



# **Board of Nursing**

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

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### **MINUTES**

**Oct 10, 2022**

### **Remote Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Jennifer Laurent, Chair

**Board members present:** Krystal Bernier, Jennifer Laurent, Ginger Gillette- Kent, Thomas Harvey, William “Jamie” Floyd, Kelly Sinclair, and Matthew Choate

**Ad Hoc members:** Jeanine Carr and Deborah Belcher

**Board members absent:** William White, Daniel Coane and Luana Tredwell

**Staff members present:** Shiela Boni, Nursing Board Executive Officer; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Judge George Belcher, Administrative Law Officer; Kristin Donnelly, Case Manager; Elizabeth Kneen, Case Manager; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Erin Viera, Licensing Administrator; Michelle Lavoie, Licensing Administrator; Laticia Garcia, Enforcement Licensing Administrator; Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Danielle Rubalcaba, Business Project Manager; Kris Bowdish, OPR Investigator; Matt Knisley, OPR Investigator; Michael Warren, Chief Investigator; Paul Petralia, OPR Investigator; Shawn McGarvin, OPR Investigator; and Lauren Hibbert, Director

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

**Guests:** Dieu-Donne Tonoki, Michael Tifft, Linda Lumbra, Lucas Hall, Sandy Stempel, Ryan Tatro, Victorio Grande, Ashley Wrzesinsky, Morganne Otatti, Susan Tschorn, Jill Maynard, Daniel Perregaux, and Wesley Lawrence

- 2. Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2022**

- William “Jamie” Floyd moved to approve the minutes as written. Thomas Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Deborah Belcher and Jeanine Carr recused.

- 3. Executive Officer Report**

- Shiela Boni shared the October 2022 Executive Officer report with Board members.

- 4. Discipline**

- 2022-196 & 197 – Lucas Hall – Request for Summary Suspension
  - The board entered deliberative session at 1:59pm and returned at 2:42pm.
  - Matthew Choate moved to deny the State’s request for summary suspension. Jeanine Carr seconded. The roll call is as follows.
    - Matthew Choate-Yes
    - Jennifer Laurent-Yes
    - Kelly Sinclair-Yes
    - William “Jamie” Floyd-No
    - Thomas Harvey-No
    - Deborah Belcher-Yes

- Jeanine Carr-Yes
  - Krystal Bernier-Yes
  - Ginger Gillette-Kent-Recused
- The motion passed.
- 2022-50 & 51 – Dieu-Donne Tonoki – Contested Hearing
  - The board entered deliberative session at 3:47pm and returned at 4:28pm.
  - Krystal Bernier moved to deny the State's request to take action against Mr. Tonoki's nursing license. Matthew Choate seconded. The roll call is as follows.
    - Matthew Choate-Yes
    - Ginger Gillette-Kent-Yes
    - Jennifer Laurent-Yes
    - Kelly Sinclair-Yes
    - Krystal Bernier-Yes
    - William "Jamie" Floyd-No
    - Thomas Harvey-No
    - Deborah Belcher-Yes
    - Jeanine Carr-Yes
  - The motion passed.
- William "Jamie" Floyd moved to approve, and authorize the Chair to sign on the Boards behalf, the two proposed orders pending review: Karen Tendrup, Docket no. 2022-82, and Kyra Hinkle, Docket no. 2022-183. The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Other Business

- Developing Telehealth Licensing Rules Discussion
  - Lauren Layman emailed draft rules to the Board for review.
  - Board members will provide feedback directly to Attorney Layman via email by Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Covid-19 Disciplinary Sanctions
  - Discussion rescheduled to November Board meeting.
- School of Nursing Annual Reports
  - Matthew Choate moved to delegate the review of the annual nursing school reports to the Practice Committee. Thomas Harvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Public Comment

- None

**Adjournment** - There being no additional business, Jennifer Laurent adjourned the meeting at 4:42pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Nov 14, 2022 at 9:00 am  
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