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MARCH 16-17, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Samuel McNutt, Chairperson of the South Carolina State Board of Nursing, called the March 2023 meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. on March 16, 2023. Public notice was properly posed at the Board offices, as well as on its website. A copy was provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media agencies in compliance with the SC Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Member	Representing		COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT & VOTING
Kelli Garber, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC	1 st Congressional District	Excused	
Rebecca Morrison, APRN, MSN, FNP-BC	2 nd Congressional District	Present	
Kay Swisher, RN, MSN	3 rd Congressional District	Present	
Sallie Beth Todd, RN, MSN-Ed	Board of Nursing Chair 4 th Congressional District	Present	
Samuel McNutt, RN, CRNA, MHSA	Board of Nursing Vice- Chair 5 th Congressional District	Present	
Jonella Davis, MBA, BSN, RN, NEA-BC	7 th Congressional District	Present	
Tamara K. Day, LPN	At-Large, LPN	Present	
Robert J. Wolff, PhD	Board of Nursing Secretary Public Member	Present	
Lindsey Mitchum	Public Member	Present	
Vacancy	6 th Congressional District	Vacant	
Vacancy	At-Large, LPN	Vacant	

Carol Moody, Administrator, Board of Nursing	LLR STAFF PRESENT
Bob Horner, Advice Counsel for the Board of Nursing	
Shannon Stricklin, Board of Nursing Staff	
Mindy Carithers, Nurse Practice Consultant, Board of Nursing	
Peter Kubas, Nurse Education Consultant, Board of Nursing	
Jennifer Mitchell, Board of Nursing Administrative Coordinator	
Holly Beeson, Counsel to the Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs	
Tina Brown, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel	
Princess Hodges, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel	
Shelby Sutusky, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel	
Shanika Moore, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel	
Mark Sanders, Chief Investigator, Office of Investigations and Enforcement	
Jenna Martin, Office of Investigations and Enforcement	
Tina Behles, Court Reporter	

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion to excuse Dr. Kelli Garber. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve Agenda. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES

Motion to approve January 2023 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

EDUCATION APPEARANCES

Orangeburg Technical College Associate Degree in Nursing Program: Ms. Candace Tooley and Ms. Susan Chavis appeared before the Board in response to a citation for deficient 2022 NCLEX scores. In January 2022 the Program was cited for deficient 2021 NCLEX scores and appeared before the Board in response to a citation for deficient 2021 NCLEX scores at that time. The Board accepted the information presented. The 2022 NCLEX rate is 74.71%. The Program currently has full Board approval and is accredited through ACEN through spring 2027. Materials were provided to the Board Members for review in advance of the meeting.

Ms. Tooley stated that there are multiple programs within the school including a flex program, traditional program, and transition program. Ms. Tooley further stated that this was the last group to be affected from the pandemic, students did not have the hands-on experience in clinicals and labs that are typical for the program, and that admission criteria was changed multiple times while these students were enrolled. Some of the changes that Ms. Tooley listed are math criteria changes, a rating scale for admission, revision to curriculum, and implementation of the Virtual ATI.

The Board inquired about expectations for the cohort that will graduate in spring 2023. Ms. Chavis stated that she had received approval to hold endorsements until students achieve 100% completion on the Virtual ATI even if it is after graduation. Ms. Tooley then stated that ATI and HESI were made part of the 216 curriculum and if students did not meet the ATI and HESI requirements then they would not pass the program and would be required to complete the seven-week remediation. Ms. Chavis then reviewed the changes to how HESI and ATI are used in the program and the creation of a remediation notebook for focused remediation. Ms. Tooley then spoke about the clinical experience and hands-on experience that the current cohort received that previous cohorts did not. Ms. Chavis spoke about the HESI Comp Predictor and the remediation that is assigned after testing and the further testing post remediation.

Motion to accept the presentation as information with the following: Return to the Board in September accompanied by school administration. Motion carried.*

Spartanburg Community College Associate Degree in Nursing Program: Ms. Tiffany Henson and Ms. Benita Yowe appeared before the Board in response to a citation for deficient 2022 NCLEX

scores. The Program currently has full Board approval and is accredited through ACEN. Materials were provided to the Board Members for review in advance of the meeting.

