

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
89 MAIN STREET, 3rd FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT
BOARD OF NURSING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
June 10, 2019**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03AM by Ellen Watson — Chair

Board members present: Ellen Watson, Krystal Bernier, Douglas Sutton, Kelly Sinclair, Luana Tredwell, Deborah Swartz, Jennifer Laurent, William White, Wendy Thurston, Virginia Hudson, Daniel Coane (ad-hoc member), Louise Moon Rosales (ad-hoc member).

Board members absent: Jennifer Laurent

Staff members present: Phyllis Mitchell, Nursing Board Executive Director; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Michael Kupersmith, Hearing Officer; Kristin Donnelly, Licensing Administrator I; Elizabeth Kneen, Docket Clerk; Ellen Leff, Case Manager.

Prosecuting Attorneys: Jennifer Colin, Elizabeth St. James.

Guests: Maureen Dwyer, Mary Anne Sheahan, Katie Dezotell, Devon Green.

2. Changes and Additions to the Agenda:

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3. Approval of Minutes:

Deborah Swartz made a motion to approve the May 13, 2019 minutes as presented. Krystal Bernier seconded.	PASS
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4. Summary Suspensions/Modification of Conditions:

2018-118	McKenney, Erik was present. Deborah Swartz moved to continue this matter at the July board meeting. Wendy Thurston seconded.	PASS
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5: Stipulations/Hearings/Default Orders:

2019-76	Fiore, Sean was not present. Virginia Hudson moved to ACCEPT the proposed VOLUNTARY INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of the license of RN Sean Fiore . Krystal Bernier seconded.	PASS
2018-93	Morris, Kateria was not present. Krystal Bernier moved to ACCEPT the proposed DEFAULT ORDER to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of LNA Kateria Morris . Luana Tredwell seconded.	PASS

2019-10	Friedman, Rebecca was not present. Daniel Coane moved to ACCEPT the proposed DEFAULT ORDER to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of RN Rebecca Friedman . Douglas Sutton seconded.	PASS
2018-124 & 2018-125	Woods, Erika was not present. Krystal Bernier moved to ACCEPT the proposed DEFAULT ORDER to INDEFINITELY SUSPEND the license of LPN Erika Woods . Virginia Hudson seconded.	PASS

6. Administrative, Education, Practice, and Licensure:

Executive Director's Report:

Phyllis Mitchell reviewed the May 2019 Executive Director Report with Board members present. Douglas Sutton moved to postpone review of NCSBN Summary of Recommendations until the July board meeting. Deborah Swartz seconded. Motion passed.

7. Education:

Nursing Education Committee:

Deborah Swartz moved to accept the UVM Site Survey Report as presented. Virginia Hudson seconded. Motion passed.

LNA Education Programs:

Berlin Health & Rehabilitation Center - Douglas Sutton moved to approve the Nursing Assistant education program for one (1) year. William White seconded. Motion passed.

8. Practice:

APRN Sub-Committee:

Louise Moon Rosales shared updates from the May 8, 2019 meeting with Board members present. The Sub-Committee will review APRN sections of the Administrative Rules and discuss ideas for proposed changes at their next meeting.

Practice Committee:

The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

Alternative Program Committee:

The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

8. Other Business:

- APRN Renewal – Maureen Dwyer was present. William White moved to discuss Ms. Dwyer’s request with General Counsel. Ellen Watson seconded. Motion passed. The Board reconvened at 3:35. Douglas Sutton moved to grant Ms. Dwyer’s request to renew her license. Luana Tredwell seconded. Motion passed.
- VT Talent Pipeline – Mary Anne Sheahan, Katie Dezotell, and Devon Green introduced the VT Talent Pipeline Management (VTPM) and their initiatives to the Board. VTPM is comprised of employers and educators throughout Vermont who are working to address workforce development in the state. The group surveyed healthcare employers and estimate that 3900 nursing vacancies will occur in the next two years. They are looking at several solutions including changes to nursing education faculty Administrative Rule requirements. VTPM proposes that the Board adopt a policy, pending adopting compatible Rule, allowing a BSN-prepared RN with 5 years full-time clinical experience, who has completed a clinical educator preparation course, and has an assigned Master’s prepared mentor, to serve as clinical faculty.

Board members felt further discussion was needed. Louise Moon Rosales moved to appoint Douglas Sutton as Board representative to the VT Talent Pipeline Roundtable. Virginia Hudson seconded. Motion passed.

- NLC Survey – Liz Sortino and Lauren Hibbert presented the proposed timeline for the NLC survey and outreach plan. OPR will invite stakeholders to an informational meeting prior to the survey launch in mid-July. OPR will analyze and share results with the Board in August.
- Board members will continue to review Administrative Rules and provide comments/proposed changes at the August board meeting.

Adjournment: Virginia Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 PM. Wendy Thurston seconded. Motion passed.