

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
89 MAIN STREET, 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT  
BOARD OF NURSING  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
September 14, 2020  
Remote Meeting**

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Ellen Watson — Chair

**Board members present:** Ellen Watson, Krystal Bernier, Luana Tredwell, Deborah Swartz, Daniel Coane, William White, Jennifer Laurent, Virginia Hudson, Kelly Sinclair, and Wendy Thurston

**Board members absent:** Douglas Sutton

**Staff members present:** Phyllis Mitchell, Nursing Board Executive Officer; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Kristin Donnelly, Licensing Administrator; Beth Kneen, Docket Clerk; Ellen Leff, Case Manager; Carrie Phillips, Pharmacy Board Executive Officer; Lauren Hibbert, Director

**Prosecuting Attorneys:** Elizabeth St. James, Jennifer Colin, Benjamin Novogroski

**Guests:** None

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda:**

Virginia Hudson announced her resignation from the Board of Nursing, effective 9/15. Board member Coane suggested a certificate of appreciation for Board member Hudsons' contributions.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

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| Daniel Coane moved to approve the minutes as presented. Virginia Hudson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. | <b>PASS</b> |
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**3. Summary Suspensions/Disciplinary Hearings:**

**4. Stipulations/Hearings/Default Orders:**

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| <b>2020-50</b> | Maxfield, Julie was not present. Virginia Hudson moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>STIPULATED VOLUNTARY SURRENDER</b> of the license of <b>RN Julie Maxfield</b> . Wendy Thurston seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Deborah Swartz recused from voting.   | <b>PASS</b> |
| <b>2020-54</b> | Gabert, Theresa was not present. Virginia Hudson moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>STIPULATION &amp; CONSENT ORDER</b> to <b>IMPOSE</b> a <b>\$300 MONETARY PENALTY</b> against the license of <b>LNA Theresa Gabert</b> . Krystal Bernier seconded. The motion passed unanimously. William White recused from voting. | <b>PASS</b> |
| <b>2020-53</b> | Johnson, Sarahbeth was not present. Deborah Swartz moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>STIPULATION &amp; CONSENT ORDER</b> to <b>REPRIMAND &amp; CONDITION</b> the license of <b>LNA Sarahbeth Johnson</b> . Wendy Thurston seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Luana Tredwell recused from voting.                 | <b>PASS</b> |

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| 2020-31 | Stanley, Sarah was not present. Jennifer Laurent moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>DEFAULT ORDER</b> to <b>INDEFINITELY SUSPEND</b> the license of RN <b>Sarah Stanley</b> . Wendy Thurston seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Daniel Coane and Virginia Hudson recused from voting. | <b>PASS</b> |
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**5. Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

**6. Executive Director’s Report:**

Phyllis Mitchell reviewed the August 2020 Executive Director Report with Board members present and announced her upcoming retirement in October 2020.

**7. Practice:**

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| <b>APRN Sub-Committee:</b>                              |
| The Committee has not met since the last Board meeting. |
| <b>Ad-Hoc Committees:</b>                               |
| Committees have not met since the last Board meeting.   |

**8. Other Business:**

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| <p><b>Legislative Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>S.233 – Uniform Licensing Requirements</u> – This bill is expected to pass and is currently with the House. Gabriel Gilman explained the language in the bill is broad; the Board can further clarify provisions through their Rulemaking process.</li> <li>• <u>S.220 – OPR Bill</u>- Board Members Laurent, Swartz, and Watson felt the Board was not fully informed about the proposed language in Section 8 that repeals education requirements for both clinical and non-clinical faculty. Gabriel Gilman explained the intent of the repeal is to avoid duplicating functions between national accreditors and the Board and stressed the Board will retain their ability to intervene if program standards are not met.</li> <li>• <u>S.125 – Nurse Licensure Compact Bill</u> – There are no updates at this time. The bill may not pass before the current session adjourns this month.</li> </ul> <p><b>Board Officer Elections</b> - Krystal Bernier moved to retain incumbents for Board Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions. Daniel Coane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |
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**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM.

**Motion:** Virginia Hudson

**Second:** Jennifer Laurent