Ms. Henson stated that the students who tested in 2022 were the students who started in 2020 when the school was closed down and students were no longer able to attend classes, clinicals, or labs face-to-face and had to transition online. The Program offered a Nursing Boot Camp in the fall of 2020 as students returned to campus to offer a refresher in skills as well as didactic content. During that time, Program faculty noticed that that board scores from the previous semester had trended down and faculty decided to implement some new measures in the Program to head that off and help with retention for those students. Some of those changes are: requiring a meeting with the instructor if a student is not successful on the first two tests of a course; a change to the biology policy for entrance into the Program to require no more than two attempts within five years; implementation of ATI products aligned to curriculum and used throughout every course in the curriculum; incorporation of the ATI Capstone in addition to the Virtual ATI for students in their last semester; and transition to a year round curriculum to address the gap time in the spring and fall that caused an issue retaining knowledge.

Ms. Henson is Interim Program Director and the Board inquired about the progress on finding a full-time Program Director. Ms. Yowe stated that the college is restructuring the Nursing Department and the plan is to have a Dean of Nursing but the Program will notify the Board once those final decisions have been made within a time frame of no more than six months for the Interim Program Director. The Board then inquired about the changes made to the Program to prepare students for the Next Gen NCLEX. Ms. Henson stated that Next Gen style questions have been incorporated into custom quizzes created by all instructors and that they rely on ATI for Next Gen.

Motion to accept the information presented. Motion carried.*

Newberry College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program: Dr. Jenny Lindler, Dr. Maurice Scherrens, Dr. Jerry Alewine, and Dr. Sidney Parrish appeared before the Board representing the Program in response to a citation for deficient 2022 NCLEX scores. The Program currently has full Board approval status and is accredited through CCNE through June 2026. Materials were provided to the Board Members for review in advance of the meeting. Other nursing faculty who attended the appearance are Dr. Emily Livingston, Ms. Jennifer Bickley, and Ms. Tabetha Quina.

Dr. Lindler reviewed the documents provided to the Board including: a letter summarizing the action plan, activities for improving NCLEX performance, pass rates, the Strategic Plan, CCNE Repeaters Data, and the Retention and Remediation Policy. Dr. Lindler stated that all activities focused initially on increasing the success of the May 2023 graduating class but have been implemented for all nursing cohorts at Newberry College. Dr. Lindler further stated that in 2022 Newberry College went

through a structural change in all department to strengthen and provide more efficient operations college-wide. As part of those changes, the Department of Nursing was appointed a Dean of Nursing and Health Science as well as a Director of Nursing. Dr. Lindler then reviewed the Program review, which was part of the leadership change, and the Strategic Plan which was put into place in the beginning of 2022.

Dr. Lindler discussed the students who had taken the exam in 2022 and the main area of concern identified for those test takers. Dr. Lindler stated that test-taking anxiety is a concern as well as the time between graduation and taking the NCLEX and she further stated that as a result the Program has made several implementations including utilization of the ATI Test-Taking Strategy Seminar, and utilization of the College's mental health counselors. The Program also uses a method developed by the previous Department Chair which incorporates testing students to find areas of weakness; focused reviews on those areas of weakness; and completion of a comprehensive review and testing to be predictive of NCLEX scores. Dr. Linder further reviewed implementation of mandatory one-on-one meetings with the student and faculty members if the student is not successful on the first attempt, mandatory study hall sessions weekly, updated policies and procedures, utilization of student reports weekly, increasing usage of ATI, incorporation of ATI and NCLEX-style questions earlier during their freshman year in college and following into the sophomore year, increasing ATI Comprehensive Predictor Score to 90%, encouraging students to take the test as soon as possible after graduation, and the addition of NCLEX Registration into the last semester.

