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DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
**BOARD OF NURSING REGISTRATION AND NURSING EDUCATION**  
3 Capitol Hill, Conference Room 401, Providence, RI 02908

June 8, 2015@ 8:47 a.m.  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Linda Twardowski, President  
Diane Blier  
Elizabeth Bloom  
Jessica Brier  
Kathleen Heren  
Maria Ducharme  
Joanne Matthew  
Maria Pezzillo  
Kristen Young  
Delores Walters

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Lynn Blanchette  
Anne Tierney

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jane Morgan, Chief Legal Counsel  
Kimberly McNulty, Chief Implementation Aide  
Jordan Serra, Legal Services Intern

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Darlene Noret, NEIT  
Dayle Joseph, NEIT  
Donna Policastro, RISNA  
Rosemary Costigan, CCRI  
Mary Barlas, LTI  
Bob Casey, pro se  
Mary Sullivan, URI  
Jean Marie Rocha, HART  
Ancscileen Peters-Lewis, Women & Infants Hospital  
Linda McDonald, UNAP

1. Establishment of a quorum

*A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:47 am on a motion by Kristen Young and seconded by Jessica Brier. Motion carried.*

2. Motion to adjourn to Open Session from May 11, 2015 meeting and return to Open Session

*Motion was made by Jessica Brier and seconded by Kathleen Heren 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.*

3. Presentation of the May 11, 2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

*Motion was made by Kristen Young and seconded by Jessica Brier to accept the minutes. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.*

4. President's Report

a. Executive Director Vacancy Update:

*The Board was advised that interviews have been conducted and a selection made which must be next met with the Director of Health for final approval.*

b. Statutory/license issues:

- i. Active/inactive
- ii. Reinstatement

*Jane Morgan advised the Board that an alert has been established within L2K that will block certain inactive licenses to be renewed on-line as directed by the Board. In so doing the licensee is required to come to the Department of Health in person and provide evidence of compliance and/or eligibility to reinstate their license.*

c. NCLEX update for nursing undergrad programs

- i. Dayle Joseph: New England Tech remediation plan:

*Dayle Joseph offered a power point presentation to the Board outlining New England Institute of Technology's Corrective action plan developed in March 2014 although not fully implemented. The plan encompasses admission, policy and curriculum changes.*

d. Laboratory expertise query by Maureen Weber

*The Board agreed that nurses must have competency based verified education that is recurring yearly for labs at point of care.*

e. Licensing of Nursing Service Agencies:

- i. Linda McDonald re: Title 23 (23-17.7.1-15)

- Jane Morgan provided a legal opinion that the above reference section of Title 23 exempted the facilities from licensure not the nurses or otherwise licensed professionals.*
- f. Nurse Compact Legislation status  
*The Nurse Compact repeal bill legislation is pending for the legislative session which is scheduled to conclude for the year on June 19<sup>th</sup>.*
  - g. National support for State Board Compacts
  - h. Nursing Workforce Data  
*NCSBN asked for Rhode Island's information which will be shared once it is uploaded.*
  - i. Open Board seats  
*President Twardowski asked all members to assist with recruitment for the three specific vacant positions on the Board as well as those which are term limited and will be vacated once a qualified candidate is approved by the Governor.*
  - j. Board Officers  
*Elections for new Board officers will take place in September once a new Board of Nursing Director has been appointed.*
  - k. NCSBN annual meeting August 19-21 Chicago  
*President Twardowski will attend the NCSBN annual meeting in August. Jessica Brier will also attend if there is an opportunity.*
  - l. NCLEX conference Sept. 21 Portland, Oregon  
*President Twardowski reminded Board members this conference is open to all members especially educators.*
5. Reports from the work groups of the Board of Nursing
    - a. Task Force on Education, Lead: Maria Pezzillo  
*Annual reports are due from each school of nursing in December. A reminder will be sent to all schools to submit their annual report in a timely manner.*
    - b. Task Force for Website improvement: Lead: Jessica Brier
      - i. Delegation Tree
      - ii. Scope of Practice Tree
      - iii. Nurse Licensure Compact*A member of the Health Department's website team, Angela Such, met with the Board to discuss the changes to all Health Professions website pages and to discuss any changes, edits and additions to the Board's page. The Task Force will review the current listing and work to develop a more user friendly design.*

- c. Task Force for Nursing Basic Education BON seats: *Lead: Beth Bloom*  
*Discussed with item 4(i): all Board members will assist in recruiting for specific vacant educational Board seats.*

6. New Business:

- a. NCSBN requesting permission to share RI's passing rate information of NCLEX candidates who graduated from the program and applied their licensure in RI  
*The Board concluded this topic needed clarification and will discuss again at its July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

*Donna Policastro, RISNA, advised the Board of the following:*

- *The Safe Staffing Bill has been held for further study. A commission will be developed in order to advise the legislators.*
- *At RISNA's annual meeting, Kelly Hunt to speak regarding the evolution of a nurse leader. All are encouraged to attend.*

7. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Elizabeth Bloom and seconded by Kathleen Heren to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:24 am. Motion carried. President Twardowski read the following:

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.

Pursuant to Section § 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(2) for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with counsel from the Office of the Attorney General in the matter of Linda Tetu Mouradjian vs. the Department of Health and the Board of Nursing.

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.

Pursuant to Section § 38-2-2(4)(B) Trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person, firm or corporation which is of a privileged or confidential nature.

8. Return to Open Session Return to Open Session

*Motion was made by Joanne Matthew and seconded by Diane Blier 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 proposed action on 13 cases.*

10. Adjournment

*The next Board of Nursing Registration and Nursing Education meeting will be held Monday, July 13, 2015 at 8:45 AM at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Kathleen Heren and seconded by Jessica Brier to adjourn at 4:08 PM. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

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