

**BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
MINUTES OF MEETING**

May 8, 2006

Open Session

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:00 am on the above date in Room 401, Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ronita Appiah, RN

Kathleen Breguet, RN, MSN

Susan Day, RN, MS

William Dodd, CRNA

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Cristiana Rosa, PCNS, Vice President

Michael Gerhardt

Sharon Smith, RN, MSN, President

Joslin Leasca, RNP

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Deborah Brown, RN, MSN

Eve Sweeney, RN, MSN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Charles Alexandre, MS, RN, Chief, Health Professions Regulations

Elizabeth James, RN, Complaint Unit

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms. Smith called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. A quorum was established.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF APRIL 17, 2006

On motion of Ms. Jeremiah, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No report.

**DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
REPORT**

- Licensee lists for the months of December 2005, January, February, March, and April 2006 were distributed.

- Aggregate NCLEX results for the quarter January 1, 2006 – March 31, 2006 were distributed.

Community College of Rhode Island ADN:45 candidates/82.22%

Rhode Island College 29 candidates/96.55%

Salve Regina University 1 candidate/100%

University of Rhode Island 14 candidates/100%

Community College of Rhode Island LPN: 5 candidates/100%

- Ms. Smith and Ms. Appiah will represent the Board at the 2006 National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah in August 2006.

- Interviews for the Director of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education are ongoing. The goal is to complete the process by June 1, 2006.

- Medical Marijuana program has been implemented. At this time advanced practice nurses are not able to certify patients for registration.

- Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Physicians are under in-house review pursuant to a public hearing regarding physician delegation to unlicensed medical assistants.

- Mr. Alexandre attended the SHAPE nursing call to action on May 5, 2006.

BUSINESS

- Ms. Rosa answered questions regarding the NCSBN Vision Paper for advanced practice nursing. The Board expressed concerns with respect to the role of the clinical nurse specialist, the use of a core

exam for advanced practice licensure, and language referencing Board approval of advanced practice programs.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Dodd, seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 9:10 am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms. Smith called the Open Session back to Order at 12:30 pm.

VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 42-46-4 AND 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Brequet, seconded by Ms. Rosa, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board unanimously voted the following actions in Executive Session at today's meeting:

- RN03-035 Lori (Butts) Bouchard Reinstate with Probation**
- RNA06-021 No Unprofessional Conduct**
- PN06-002 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**
- PN06-059 No Unprofessional Conduct**
- PN06-039 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**
- RN06-057 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**
- RN06-025 No Unprofessional Conduct, Letter of Concern**
- RN06-045 No Unprofessional Conduct**

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Breguet, seconded by Mr. Dodd, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Day, Secretary