Dr. Lindler then discussed the support that the Department of Nursing receives from the College including: providing financially to attend conferences, encouraging faculty development on Next Gen, aiding in equipment, a new building, allowing additional courses to be built in the sophomore year to better prepare the students for nursing. Dr. Lindler further discussed the higher number of applications for the Program and an average GPA of 3.5 for students admitted to the Program within the last year.

The Board inquired about the ATI Predictor and the minimum score required. Dr. Lindler stated that the minimum score had increased from 84% to 90% and that students can take the Comprehensive Predictor twice with remediation required before the third attempt. The Board inquired about the Capstone Program and Virtual ATI and Dr. Lindler reviewed the Virtual ATI requirements including the requirement for completion to green light. There was then discussion regarding science courses and test taking anxiety. Dr. Scherrens discussed the support for the Program.

Motion to accept the presentation as information. Motion carried.*

ECPI University Charleston Campus Associate Degree in Nursing: Dr. Veronica Haney-Singleton and Ms. Andrea Lipsmeyer appeared before the Board representing the Program in response to a citation for deficient 2022 NCLEX scores. The Program currently has full Board approval and it is not

nationally accredited. Materials were provided to the Board Members for review in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Haney-Singleton discussed the Program evaluation and four key areas that influenced the decline in test scores. Dr. Haney-Singleton listed management of at-risk students, review of teaching and learning strategies, inadequacies in the testing process, and utilization of ATI NCLEX-prep products.

Dr. Haney-Singleton then discussed the identification of at-risk students such as midterm grades, course failures, and attendance rates and the follow-up with students at midterm. Dr. Haney-Singleton reviewed the focused remediation in identified areas that is implemented based on that information and the process for students who are returning to the Program after two course failures. That process includes meeting with the Director of nursing and the development of a structured, individualized learning plan, which must be completed before the student is allowed to re-enter the Program with approval by the Director of Nursing.

Dr. Haney-Singleton then discussed the Program evaluation of faculty and the implementation of a ten week mentoring program from the onset of hire due to the significant turn over at the onset of the pandemic. Dr. Haney-Singleton stated that a big part of the faculty education was including Next Gen NCLEX in their respective course and training faculty on how to understand those items but also teach that content and explain it in a way that students can understand and place it within the individual courses.

Dr. Haney-Singleton reviewed the curriculum changes and the use of ATI as part of the courses for didactic in the classroom and also in simulation with Next Gen questions included and incorporated in every exam. Dr. Haney-Singleton then discussed the ATI Boot Camps focused on the Next Gen training for all students to address the clinical judgement model and to introduce them to the various types of Next Gen style questions. Dr. Hane-Singleton stated that they continue to work on clinical alignment so whatever is being taught in the classroom is also part of the clinical environment so students will have a live experience of what is being taught in the classroom. Dr. Haney-Singleton then discussed ECPI University's virtual tutoring program that is available for all students, is flexible for their schedules, and based on subject need and how the Program helped to reinforce that options and develop areas of opportunity. Dr. Haney-Singleton further discussed the review of the testing process and training on statistical analyses of the exam.

In finishing her review of the Program evaluation, Dr. Haney-Singleton discussed execution of ATI products in every course but also the Capstone course for NCLEX prep. Dr. Haney-Singleton reviewed the remediation process if the student is unsuccessful after the first attempt.

The Board then inquired about the passing percentage for nursing courses, which Dr. Haney-Singleton said is 80% and the tutors available as part of the online platform. Dr. Haney-Singleton stated that all of the tutors are nursing faculty but may be based at other campus locations. The

Board then inquired about the science courses and Dr. Haney-Singleton discussed those courses as well.

Motion to accept information as presented. Motion carried.*

Ms. Lindsey Mitcham was recused from this appearance and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of this appearance.

