

NH BOARD OF NURSING
PUBLIC MINUTES
July 28, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order and convened at 8:02 a.m. by Samantha O'Neill, Chair, with quorum present.

The following board members were present for all or part of the meeting: Chair, Samantha O'Neill (SO), Vice Chair, Joni Menard (JM), Maureen Murtagh (MM), Melissa Tuttle (MT), Wendy Stanley Jones (WSJ), Gene Harkless (GH), Melissa Underhill (MU) via zoom, and Michele Melanson-Schmitt (MMS)

The following board members were absent: Matthew Kitsis

The following board staff present for the meeting: Ashley Czechowicz (AC), Board Administrator, and Jeanne Webber (JW), Board Administrator

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.

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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 GH seconded by MM, the Board voted to commence the **1st non-public session** at 9:07 a.m. and ended at 12:58 p.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 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.

Upon motion of GH seconded by JM, the Board voted to commence the **2nd non-public session** at 1:15 p.m. and ended at 1:55 p.m.

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

Upon the motion of GH 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.

Upon motion of GH seconded by WSJ, the Board voted to commence the **3rd non-public session** at 2:12 p.m. and ended at 3:37 p.m.

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

Upon the motion of MM and the second of GH, 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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62 **All vote motions were passed by roll call vote.**

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64 **2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

65 2.1 Public Minutes

66 Upon a motion by GH, with a second by MM, the Board voted to approve 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 as stated;
67 motion passed.

68 2.1.1 June 23, 2022

69 2.1.2 July 1, 2022

70 2.1.3 July 12, 2022

71 **4.0 REPORT OF BOARD ADMINISTRATOR/STAFF**

72 4.3 Articles of Interest

73 4.3.1 Interim Rule draft language, Nur 301.05 regarding implementation of HB1030 – Upon a motion
74 by GH, with a second by MMS, the Board voted to approve the language as written, and submit
75 for interim rule making, motion passed. Vote took place at the June 23, 2022 meeting.

76 4.3.2 Nur 301.05 and Nur 302.07 – Upon a motion by JM, with a second by GH, the Board voted to
77 adopt Nur 301.05 and Nur 302.07; motion passed.

78 4.3.3 Rulemaking discussion - Continuing Education requirement – The Board reviewed draft rule
79 language regarding continuing education. Upon a motion by GH, with a second by MMS, the
80 Board voted to initiate rule making; motion passed.

81 4.3.4 Paramedic to RN committee update – SO provided an update to the Board. Further documentation
82 to be submitted to the Board for review.

83 4.3.5 Lynn Carpenter and Roxie Severance appeared before the Board to discuss their program and
84 mission. Informational, no Board action required.

85 4.3.6 NH Prescription Drug Monitoring Program 2021 Annual Report – Informational, no Board action
86 required

87 4.3.7 Presiding Officer – Upon a motion GH, with a second by MMS, the Board voted to appoint
88 Lauren Warner, Esq. as Presiding Officer/Hearing Examiner for item 7.1.2; motion passed.

89 **5.0 EDUCATION**

90 5.1 LPN/RN

91 5.1.1 St. Joseph School of Nursing – Upon a motion by WSJ, with a second by MT, the Board voted to
92 approve the pilot program for specified schools eligible to participate pursuant to Nur 607.01 (b).
93 GH recused; motion passed.

94 5.1.2 New Program Director – Informational, no Board action required

95 5.2 LNA

96 5.2.1 Excel Requests a Change to Test Taking – Upon a motion by MU, with a second by MM, the
97 Board voted to accept the recommendation; motion passed.

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98 5.2.2 New Instructors/Coordinators/Reviewers/PFA – Informational, no Board action required

99 5.2.3 Study of LNA Competency Testing Services – Upon a motion by GH, with a second by MM, the
100 Board voted to approve the recommendation; motion passed.

101 **7.0 ADJUDICATIVE (INVESTIGATOR/PROSECUTOR)**

102 7.1 Hearings

103 ~~7.1.1 Rebecca Martel, APRN – Emergency License Suspension Hearing~~ continued to August 25, 2022

104 7.1.2 Veronica Paris – Show Cause Hearing for RN Reinstatement proceeded at 1:00 p.m. and
105 concluded at 2:09 p.m. The Presiding Officer reviewed the Petition to Intervene filed by Attorney
106 Michael Porter, OPLC Enforcement, with Ms. Paris. After review, the Petition to Intervene was
107 granted, and the exhibits submitted were entered and accepted. Exhibits 2, 3, and 4 submitted by
108 Attorney Porter were sealed. The Board requested to conduct the hearing in non-public session.
109 Upon a motion by GH, with a second by JM, the Board voted to proceed in non-public session.
110 Upon a motion by MT, with a second by GH, the Board voted to deny the application for RN
111 reinstatement; motion passed.

112 7.1.3 Emergency Hearing: Nicole Ferry, LNA – Upon a motion by WSJ, with a second by MT, the
113 Board voted to emergently suspend the license of Nicole Ferry, LNA, due to evidence that Ms.
114 Ferry poses an immediate threat to the public’s health, safety, and welfare. Motion passed.

115 7.1.4 Emergency Hearing: Lisa Ireland, RN – Upon a motion by GH, with a second by WSJ, the Board
116 voted to emergently suspend the license of Lisa Ireland, RN, due to evidence that Ms. Ireland
117 poses an immediate threat to the public’s health, safety, and welfare. Motion passed.

118 7.1.2 Emergency Hearing: Ivan Santiago, LPN – Upon a motion by WSJ, with a second by MT, the
119 Board voted to emergently suspend the license of Ivan Santiago, LPN, due to evidence that Mr.
120 Santiago poses an immediate threat to the public’s health, safety, and welfare. Motion passed.

121 **10.0 CLINICAL PRACTICE**

122 10.2 Clinical Committees – No item

123 **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

124 At 3:38 p.m., upon motion by GH, with a second by MMS, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adjourn
125 the public meeting.