

1 **NH BOARD OF NURSING**

2 **PUBLIC MINUTES**

3 **February 7, 2022**

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

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7 The meeting was called to order and convened at 4:35 p.m. by Samantha O'Neill, Vice Chair, with quorum present.

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9 The following board members were present for all or part of the meeting: Vice Chair, Samantha O'Neill (SO), Gene Harkless (GH), Maureen Murtagh (MM), Matthew Kitsis (MK), and Joni Menard (JM)

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12 The following board members were absent: Tracey Collins (TC), Wendy Stanley Jones (WSJ), Melissa Tuttle (MT), Melissa Underhill (MU)

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15 The following board staff present for the meeting: Ashley Czechowicz, (AC), Board Administrator, and Nikolas Frye, Esq., Hearings Examiners

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18 **NON-PUBLIC**

19 The following applies to all Non-Public Sessions.

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21 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.

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28 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.

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34 Upon motion of JM seconded by GH, the Board voted to commence the **1st non-public session** at 4:44 p.m. and ended at 4:53 p.m.

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

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39 Upon the motion of GH 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.

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42 **1.0 ADJUDICATIVE**

43 **1.1 Hearings:**

44 **1.1.1** Elizabeth Frost, RN – Emergency Hearing proceeded at 4:36 p.m. A Motion to Dismiss was reviewed and denied. Each party moved to admit evidentiary exhibits which was allowed by the Board. Hearing Counsel stated he is unable to meet his burden of proof by a preponderance of the evidence that the Licensee poses an imminent danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. Upon a motion by GH, with a second by MM, the Board voted to vacate the emergency suspension of licensure; motion passed. The hearing concluded at 4:57 p.m.

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51 **2.0 ADJOURNMENT**

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52 At 4:57 p.m., upon a motion by GH, with a second second by MM, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to
53 adjourn the public meeting.
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