Williamsburg Technical College Associate Degree in Nursing: Dr. Heather Anderson, Dr. Patty Lee, Dr. Gayle Tremble, Dr. Elizabeth Murray, and Ms. Rebecca Proctor appeared before the Board representing the Program in response to a citation for deficient 2022 NCLEX scores. The Program has full Board approval status and is not nationally accredited. Materials were provided to the Board Members for review in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Anderson discussed actions taken by the Program after the first student in the Program did not pass the test on the first attempt in 2022, including review of the 11 students who graduated and had received endorsement to sit for the NCLEX. Dr. Anderson stated that the first area reviewed with the Individual Performance Profile Comprehensive Predictor that is given in the last semester to see what the percentage would be for passing the test, and Dr. Anderson said that three of the four students scored 64% or lower for the predictability of passing the NCLEX on the first attempt. Dr. Anderson then discussed the fourth and fifth semesters and the grading scale. Dr. Anderson then reviewed new procedures created to offer feedback to students and to offer self-reflection for student. The Academic Performance Notice is provided when students score less than 80 on tests and the Self-Reflection Questionnaire is given at mid-term and the end of the course and is then reviewed by faculty as a group. Dr. Anderson then discussed the incorporation of Assessment Technologies Test-Taking Strategies, Study Skills, Classroom Skills, and Preparing for Clinical Challenges program into the first semester of the Program before the first test is given. Dr. Anderson further discussed changes that have been incorporated into tests given across the curriculum in each course. Dr. Anderson explained the changes that will be incorporated starting in the fall and include the Capstone course and the grading scale. Dr. Anderson then discussed admission criteria, faculty positions, professional development, reentry into the Program, mandatory remediation, and the incorporation of ATI with Board Vitals and the Comprehensive Predictor, as well as live NCLEX review

Motion to accept the presentation as information with the following suggestions: review the biology prerequisites as evidence-based practice is for courses to no more than five years prior as students do not retain information past that point; as well the Board encourages the Program to try starting credit for ATI assessments at level two. Motion carried.*

Ms. Jonella Davis was recused from this appearance. Ms. Davis remained recused for the next appearance as well.

Williamsburg Technical College Practical Nursing Program: Dr. Heather Anderson, Dr. Patty Lee, Dr. Gayle Tremble, Dr. Elizabeth Murray, and Ms. Rebecca Proctor appeared before the Board representing the Program to seek continued Board approval status. Full approval status was granted for five years during the November 2018 Board meeting. The Program was surveyed by the Nurse Education Consultant in December 2022. The Advisory Committee on Nursing Education (ACONE) voted to recommend continued full approval at their February 2023 meeting. A written Survey Report was provided to the Program as well as Board Members. The Survey Report has a list of findings and recommendations and all but one of the noted findings were corrected at the time of visit. The Program provided a written response to the Survey Report, which was made available to Board Members in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Anderson reviewed the findings that were corrected during the site visit which includes: the organizational chart; the requirement for the clinical instructor; changes to the Clinical Affiliation Agreement; changing “assessment” to “data collection” in the curriculum; changes to the Clinical Evaluation Tool; and changes to the clinical hours.

Motion to grant full approval not to exceed eight years. Motion carried.*

Ms. Davis remained recused for this appearance and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of the appearance.

Fortis College Associate Degree in Nursing Program: Ms. Hope Fox appeared before the Board representing the Program to seek continued Board approval status. Full approval status was granted for eight years during the March 2015 Board meeting. The Program was surveyed by the Nurse Education Consultant in November 2022. The Advisory Committee on Nursing Education (ACONE) voted to recommend continued full approval at their February 2023 meeting. A written Survey Report was provided to the Program as well as Board Members. The Survey Report has a list of findings and recommendations. The Program provided a written response to the Survey Report, which was made available to Board Members in advance of the meeting.

Ms. Fox discussed the Survey Report findings and the changes that have been incorporated to the Program in response and include: the organizational chart; simulation usage; and the Preceptorship Program. Ms. Fox further discussed the curriculum change noted in the findings and the changes within the Program concerning faculty, committees, and student involvement. Ms. Fox then reviewed the Program’s NCLEX testing and stated that the Program is seeking national accreditation.

Motion to grant continued full approval not to exceed eight years. Motion carried.

