

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
89 MAIN STREET, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT  
BOARD OF NURSING  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
February 12, 2018**

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Ellen Watson – Chair at Office of Professional Regulation, 89 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Montpelier, VT; Board members present: Ellen Watson, Jennifer Laurent, Douglas Sutton, William White, Kelly Sinclair, Jill Duell, Lauana Tredwell, Deborah Swartz. Staff members present: Phyllis Mitchell – Executive Director, Lauren Hibbert– Board Council, Nicole York– Licensing Administrator I, Ellen Leff – Case Manager, Kristin Husher – Nursing Programs Manager, Prosecuting Attorneys; Elizabeth St. James, and Jennifer Colin, Stephen Reynes – Hearing Officer, Public Present: Debby Ogden, Carrie Phillips, Melissa Kempton, by phone Jacqueline Battoe

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

D. Sutton moved to accept the agenda with changes.	<b>Pass</b>
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**3. Approval of Minutes:**

D. Sutton moved to accept the January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2018 meeting minutes with the changes.	<b>Pass</b>
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**4. Summary Suspensions/Hearings:**

2017-426	Teri Ames was not present. At 10:31am the board went into deliberative session; reconvened at 10:40am. At 10:49am the Board broke for deliberative session; reconvened at 10:55am. J. Laurent moved to accept the <b>REPRIMAND and CONDITION</b> the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant <b>Teri Ames</b> .	<b>Pass</b>
2015-134	David Dumas was not present. D Swartz moved to reject the request for <b>REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS</b> for Registered Nurse <b>David Dumas</b> .	<b>Pass</b>
2012-247	Thomas Njuguna was not present. D Swartz moved to <b>DENY</b> the request for <b>REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS</b> the license of Licensed Practical Nurse <b>Thomas Njuguna</b> .	<b>Pass</b>

**5. Stipulations/Other Hearings:**

2016-433	Melissa Kempton was present. W. White moved to accept the <b>MODIFICATION OF ORDER</b> of licensed Registered Nurse <b>Melissa Kempton</b> .	<b>Pass</b>
2017-288	Karisa Miranda-Ruiz was not present. D. Sutton moved to accept the stipulation to <b>VOLUNTARY SURRENDER</b> the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant <b>Karisa Miranda-Ruiz</b> .	<b>Pass</b>

M2016-27 (2015-259)	Robin Oates D'Ambrosio was not present. D. Swartz moved to accept the request for <b>REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS</b> of the license of Registered Nurse <b>Robin Oates D'Ambrosio</b>	<b>Pass</b>
2016-175 2016-427	Jacqueline Battoe was present via telephone. W. White moved to accept the order to <b>REINSTATE WITH CONDITIONS</b> of the license of Registered Nurse <b>Jacqueline Battoe</b> .	<b>Pass</b>
2016-171 2016-677	Jed Lowy was not present. D. Sutton moved to accept the stipulation to <b>VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER</b> the license of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse <b>Jed Lowy</b> .	<b>Pass</b>

**6. Proposed Administrative Law Orders:**

2017-358	Cynthia Meade was not present. D. Swartz moved to <b>INDEFINATELY SUSPEND</b> the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant <b>Cynthia Meade</b> .	<b>Pass</b>
2016-401	Beth Price was not present. The Board went into deliberative session at 12:59pm; reconvened at 1:12pm. J. Laurent moved to <b>SCHEDULE FOR HEARING</b> regarding the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant <b>Beth Price</b> .	<b>Pass</b>

**7. Preliminary Denial of Application:**

2017-780	Debora Ogden was present. The Board went into deliberative session at 12:03pm; reconvened at 12:17pm. W. White moved to <b>REINSTATE</b> the license of Licensed Nursing Assistant <b>Debora Ogden</b> .	<b>Pass</b>
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**8. Administrative, Education, Practice, and Licensure:**

**Executive Director's Report:**

P. Mitchell reviewed the Executive Directors report with the Board.

**9. Education:**

**Nursing Education Committee:**

The Education Committee met on January 19, 2018. D. Swartz updated the board on the Nursing Education Committee. E. Watson will join the committee as the second Board RN.

**Nursing Program Manager Report:**

K. Husher reviewed the Nursing Program Manager Report with the Board.

**Nursing Assistant Education Programs:**

The Nursing Assistant Education Program met on January 12, 2018.	
The board received and reviewed the 2018 NNAAP updated and revised skills Side by Side comparison.	
St. Albans Health & Rehab Biennial Approval – J. Duell made a motion to <b>APPROVE</b> the Biennial renewal of <b>St. Albans Health and Rehab</b> .	<b>Pass</b>

**10. Practice:**

**APRN Sub-Committee:**

The APRN Sub-Committee has not met since last meeting.
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**Practice Committee:**

The Practice Committee has not met since the last meeting due to inclement weather.
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**11. Position Statements:**

Patient Choice At End of Life –W. White moved to Approve the <b>RETIREMENT</b> of the Patient Choice At End of Life Position Statement.	<b>Pass</b>
The Role of the Nurse in the Administration of Homeopathic Drugs, Herbal Medicine Products, and Dietary Supplements. The board requests the Practice Committee review with General Counsel and bring this back for the March Board Meeting.	

**12. Other Business:**

**Closing Reports:**

L. Hibbert, Board Counsel updated the board on the Closing Reports as well as the status of the OPR Bill.	<b>Pass</b>
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**Adjournment:** D. Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:41pm.

Minutes recorded by: Nicole York, Licensing Board Specialist  
 Draft minutes reviewed by: Phyllis Mitchell, Executive Director  
 Draft minutes approved by Vermont Board of Nursing: