

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
89 MAIN STREET, 3-FLOOR, MONTPELIER, VT  
BOARD OF NURSING  
UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
October 12, 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, Kelly Sinclair, Douglas Sutton, and Wendy Thurston

**Board members absent:** None

**Staff members present:** Phyllis Mitchell, Nursing Board Executive Officer; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Michael Kupersmith, Administrative Law Officer; Kristin Donnelly, Licensing Administrator; Michelle Lavoie, Licensing Administrator; Beth Kneen, Docket Clerk; Lauren Hibbert, Director

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

**Guests:** Deena Martin

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda:**

There were no changes or additions made.
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**2. Approval of Minutes:**

William White moved to approve the minutes as presented. Daniel Coane seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Douglas Sutton abstained from voting.	<b>PASS</b>
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**3. Summary Suspensions/Disciplinary Hearings:**

<b>2019-144</b>	Barnhart, Jason was not present. The Board went into deliberation at 9:58 and reconvened at 10:26. Jennifer Laurent moved to make a finding of unprofessional conduct in this matter. Deborah Swartz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.  Jennifer Laurent made a second motion to <b>INDEFINITELY SUSPEND</b> the license of <b>LPN Jason Barnhart</b> . Deborah Swartz seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Douglas Sutton recused from voting.	<b>PASS</b>
<b>2016-434</b>	Bessery, Lesley was not present. Krystal Bernier moved to <b>DISMISS</b> the <b>Petition for Reinstatement</b> due to lack of prosecution. Douglas Sutton seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ellen Watson recused from voting.	<b>PASS</b>

**4. Stipulations & Other Hearings:**

<b>2020-32</b>	Poulos, Richard was not present. Douglas Sutton moved to <b>ACCEPT</b> the proposed <b>VOLUNTARY SURRENDER</b> of the license of <b>LNA Richard Poulos</b> . Wendy Thurston seconded. The motion passed unanimously.	<b>PASS</b>
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5. **Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

6. **Executive Officer's Report:**

Phyllis Mitchell reviewed the September 2020 Executive Officer Report with Board members present.
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7. **Practice:**

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

<b>Executive Officer Position</b> - Lauren Hibbert informed the Board that OPR is accepting applications for the Executive Officer position and the posting will remain open until filled. OPR expects to interview candidates and include Board member input in the hiring process.
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**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:36 AM.

**Motion:** Daniel Coane

**Second:** Deborah Swartz