

**OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
89 MAIN STREET 3<sup>rd</sup> FLOOR MONTPELIER, VT  
BOARD OF NURSING  
APPROVED MINUTES  
May 10, 2021  
Remote Meeting**

**1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM by Ellen Watson — Chair

**Board members present:** Ellen Watson, Luana Tredwell, Deborah Swartz, William White, Jennifer Laurent, Daniel Coane, Kelly Sinclair, Wendy Thurston, Douglas Sutton

**Board members absent:** Krystal Bernier

**Staff members present:** Shiela Boni, Nursing Board Executive Officer, Carrie Phillips, Pharmacy Board Executive Officer; Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Michael Kupersmith, Administrative Law Officer; George Belcher, Administrative Law Officer; Kristin Donnelly, Licensing Administrator; Beth Kneen, Docket Clerk; Ellen Leff, Case Manager

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

**Guests:** Michelle Wade, John Yaffee, Cabot Teachout, Marcie Weaver, Athena Poirier, John Dunnan, Kendra Horne

**Changes and Additions to the Agenda:**

- Michael Kupersmith discussed a scheduling change to one hearing for the June meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2021**

- Daniel Coane moved to approve the minutes as written. Deborah Swartz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Executive Officer Report**

- Shiela Boni shared the April 2021 Executive Officer report with Board members present.

**4. Discipline**

a. 2015-140– **Weaver, Marcie-** Contested Hearing

Marcie Weaver was present. The Board went into deliberation at 10:16 and reconvened at 10:40. Jennifer Laurent moved to remove the conditions on the license of RN Marcie Weaver. William White seconded. The votes were as follows:

Daniel Coane: **Nay**

Douglas Sutton: **Nay**

Jennifer Laurent: **Aye**

Kelly Sinclair: **Aye**

Luana Tredwell: **Aye**

Wendy Thurston: **Nay**

William White: **Aye**

Ellen Watson: **Aye**

The motion passed 5-3; Deborah Swartz recused from voting.

b. 2020-80 – **Yaffee, John** – Contested Hearing

John Yaffee and his counsel were present. The Board went into deliberation at 2:39 and reconvened at 3:00. Wendy Thurston moved to dismiss the matter. Daniel Coane seconded. The motion passed unanimously; Deborah Swartz recused from voting.

c. 2021-6 – **Roberge, Toni** – Stipulation & Consent Order

Toni Roberge was not present. Daniel Coane moved to accept the proposed Stipulation & Consent Order to warn and condition the license of of the license of LNA Toni Roberge. William White seconded. The motion passed unanimously; Luana Tredwell recused from voting.

d. 2019-183 – **Howe, Zachary** – Removal of Conditions

Zachary Howe not present. Jennifer Laurent moved to accept the proposed removal of conditions. Wendy Thurston seconded. The motion passed unanimously; Deborah Swartz recused from voting.

e. 2014-318 – **Porter, Kim** – Removal of Conditions

Kim Porter was not present. Jennifer Laurent moved to accept the proposed removal of conditions. Deborah Swartz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Topics for Discussion

a. Administrative Rule Review - Shiela Boni proposed several methods to restart rulemaking discussions. Several Board members expressed interest in reviewing specific areas, i.e., education and will propose changes. General Counsel will track proposals and also incorporate current position statements into draft rules.

6. **Public Comment:** Michelle Wade, VNPA President, asked if the Board of Nursing planned to eliminate the transition to practice requirement (26 V.S.A. § 1613) for APRNs. Gabriel Gilman explained this won't be discussed in the 2021 legislative session, however, if the VNPA chose to advocate for this in the legislature OPR would support it.

## 7. Adjournment

Jennifer Laurent moved to adjourn the meeting; Daniel Coane seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Next Scheduled Meeting –June 14, 2021 at 9:00AM.  
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