

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION**

**3 CAPITOL HILL
AUDITORIUM
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2014

8:45 AM

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Blier, Diane

Blanchette, Lynn

Bloom, Elizabeth

Brier, Jessica

Cahill, Michelle

Cairns, Carol

Jean, Marie

Matthew, Joanne

Pezzillo, Maria

Tierney, Anne

Twardowski, Linda: Board President

Young, Kristen

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ducharme, Maria

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Costantino, Donna Chief of Health Professionals Regulation

McInnis, Twila Director of the Board

Morgan, Jane: Chief Legal Counsel

Sheets, Rosemary

Valletta, Donna

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bird, Barbara: Kent Hospital

Burbank, Pat: URI

Casey, Bob

DeLuca, Patty: Lincoln Technical Institute

Ferszt, Ginette: Univ. of RI

Gadbois, Chris: RISNA

Gray, Eileen, H.,: Salve

Insana, Cathy: Kent Hospital

Lustal, Kim: Kent Hospital

McCue, Pamela: RIMC

McGarry, Maureen E.,: CCRI

Policastro, Donna: RISNA/ANA

Rogue, Eliana: DOH

Salera-Vieira, Jean: Kent Hospital

Stague, Sharon L.,: Salve

Sullivan, Mary: URI

Williams, Jane, RIC

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration Nursing Education and was held on Monday, July 14, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Auditorium, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:50 am on a motion by Anne Tierney and seconded by Michelle Cahill. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the June 9, 2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Anne Tierney and seconded by Michelle Cahill to accept the Open Session minutes of June 9, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Director Report: Twila McInnis, Director

- Introduction of new members of the Board of Nursing: Lynn

Blanchette, Joanne Matthew, Maria Ducharme

· Ann-Marie Simard: Announcement for Lincoln Technical Institute.

Patty DeLuca discussed the paperwork revision

· Journal of Nursing Regulation Volume 5, Issue 2, July 2014

· Nursing Licenses issued for June, 2014

4. President Report: Linda Twardowski

· Introduction to Board of Nursing: A welcome was given to our new Board Members. All of the Board Members introduced themselves. It was emphasized that we need the perspectives of our community partners.

5. Old Business: Reports from the Work Groups of the Board of Nursing

**· Task Force Updating Rules and Regulations: Lead: Jessica Brier
Public Comments were received.**

· Task Force on Education: Lead Maria Pezzillo: Update on annual reports from schools of nursing. Everything is in order including ACEN site visits and NCLEX results. One school, NEIT, received a letter of concern. New England Technical Institute has a pass rate on the NCLEX of less than 80%.

· Task Force on Skill Remediation: Lead: Kristen Young: Update on program at U Mass Dartmouth. Kristen spoke with Ms. Bethany Spikes at Umass. Diane Blier offered the information on the courses

they provide..

6. New Business:

· Discussion on development of a policy to allow rotation of the Board of Nursing Educational Seat. A proposed policy was handed out.

Discussion open to public comment. It was discussed that according to the IOM, the future goal is to have 80% of nurses with a baccalaureate degree. When the Nurse Practice Act is next opened, it should be considered to add an educational seat to the BON for the baccalaureate program.

· Discussion and review related to the public comments of the proposed Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses and Standards for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs.

Discussion open to public comment:

o 1:30 pm Administrative Hearing:

o C12-120 RN46928 Michele Lukowicz

7. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Maria Jean and seconded by Anne Tierney to adjourn to Closed Session at 12:05 pm. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or

mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

8. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Anne Tierney and seconded by Jessica Brier at 4:30 pm to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

9. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- The board reviewed and approved 0 and denied 0 applications; and proposed action on 41 cases.

10. Adjournment

The next Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held July 24, 2014 to review the public comments and regular meeting September 8, 2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Jessica Brier and seconded by Anne Tierney to adjourn

at 4:35 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Twila McInnis, MPA, MS, RN

Director of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education