



Board of Nursing Public Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2023 at 8:00 AM

7 Eagle Square, Concord NH 03301

Attendance

Members Present:

Chair - Samantha O'Neill (SO), Vice-Chair - Joni Menard (JM), Matthew Kitsis (MK), Michele Melanson Schmitt (MMS), Melissa Underhill (MU), Maureen Murtagh (MM), Wendy Stanley Jones (WSJ) and Dwayne Thibeault (DT), Jennifer Thibeault (JT)

Members Absent:

Melissa Tuttle

Staff Present:

Michael Gianunzio, Board Administrator; Marla Pike, Board Administrator; Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel; Board Counsel; Lynn Theuner, LNA/MNA Program Specialist, Nikolas Frye, Esq., Hearing Examiner

The following applies to all Non-Public Sessions.

All Non-Public Sessions are recorded as follows for the purpose of board business and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, RSA 326-B: 38 Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous poll vote of all members present and included all members listed above.

And

Motion to keep minutes of the non-public session confidential from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a board member and/or to render the proposed action ineffective and/or is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to RSA 236-B: 38. However, forty-eight hours after the mailing of any order, its respective vote shall automatically become public in accordance with RSA 326-B: 38.

Upon motion of JT seconded by MMS, the Board voted to commence the **1st non-public session** at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 11:33 a.m.

Motion to come out of non-public was made by WSJ, and seconded by DT, by unanimous roll call vote.

Upon the motion of WSJ, and the second of DT, the Board voted to keep minutes of the non-public session confidential from public disclosure. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Upon motion of MM, seconded by MMS, the Board voted to commence the **2nd non-public session** at 11:47 a.m. and ended at 12:29 p.m.

Motion to come out of non-public was made by MMS, and seconded by JT, by unanimous roll call vote.

Upon the motion of MMS, and the second of JT, the Board voted to keep minutes of the non-public session confidential from public disclosure. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Upon motion of JT, seconded by MM, the Board voted to commence the **3rd non-public session** at 12:46 p.m. and ended at 2:27 p.m.

Motion to come out of non-public was made by WSJ, and seconded by MMS, by unanimous roll call vote.

Upon the motion of WSJ, and the second of MMS, the Board voted to keep minutes of the non-public session confidential from public disclosure. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

Agenda

I. Call to order

- a. Meeting was called to order by the Chair SO at 8:03am

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. May 25, 2023

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT, with a second by MM, the Board voted to approve the minutes as stated; motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Appearances

IV. Board Admin Updates

- a. Rules work group for education rules is NH Deans, meeting scheduled for August 3rd.
- b. Rules review with Tina – 12:30
 - i. WSJ / MK move to adopt on 608's; unanimous
 - ii. 300's – changes requested in the language
 - iii. Added Tina to the deans rules work group meeting

Motion:

Upon a motion by WSJ, with a second by MK, the Board voted to move forward on the 608 rules; motion passed unanimously.

- c. Alzheimer's Subcommittee Appointment

- i. We are not yet sure if the meeting will be monthly, quarterly or something else. There needs to be a plan as to what the State is going to do. There is a different group within the Hospitals working on this matter and should be in alignment with this group.
- ii. Next month MM will know more and report back to the Board.
- iii. After a vote, a letter will be sent to the committee confirming her appointment.

Motion:

Upon a motion by WSJ, with a second by MMS, the Board voted to appoint Maureen Murtagh to the committee to represent the Board of Nursing; motion passed, MM abstained.

- d. HB594 Update

- i. If license regulations are substantially similar in another state they would be granted licensure. The office is going through and doing the work to determine which states currently meet this requirement. As we have the compact which covers RN and LPN, the office is focusing on LNA's first.
- ii. JM brought up that APRN's will also have to be looked at. DT pointed out that some states require supervision, others do not, this should be considered.

V. Education

- a. Excel Testing Scores – informational only
- b. After Dark Pilot

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT, with a second by JT, the Board voted to approve the pilot; motion passed, MM abstained.

- c. Dover HS Textbook Update
- d. WMCC Textbook update
- e. NH Veteran's home bi-annual survey
- f. Mt. Washington Valley Tech Center Bi-Annual Survey
- g. Glenclyff Home LNA & MNA Program Bi-Annual Survey
- h. RW Croteau Technical Center Bi-Annual Survey
- i. Dover High School Health Science & Technology LNA Program Bi-Annual Survey
- j. River Valley Community College LNA & MNA Program Bi-Annual Survey

****Motion:**

Upon a motion by JM, with a second by WSJ, the Board voted to appoint Maureen Murtagh to the approve agenda items under section V. Education: items c-j; motion passed unanimously.

VI. Clinical Practice

- a. Title inquiry DNP: DT thinks we need a position statement that needs to be posted. Add the previous position statement to OnBoard and send to DT separately. DT to write position statement that will be posted on the website for public review.
 - i. **Tabled to next meeting**
- b. Medical Cannabis Inquiry – Public appearance by Kelly Main. There needs to be education, the staff at the dispensary might not be equipped to give medical advice. Ms. Main is asking what she can and can't do prior to doing anything. Ms. Main has been invited to participate in the next P&E meeting to give context and provide support.

Motion:

Upon a motion by JM, with a second by MK, the Board voted to refer this question to the P&E committee; motion passed unanimously.

VII. Non Public Session

VIII. Adjournment

Motion:

Upon a motion by WSJ, with a second by MMS, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:27 p.m.