

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
89 MAIN STREET, 3rd FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT
BOARD OF NURSING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
January 14, 2019**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:08AM by Ellen Watson — Chair

Board members present: Ellen Watson, William White, Jennifer Laurent, Douglas Sutton, Krystal Bernier, Luana Tredwell, Deborah Swartz, Virginia Hudson, Jeanine Carr, Ad-Hoc Member.

Board members absent: Kelly Sinclair

Staff members present: Carrie Phillips, Pharmacy Board Executive Director; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Michael Kupersmith, Hearing Officer; Kristin Donnelly, Licensing Administrator I; Ellen Leff, Case Manager.

Prosecuting Attorneys: Jennifer Colin, Elizabeth St. James

Guests: Kathleen Mulkern, Evelyn Carroll

2. Changes and Additions to the Agenda:

Ellen Watson introduced Krystal Bernier, newly appointed LPN Member to the Board.	
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3. Approval of Minutes:

<p>Jeanine Carr made a motion to approve the December 10, 2018 minutes with two corrections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursing Education Annual Reports corrected to reflect the Board accepted the reports only. • Correct the minutes for case 2016-102 to reflect William White seconded the motion. <p>Deborah Swartz seconded.</p>	Pass
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4. Summary Suspensions//Modification of Conditions:

2013-767	Verwey, Penny was not present. Douglas Sutton moved to deny the request for modification of conditions. Deborah Swartz seconded.	Pass
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5: Stipulations/Hearings/Default Orders:

2019-7	Mulkern, Kathleen was present. The preliminary denial was reviewed. The Board went into deliberative session at 10:28 and reconvened at 10:45. Jeanine Carr moved to issue an unencumbered license to APRN Kathleen Mulkern . Douglas Sutton seconded.	Pass
2018-86	Powell, Teaghan was not present. The Complainant addressed the Board prior to deliberation. The Board went into deliberation at 9:40 and reconvened at 9:53. William White moved to REJECT the proposed STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER . Douglas Sutton seconded.	Pass
2018-82	Olmstead, Nathan appeared via telephone. Jeanine Carr moved to ACCEPT the proposed STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER to REPRIMAND AND CONDITION the license of RN Nathan Olmstead . Jennifer Laurent seconded.	Pass
2018-89	Matteson, Colleen was not present. Jeanine Carr moved to ACCEPT the proposed DEFAULT ORDER to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of RN Colleen Matteson . Jennifer Laurent seconded.	Pass
2018-118	McKenney, Erik was not present. Deborah Swartz moved to ACCEPT the proposed DEFAULT ORDER to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of RN Erik McKenney . Luana Treadwell seconded.	Pass
2018-92	Finkle, Thomas was not present. Deborah Swartz moved to ACCEPT the proposed DEFAULT ORDER to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of LPN Thomas Finkle . Jennifer Laurent seconded.	Pass

6. Administrative, Education, Practice, and Licensure:

Executive Director's Report:

Carrie Phillips reviewed the December 2018 Executive Director Report with Board members present.

7. Education:

Nursing Education Committee:

The Committee not met since the last Board meeting.

MNA Programs:

- **St. Albans Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center** -- Jeanine Carr moved to approve the MNA program. Jennifer Laurent seconded. Motion passed.

8. Practice:

APRN Sub-Committee:

The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Practice Committee:

Douglas Sutton shared that the Committee will draft a formal recommendation in February to move the Committee to ad-hoc status. This recommendation will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Alternative Program Committee:

The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

9. Other Business:

- Rulemaking -- Board Members agreed to review chapters 1& 2 of the Administrative Rules and discuss proposed changes at the February meeting.
- Lauren Hibbert and Lora Marchand provided an update on criminal background checks. OPR and VCIC are making progress towards implementation of background checks for nurses. VCIC would like to see any rollout occur collaboratively with other stakeholders, i.e, Sheriff Offices and employers to maximize efficiency. Discussions between OPR and VCIC are ongoing.
- Lauren Hibbert and Lora Marchand provided updates on the DOL grant awarded to OPR. A portion of the grant focuses on analysis of the Nursing Licensure Compact. The Compact is largely supported however, preliminary analysis shows joining could result in significant revenue loss for OPR and increased licensing fees. OPR will collaborate with the Board in any decision making as this project continues.

Adjournment: Douglas Sutton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 PM. Virginia Hudson seconded. Motion passed.

