

NH BOARD OF NURSING
PUBLIC MINUTES
July 23, 2020
Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order and convened at 8:02 a.m. by Tracey Collins, Chair, with quorum present.

The following board members were present for all or part of the meeting: Chair, Tracey Collins (TC), Vice Chair, Samantha O’Neill (SO), Somer Andrews (SA), Wendy Stanley Jones, (WSJ), Jeanne Donohoe (JD), Melissa Tuttle (MT), and Gene Harkless (GH)

The following board members were absent: and Beth Fersch (BF) and Maureen Murtagh (MM)

The following board staff present for the meeting: Lindsey Courtney, (LBC) and Margaret Dolfini, (MD)

The following applies to all Non-Pubic 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 GH seconded by SA, the Board voted to commence the **1st non-public session** at 10:19 a.m. and ended at 12:52 p.m.

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

Upon the motion of GH and the second of SA, 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.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER / ATTENDANCE SHEET

1.3 Appearance

1.3.1 NHPHP (10:00 a.m.). Dr. Garhart provided an update regarding NHPHP. The Board discussed how long a licensee must be compliant with the monitoring contract prior to returning to the practice of nursing. Dr. Garhart suggested that licensees must demonstrate at least 3-6 months of abstinence in the program before being allowed to apply for reinstatement.

1.3.2 NHNA. Joan Widmer from NHNA discussed the NCSBN annual meeting. TC will attend. LBC will inquire regarding ability to vote as a surrogate.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 Public Minutes

2.1.1 June 25, 2020. The Board discussed that the minutes from June 25, 2020, do not include the Board’s discussion regarding board elections. Approval of the June 25, 2020, minutes tabled until the August meeting.

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3.0 REPORT OF BOARD CHAIR/MEMBERS

3.1 Report of Members

- 3.1.1 Wendy: May not be able to do October UNH site visit, September mtg.
GH-not be at September meeting, CC&E site visits doing virtual meeting that day.
Maureen will do site visit to UNH & Maggie to f/u with Maureen
Somers possibly-October 5/6
Start hearings earliest at 8:15

4.0 REPORT OF BOARD ADMINISTRATOR/STAFF

4.1 Board Administrator/Staff (no document).

- 4.1.1 LBC provided an update regarding office operations. The Board generally discussed whether nursing degree should be a requirement for qualifications as a board administrator. LBC will obtain statistics as to how many other executive directors of boards of nursing are nurses.

5.0 EDUCATION

5.0 Board of Nursing allows that during the NH State of Emergency, nursing education programs may report COVID-19 curriculum adjustments in their annual report as an alternative to submitting a separate reports to the Board of Nursing. Education program will have 120 days to return to their pre-COVID curriculum once the State of Emergency is withdrawn. Should programs seek to make COVID changes permanent, application for the changes are required to be submitted to the Board of Nursing. Motion made by JD, seconded by GG to approve. (Roll call: TC-yes; SO-absent; GH-yes; MM-yes; JD-yes; SA-yes; MT-absent; WSJ-yes; BF-yes). Update made at August 27, 2020 meeting.

5.1 LPN/RN:

- 5.1.1 Rivier made a request to substitute simulation for 100% of clinical nursing experiences for the fall semester. Upon motion by GH, with a second by JD, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to accept the recommendation of the nurse education specialist and approve Rivier's requests.

5.2 LNA

- 5.2.1 Kelly Keefe, RN – MNA Program. Upon motion by GH, with a second by WSJ, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to ask that the requestor formalize request and present a more vetted process to the Board for consideration, working with staff and the P&E committee.

- 5.2.2-5.2.4 LNA Health Careers. Upon motion by GH, with a second by SA, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to inform LNA Health Careers that they do not need Board approval for this request, but must need all elements and requirements for approval and retain requisite documentation on site.

7.0 ADJUDICATIVE (INVESTIGATOR/PROSECUTOR)

7.1 Hearings

- 7.1.1 Sayra Hardy, LNA - Disciplinary Hearing (Recorded Separately). Closed at 8:42 a.m.

10.0 CLINICAL PRACTICE

10.1 Clinical Inquiries

- 10.1.1 Christy Lambert – Scope of practice of RNFA to take images under guidance of surgeon? Upon motion by SO, with a second by WSJ, the Board voted via roll call to ask Ms. Lambert to resubmit her

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question and reference the RN scope of practice that is on the Board of Nursing website. (Roll call: TC-yes; SO-yes; GH-yes; MM-absent; JD-yes; SA-yes; MT-yes; MSJ-yes).

10.1.2 Jane Worley, APRN – Telemedicine from a different State. A discussion ensued regarding telemedicine, including HB 1623. LBC to add this bill to the August agenda. Upon motion by WSJ, with a second by GH, the Board voted via roll call to answer the question per the current rules regarding telemedicine. (Roll call: TC-yes; SO-yes; GH-yes; MM-absent; JD-yes; SA-yes; MT-yes; MSJ-yes).

10.2 Clinical Committees

10.2.1 Practice & Education Committee Minutes. Upon motion by SO, with a second by GH, the Board voted via roll call to approve the minutes of the P&E Committee. (Roll call: TC-yes; SO-yes; GH-yes; MM-absent; JD-yes; SA-yes; MT-yes; MSJ-yes).

Discussion ensued regarding candidates interested in serving on P&E Committee, who were recommended by the P&E Committee. Upon motion by GH, with a second by SA, the Board voted unanimously via roll call to approve the P&E's recommendation to appoint the two candidates to the P&E Committee. GH noted that Jeanne Coffey had also been appointed in the prior meeting; MD will reach out before the next P&E Committee meeting.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

At 1:03 p.m., upon motion by SO, which was seconded by SA, the Board voted unanimously via roll call vote to adjourn the public meeting.

Next Regular Board Meeting: August 27, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.