



Board of Nursing Public Meeting Minutes

Nursing Board

Jan 25, 2024 at 8:00 AM EST

Attendance

Members:

Samantha O'Neill (SO), Chair, Michelle Melanson Schmitt (MMS), Jennifer Thibault (JT), Matthew Kitsis (MK), Heather Pearl (HP), Melissa Tuttle (MT), Maureen Murtagh (MM), Dwayne Thibeault (DT)

Staff:

Michael Gianunzio, Board Administrator, Terese Barton, Board Administrator, Rahkiya Medley, Esq. Board Counsel, Elizabeth Eaton, Esq. Board Counsel

Absent:

Joni Menard, Board Member, Lizzie Fowler, Board Member, Melissa Underhill, Board Member

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MM, the Board voted to allow remote participation due to medical reasons for WSJ; unanimous roll call vote

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and convened at 8:10 am by Samantha O'Neill, Chair, with quorum present.

II. Approval of Minutes

A. December 21, 2023

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MM the Board voted to approve the minutes; motion passed by roll call vote, WSJ, MMS, HP abstained

B. January 16, 2024

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MM the Board voted to approve the minutes; motion passed by roll call vote; WSJ, MMS, HP abstained.

III. Appearance Schedule

- A. 9:00 am - Show Cause Hearing-MacLean, John, Hearing proceeded at 9:07 am and the Hearing Closed at 9:16 am.

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MK the Board voted to recommend approval of licensure; unanimous roll call vote.

- B. 9:34 am – Show Cause Hearing -Demambro, Danni, Hearing closed at 9:45 am

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MT the Board voted to proceed in absentia; unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MM the Board voted to recommend denial of the application; unanimous roll call vote based on NUR 206.25.

- C. 10:13 am – Show Cause Hearing - North, Divante, Hearing closed at 10:36 am

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MK the Board voted to proceed in absentia; unanimous roll call vote.

Motion

DT rescinded his motion to allow for 5 more minutes to allow the licensee time to show up, second by MK; motion passed by roll call vote, SO opposed.

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MMS the Board voted to proceed in absentia; unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by WSJ with a second by DT the Board voted to recommend denial of licensure; unanimous roll call vote.

- D. 10:45 am - Adjudicative Hearing - Beaulé, Savannah, Hearing closed at 10:51am

Motion:

Upon a motion by JT with a second by MT the Board voted to recommend approval of licensure; unanimous roll call vote.

IV. Board Administrator Updates

A. Legislative Updates

1. Reviewed Bills that the Board may want to weigh in on.

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MT the Board voted to oppose HB1676 and have Board Counsel draft language and present at the Hearing taking place on 1/25/2024 at 1:30 PM; motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by JT the Board voted to approve the drafted testimony on HB1676 as amended; unanimous roll call vote.

2. SO reviewed the testimony provided at a hearing last week (connect with Rahkiya on details to be included in the public minutes). The meeting was engaging and they seemed interested in learning from the Board. The meeting is recorded and available. The follow up meeting will be at the sub-committee meeting that is taking place on 1/26/24.
3. Board Admin with Board Counsel will work to provide an update to the rest of the Board with the outcome of the 1/26/24 committee meeting.

B. Other Legislative Updates

1. HB1010
2. HB1585 – 1/31
3. SB573 – 1/25
4. HB1664 – 2/22
5. HB1625 – School Nurse Certification – nothing has been scheduled yet. NH Nursing Association, would we be open to tracking certifications?

V. New Business

A. Clinical Inquiry

Motion:

Upon a motion by MK with a second by MM the Board voted to refer the question to the P&E committee; motion passed by roll call vote, DT abstained.

VI. Education

A. Excel 4th Quarter Testing Results

Infomational.

B. Pinkerton Academy LNA Program Textbook Change

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS with a second by MK the Board voted to accept the change; unanimous roll call vote

C. NH Veteran Home LNA Program

Motion:

Upon a motion by MK with a second by DT the Board voted to approve the program; unanimous roll call vote

VII. Clinical Practice

A. January 8, 2024 minutes

Motion:

Upon a motion by MM with a second by WSJ the Board voted to accept the minutes; unanimous roll call vote.

Sam and Mike to work on reorganizing the Agenda to place P&E earlier in the meeting.

Please note that question 1 had much discussion, and P&E would like to request that the minutes be reviewed first on the agenda at the next BON meeting so that members can attend and answer questions that are anticipated.

VIII. Rules & Legislative Topics with Tina Kelley

A. Nur 200-Final Proposal

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MT the Board voted to accept the final proposal; motion passed by roll call vote; WSJ abstained.

B. Nur 300 Various-Conditional Approval Response, and Nur 300 Various Approval Cover Letter.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MK with a second by DT the Board voted to accept the conditional approval response; unanimous roll call vote.

- C. Nur - 100 - 300 - 400 - 500 - DRAFT - Tabled from the December 21, 2023 meeting
Board staff to ensure that forms are submitted and Board Members assigned
- D. Nur 600 through 800 - Initial Proposal - DRAFT - Tabled from the December 21, 2023 meeting
- E. Create new work group for nurse extern rules include Eileen from Parkland.
Board staff to work with SO to communicate new administrative procedures that have delayed roll-out of 600-800's to Deans and Directors work group.

IX. Non-Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by DT with a second by MK the Board voted to initiate the first non-public session at 8:22am, unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MK with a second by HP the Board voted to initiate the second non public session at 9:07am, unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by HP with a second by MK the Board voted to initiate the third non public session at 9:38am, unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MT with a second by DT the Board voted to initiate the fourth non public session at 10:14am, unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS with a second by DT the Board voted to initiate the fifth non public session at 10:44am, unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MM with a second by MK the Board voted to initiate the first sixth non-public session at 12:01pm, unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to move into Non-Public session 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.

X. Resume Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by MM with a second by MT the Board voted to resume the public session at 8:52 AM; unanimous roll call vote

Motion:

Upon a motion by MT with a second by MM the Board voted to resume the public session at 9:19 AM; unanimous roll call vote

Motion:

Upon a motion by MK with a second by DT the Board voted to resume the public session at 9:56 AM; unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS with a second by JT the Board voted to resume the public session at 10:38am; unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS with a second by HP the Board voted to resume the public session at 11:07am; unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MU with a second by JT the Board voted to resume the public session at 1:08pm; unanimous roll call vote.

A. Seal Minutes from Non-Public Session

Motion:

Upon a motion by MM with a second by MT the Board voted to seal the minutes; unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MT with a second by MM the Board voted to seal the minutes of the the non public session; unanimous roll call vote

Motion:

Upon a motion by MK with a second by DT the Board voted to seal the minutes of the non public session; unanimous roll call vote

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS with a second by JT the Board voted to seal the minutes of the non public session; unanimous roll call vote.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMS with a second by HP the Board voted to seal the minutes of the non public session; unanimous roll call vote

Motion:

Upon a motion by MU with a second by JT the Board voted to seal the minutes of the non public session at 1:08pm; unanimous roll call vote.

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.

XI. Adjournment

Motion:

Upon a motion by MT with a second by JT the Board adjourn at 1:08pm.

XII.

Next Board meeting is February 22, 2024 @ 8:00 am