

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

Open Session

July 14, 2008

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30am 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:

Jeannine Borozny, RN

Genevieve Rodrigues, LPN

Sandra Megerdichian, RN, MS

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP

Catherine Rose, RN,MS

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN, MS

Theresa Jeremiah RN

Peggy Matteson, RN,PhD

Lynn Curran, MS, RN, CRNA

Sharon Smith, MS, RN, President

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Gerhardt

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN, PCNS Vice President

Kristen Kamm, LPN

Theresa Jeremiah, RN

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Pam McCue, RN, MS, Director Nursing Registration and Nursing Education

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, Compliance Officer

Elizabeth James, RN Investigator

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Ms Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30am. A quorum was established at this time.

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF June 9, 2008

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms Smith informed the Board that Ms Curran has submitted her written resignation from the Board for personal and professional reasons. Ms Smith thanked Ms Curran for her dedication and expertise during her tenure as a Board member. Ms Curran informed

the Board that this would be her last meeting.

Ms Smith thanked Ms McCue for her work on the implementation of the NLC. Ms Smith presented Ms McCue with a letter from the Board and a lovely cake. Ms McCue thanked the Board for their acts of kindness and recognition of her work.

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DIRECTOR, NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION
REPORT**

Ms McCue informed the board that the BON website was just recently updated with more information that would better assist applicants of licenses and current nurses.

Ms McCue reported to the Board information regarding an educational conference sponsored by the Health Care Futures Grant. Ms McCue was on the planning committee and was instrumental in inviting the keynote speakers of the event, Patricia Benner and Molly Sutphen. The conference, titled “ Nursing Education and Practice, Partnering for Change” was held on June 13 at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Warwick. Over 200 attended from settings of nursing education, practicing settings, workforce development and nursing administration. The evaluations of the conference were outstanding. A follow-up meeting of interested participants to implement some of the ideas brought up at the conference is scheduled for late August. Ms McCue will be participating in this meeting.

Ms McCue informed the board that the following bills were passed in the 2008 General Assembly Session

Peanut Allergy 2134A

7014Aaa Glucagon in Schools

2382A Hospital Acquired Infections

2224 Mobile Health Screening

2278A Controlled Substances

2284 Pressure Ulcers

2479A Nurse Practitioners Annually Updated Guidelines deleted

2676Aaa Psychologist Practice Act

2889Aaa Optometrists/Opticians

2677Aaa Patient Safety Organization

2679Aaa Health Information Exchange

BUSINESS

a. Ms McCue presented the Board with a Ballot of Candidates. There was one nominee for each position. On motion of Ms Borozny, seconded by Ms Rodrigues, it was unanimously voted to accept the ballot for Sharon Smith as President, Joslin Leasca as Vice President, and Catherine Rose as Secretary.

As such the Board unanimously voted to accept Sharon Smith as President, Joslin

Leasca as Vice president, and Catherine Rose as Secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms Smith reminded the Board that there will no August meeting and that the next meeting of this Board will be September 8th. Ms Smith also informed the Board that she will not be present at this meeting and that Ms Leasca will lead the meeting in her role as Vice President.

Ms Smith announced that Catherine Rose, newly elected Secretary of the Board will be representing the Board as a delegate at the NCSBN Annual Meeting in August.

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms Rose, seconded by Ms. Mergerdichain, 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 9:07am.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Ms Smith called the open session back to order at 1:50pm.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

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

Susan Serio, RN- On motion of Ms Lamonde, seconded by Ms Borozny, it was unanimously voted to ratify the amended consent order. Ms Rodrigues abstained.

Janet Stone- On motion of Ms Curran, seconded by Ms Megerdichian, it was unanimously voted to accept the voluntary surrender of her RN license. No abstentions.

Peter Sabourin- On motion of Ms Rodrigues, seconded by Ms Matteson, it was unanimously voted to accept the voluntary surrender of his RN license. No abstentions.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms Curran, seconded by Ms Matteson, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 1:55pm .

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Lamonde, RN

Secretary

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