



# **Board of Nursing**

## **Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

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### **MINUTES**

#### **May 8, 2023 Remote Meeting**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Vice-Chair, Krystal Bernier.

**Board members present:** William "Jamie" Floyd, Kelly Sinclair, Matthew Choate, Jennifer Lyon, Krystal Bernier, Luana Tredwell, Ginger Gillette-Kent, Daniel Coane and Deborah Belcher.

**Absent:** Jennifer Laurent and Thomas Harvey

**Staff members present:** Shiela Boni, Nursing Board Executive Officer; Carrie Phillips, Pharmacy Executive Officer; Lauren Layman, Board Counsel; Noura Eltabbakh, General Counsel; Emily Trudeau, General Counsel, Dennis Menard, Investigator, Judge George Belcher, Administrative Law Officer; Kristin Donnelly, Case Manager; Elizabeth Kneen, Case Manager; Paul Petralia, Investigator, Dennis Menard, Investigator, Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Corrine Reynolds, Licensing Administrator; Kamanie Sweet, Licensing Administrator; Michelle Lavoie, Licensing Administrator, Danielle Rubalcaba, Business Project Manager, Laticia Garcia, Enforcement Licensing Administrator; Kris Bowdish, OPR Deputy Chief Investigator; Shawn McGarvin, Investigator; Matthew Kinsley, Investigator; Kelsi Alger, Administrative Services Coordinator.

**Prosecuting Attorneys:** Jennifer Colin, Rachel Heath, and Ultan Doyle.

**Guests:** Corey Kirby, Ed Adrian, Attorney, Nora Kennedy, and Robert Backus, Attorney.

2. **Approval of Minutes from April 10, 2023**

William "Jamie" Floyd moved to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2023, meeting with the changes that Shiela Boni requested about the MNA program, Ginger Gillette-Kent seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and Daniel Coane abstained.

MNA program approval under Other Business: "Education Subcommittee report". Shiela Boni provided a report from the Education Subcommittee. A motion was made by William "Jamie" Floyd and seconded by Krystal Bernier to accept the Education Subcommittee report with recommendations for approval of the Genesis Health Care at Mountain View Center's MNA program and the annual report from the South Dakota State University, College of Nursing's re-entry program. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Executive Officer Report**

Shiela Boni shared the May 2023 Executive Officer report with Board members.

#### 4. Discipline Hearings

- 2022-243 – *In re: Corey Kirby*, Contested Hearing
  - The matter was heard on the record. Matthew Choate made the motion, seconded by Daniel Coane, to move into deliberative session at 10:44 am. and returned at 11:21 am. Krystal Bernier moved to accept the states order pursuant to terms to be set out in a written Order, Daniel Coane seconded. The motion passed unanimously. William “Jamie” Floyd recused from the hearing and vote.
- 2021-47 – *In re: Nora Kennedy*, Contested Hearing
  - The matter was heard on the record. Krystal Berner made the motion, seconded by William “Jamie: Floyd to move into deliberative session at 11:46 am. and returned at 11:55 am. William “Jamie” Floyd made the motion to accept the states order, pursuant to terms to be set out in a written Order, Matthew Choate seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- 2022-214 – *In re: Jennifer Higgins*, Review Stipulation Order
  - After review, Matthew Choate moved to accept the order, Jennifer Lyon seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Krystal Bernier recused from the hearing and vote.
- 2023-36 – *In re: Keri Paquette*, Review Motion for Default Order
  - After review, Jennnifer Lyon moved to accept the order, Daniel Coane seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Luana Tredwell recused from the hearing and vote.
- 2021-113 – *In re: Tim Rogers*, Review Request for Removal of Conditions
  - After review, Matthew Choate moved to accept the order, William “Jamie” Floyd seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. Other Business

Shiela Boni discussed the implementation of the approved Board of Nursing Administrative Rules. She will reach out to the board with a communication plan.

#### 6. Public Comment

None.

#### Adjournment

There being no additional business, Krystal Bernier adjourned the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting – June 12, 2023 at 9:00 am.  
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