



Board of Nursing Public Meeting Agenda

Minutes

Nursing Board

Aug 24, 2023 at 8:00 AM EDT

Attendance

Members Present:

Chair – Samantha O’Neill (SO), Vice Chair- Joni Menard (JM), Matthew Kitsis (MK), Melissa Underhill (MU), Melissa Tuttle (MT), Maureen Murtagh (MM), Wendy Stanley Jones (WSJ), Dwayne Thibeault (DT), Jennifer Thibeault (JT)

Members Absent:

Michelle Melanson Schmitt (MMS)

Staff Present:

Michael Gianunzio, Board Administrator; Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator, Brenda Rhines, Board Administrator, Rahkiya Medley, Esq., Board Counsel; Elizabeth Eaton, Esq., Board Counsel; Nikolas Frye, Esq., Hearing Examiner; Tom Pappas, Hearings Clerk

1st P-NP

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 MT seconded by MU, the Board voted to commence the **1st non-public session** at 9:47 a.m. and ended at 10:28 a.m.

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

Upon the motion of JT, and the second of MM, 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.

2nd P-NP

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 WSJ seconded by JT, the Board voted to commence the **2nd non-public session** at 10:36 a.m. and ended at 10:58 a.m.

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

Upon the motion of MM, and the second of MT, 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.

3rd P-NP

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 JM seconded by DT, the Board voted to commence the **3rd non-public session** at 11:09 a.m. and ended at 1:42 p.m.

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

Upon the motion of MM, 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.

1st Non-Meeting

Upon a motion by WSJ with a second by MT the Board entered Non-Meeting at 8:34am

Upon a motion by MK with a second by JT the Board moved back into Public Session at 8:43am

2nd Non-Meeting

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MK the Board entered Non-Meeting at 11:04am

Upon a motion by MK with a second by JM the Board moved back into Public Session at 11:08am

I. Call to Order

Board Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05am

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Public Minutes July 27, 2023

Motion:

Upon a motion by JT, with a second by DT the Board voted to approve the minutes as amended; unanimous.

III. Public Appearances

A. Hearings

1. Elizabeth Edwards - Adjudication

9:05 AM-9:31 AM

Motion:

Upon a motion by MU, with a second by MK the Board voted to dismiss the complaint; unanimous

2. Angela Joyce - Show Cause Application

9:39 AM-9:47 AM

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT, with a second by MK the Board voted to grant licensure and waive rules for Active in Practice; unanimous

3. Megin Iacarrio - Show Cause Application

10:30 AM

8/8/23 emailed her email on file and sent regular and certified mail

According to usps website it was delivered on 8/11/23

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT, with a second by JM the Board voted to default and dismiss the hearing; unanimous.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MM, with a second by MU the Board voted to deny the application; unanimous

4. Cristina Alvarez-Howell - Show Cause Reinstatement

10:34 AM

Motion:

Upon a motion by WSJ, with a second by JT the Board voted to approve; unanimous – give info on NHPHP.

IV. Board Administrator Updates

A. Legislative / Rules Request

1. Request to Expand LPN Scope of Practice

Motion:

Upon a motion by JM, with a second by JT the Board voted to refer to P&E committee; unanimous.

B. Legislative Changes in Other States - Informational

The Board finds this information helpful and would like to consult with Board Counsel and NCSBN to see if this is information we can share and post with the public.

C. DNP Title Question

Final Approval

Share with Boards mentioned in the statement as well as all Nursing Licensees

Motion:

Upon a motion by WSJ, with a second by MT the Board voted to adopt the Position Statement regarding the use of the title of “Dr.” in all settings; unanimous

- D. IV Hydration Clinic Presentation Follow Up - Informational
- E. Maureen Update on NCSBN Annual Meeting
Maureen to prepare something for next meeting to share takeaways. I will copy and upload to Onboard for th next meeting.
- F. Maureen update on Alzheimer's Subcommittee
- G. Board Counsel / Legislative Updates
 - 1. HB308 expands remote participation for Boards. Only 1/3 of the Board has to be physically present, anyone else can ask the chair to participate remotely. Goes into effect in October. SO: if there is a specific reason that a Board Member can't join, please give a week's notice to ensure we have the 1/3 present to confirm quorum. Email the Chair and Board Administrator ahead of time.
 - 2. HB594
 - a. Uniform licensure by endorsement law. This goes across all Boards and Coucils under OPLC. If someone holds an active license in good standing and if the requirements are substantially similar, that person will be issued a license in NH. This is in addition to the Compact re: APRN. LNA's are being given a high priority. Licensees will have to complete any jurisprudence or criminal background checks. We will follow the same matrix for reviweing criminal background to determine what goes before the Baord.
- H. Emergency Meeting
 - 1. Is text ok for notification?
- I. Education Rules Workgroup
 - 1. Kathy from NHHA, Board Staff, Deans and Directors as well as 3 Board Members. Tina from Rules will put everything together for us, put it before the group for one last look then we will put it beore the Board for review.

V. Education

A. Bi-Annual Surveys

1. Bi-Annual Survey for Coos County Nsg Hosp LNA & MNA Programs

Recommendation for Board vote to approve

Motion:

Upon a motion by WSJ, with a second by MK the Board voted to approve the program; unanimous.

B. Requests for Board Consideration

1. Winpha Tattegrain

OPLC does get this type of application for other license types. Board Counsel recommends we do something similar in that the Board validate the information by way of having the applicant appear before us.

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT, with a second by WSJ the Board voted not to make a decision on this issue until there is more information submitted and an application for review; unanimous

VI. Clinical Practice

A. Tabled from July 27, 2023 Meeting

1. Title Inquiry - New Question

Will be answered by newly adopted position statement

B. CNS Prescribing Authority

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Motion:

Upon a motion by JM, with a second by JT the Board voted to respond that CNS do not have prescribing authority in NH; unanimous.

VII. Non Public Session

VIII. Adjournment

Motion:

Upon a motion by MM, with a second by DT the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 p.m.