, 2019**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Ellen Watson — Chair

**Board members present:** Ellen Watson, Krystal Bernier, Luana Tredwell, Kelly Sinclair, Douglas Sutton, William White, Deborah Swartz, Jennifer Laurent, Wendy Thurston.

**Board members absent:** Daniel Coane, Virginia Hudson.

**Staff members present:** Phyllis Mitchell, Nursing Board Executive Director; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney; Michael Kupersmith, Hearing Officer; Paul Petralia, Investigator; Kristin Donnelly, Licensing Administrator I; Ellen Leff, Case Manager.

**Prosecuting Attorneys:** Jennifer Colin, Traci Leibowitz, Aaron Kisicki.

**Guests:** Trisha Nash, Sharon Laub, Libby Greene, Raenetta Liberty, Tracey Wagner, Celine Champine, Jazmyn Leach, Paulina Carpenter, Christina Young, Kylie Ovitt, Madison Dagesse, Justina Roberge, Andrew Carbonneau, Kaylee Graves, Barbara Thompson-Snow, Cassie Stearns, Chloe Hamilton, Payton Jones, Rosie Maneu, Lexi Huestis, Mayson Wisnowski.

**2. Changes and Additions to the Agenda:**

Request for waiver of Admin. Rule 3.14(a) was removed from the agenda.	
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**3. Approval of Minutes:**

Jennifer Laurent moved to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes with the following correction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revise disciplinary case 2019-55 to clarify the Board rejected the proposed Stipulation &amp; Consent Order.</li></ul> Wendy Thurston seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
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**4. Summary Suspensions/Disciplinary Hearings:**

<b>2019-161 &amp; 2019-162</b>	Fortin, Noah was not present. Deborah Swartz moved to <b>SUMMARILY SUSPEND</b> the license of <b>LNA Noah Fortin</b> . Douglas Sutton seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2018-158</b>	Parris, Britny was not present. Krystal Bernier moved <b>SUMMARILY SUSPEND</b> the license of <b>LNA Britny Parris</b> . Jennifer Laurent seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2012-381</b>	Laub, Sharon was present. The Board went into deliberation at 10:45 and reconvened at 10:56. Douglas Sutton moved to accept the State's recommendation to <b>DENY</b> the <b>REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS</b> of the license of <b>RN Sharon Laub</b> . Krystal Bernier seconded.	<b>PASS</b>

## 5: Stipulations/Hearings/Default Orders:

<b>2019-55</b>	Culton, Nikita appeared via telephone. William White moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>STIPULATION &amp; CONSENT ORDER</b> to <b>WARN</b> the license of <b>RN Nikita Culton</b> . Wendy Thurston seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2019-9</b>	Guinchard, Seth was not present. Krystal Bernier moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>STIPULATION &amp; CONSENT ORDER</b> to <b>INDEFINITELY SUSPEND</b> the license of <b>LNA Seth Guinchard</b> . Wendy Thurston seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2018-21</b>	Nash, Trisha was present. Deborah Swartz moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>STIPULATION &amp; CONSENT ORDER</b> to <b>REINSTATE &amp; CONDITION</b> the license of <b>RN Trisha Nash</b> . Jennifer Laurent seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2018-46</b>	Blake, Sharon not present. Douglas Sutton moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS</b> imposed on the license of <b>RN Sharon Blake</b> . Krystal Bernier seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2014-261</b>	Hackett, Mary was not present. Wendy Thurston moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS</b> imposed on the license of <b>RN Mary Hackett</b> . Deborah Swartz seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2019-120</b>	Frantz, William was not present. Deborah Swartz moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>DEFAULT ORDER</b> to <b>INDEFINITELY SUSPEND</b> the license of <b>LNA William Frantz</b> . Jennifer Laurent seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2018-110</b>	Bilbo, Lametra was not present. Jennifer Laurent moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>STIPULATION &amp; CONSENT ORDER</b> to <b>REPRIMAND &amp; CONDITION</b> the license of <b>LPN Lametra Bilbo</b> . William White seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2019-87</b>	Simpson, Sherise was not present. Krystal Bernier moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>DEFAULT ORDER</b> to <b>REVOKE</b> the license of <b>LPN Sherise Simpson</b> . Jennifer Laurent seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2019-79</b>	Crawford, Kacey was not present. Douglas Sutton moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>DEFAULT ORDER</b> to <b>INDEFINITELY SUSPEND</b> the license of <b>LPN Kacey Crawford</b> . Krystal Bernier seconded.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2018-55</b>	Abawonse, Lanre was not present. Wendy Thurston moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>DEFAULT ORDER</b> to <b>INDEFINITELY SUSPEND</b> the license of <b>RN Lanre Abawonse</b> . Jennifer Laurent seconded.	<b>PASS</b>

## 6. Executive Director's Report:

Phyllis Mitchell reviewed the September 2019 Executive Director Report with Board members present.

## 7. Education:

### Nursing Education Committee:

The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

**8. Practice:**

**APRN Sub-Committee:**

The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

**Practice Committee:**

Douglas Sutton shared an update from the September 11, 2019 meeting with Board members present.

**Alternative Program Committee:**

The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

**9. Other Business:**

Raenetta Liberty and Tracey Wagner gave an educational presentation to the Board on forensic nursing and the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) program in Vermont.

**Rulemaking** – Phyllis Mitchell will send an email and Doodle poll to Board members to gauge interest in setting up a task force for Rules revision.

**Board Elections** – Douglas Sutton moved to elect Ellen Watson as Board Chair, Jennifer Laurent as Board Vice-Chair, and Deborah Swartz as Board Secretary. Krystal Bernier seconded. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Motion: Douglas Sutton

Second: William White