Coastal Carolina University Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Dr. Martha Eddings, Dr. Wanda Dooley, Dr. Susan Montenery, and Dr. Colleen McGlone appeared before the Board representing the Program in regards to their request to establish a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program at its

campus in Conway, South Carolina. The Program provided a Feasibility Study as required in regulation. The survey team, which included the Nurse Education Consultant reviewed the submitted documents and found that the Feasibility Study meets the requirement of Regulation 91-5 and recommends approval. All documents received from the Program, including the Feasibility Study were made available in advance of the meeting for the Board Members to review.

Dr. Dooley explained that the University already has a RN to BSN Program which has been fully accredited as a Baccalaureate Nursing Program through ACEN and that ACEN does not differentiate between traditional pre-licensure programs and RN to BSN programs.

Motion to approve the Feasibility Study and to move forward in the development process and Self-Evaluation. Motion carried.

Arizona College of Nursing Bachelor of Science in Nursing: Dr. Debbie Long, Dr. Katie Fleener, Ms. Kristin Prokopas, Dr. Jason Dunn, and Dr. Mable Smith appeared before the Board representing the Program seeking initial Board approval status. The Program was previously before the Board for approval of the Feasibility Study as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Nursing Education (ACONE). The Program submitted a Self-Study in accordance with Regulation 91-11. The survey team, including the Nurse Education Consultant, surveyed the Program in January 2023. The ACONe voted to recommend initial approval at their February 2023 meeting. The Survey Report and response from the Program were made available in advance of the meeting for the Board Members to review. The Nurse Education Consultant noted that all but one finding listed in the Survey Report was corrected during the visit.

Dr. Long discussed the findings from the Site Survey and the change that was incorporated into the syllabus to make the framework more prevalent. Dr. Long stated that the updated syllabus was provided to the ACONe and included in their materials.

Motion to approve the request for initial approval status. Motion carried.

Midlands Technical College Associate Degree in Nursing Program: Ms. Kristyn Childress, Ms. Candace Doyle, and Ms. Patricia Earn appeared before the Board as a result of the Program's request for an exception to the regulation regarding faculty members. The Program requests to use a Family Nurse Practitioner with less than two years of OB experience as their OB faculty. The Program has full Board approval status and is nationally accredited by ACEN. The request and other documents were made available in advance of the meeting for the Board Members to review.

Ms. Childress stated that the College has extensively advertised for the faculty member position and has been unable to secure a full-time faculty member in that position. Ms. Childress discussed the candidate and stated that she was required to take a women's health obstetrical course as part of the education and certification requirements as a Family Nurse Practitioner. Ms. Childress further stated that additional resources were outlined to act as refresher courses, including the Obstetrical Boot

Camp course from the Association for Women's Health and Obstetrics Neonatology and also discussed the prior faculty who has agreed to act as a resource. The Board inquired whether the faculty would teach didactic or clinical courses and Ms. Childress stated that she would teach didactic courses and discussed the orientation into nursing education that has been created. The Board then inquired about when the OB component is in the Program and Ms. Childress stated that there are two courses, the first at the end of the third semester and then a second course during the fourth semester.

Motion to approve the faculty member to teach the didactic portion of the OB course and for the Program to return in one year with the end of course student satisfaction surveys and to notify the Board when a qualified OB faculty member is hired. Motion carried.

**Board Members Ms. Mitcham and Dr. Wolff were absent until noted below due to scheduling conflicts. A quorum was present at all times.*

DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS:

Respondents appeared before the Board to determine disciplinary actions. Hearings are conducted in Closed Session to meet the statutory requirement that disciplinary actions remain confidential.

2020-607: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction, if any.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with issuance of a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution. Motion carried.*

2021-581: This case was before the Board for a Final Order Hearing and was previously before the Board of Nursing Hearing Panel for review and a report has been issued with a recommendation regarding violations of the Nurse Practice Act and disciplinary sanction recommendations. The Board had an opportunity to review the evidence presented during the full evidentiary hearing as well as the recommendation of the Panel. The Respondent was not present for the Final Order Hearing. After first determining that proper notice was provided to the Respondent, the Board proceeded with the hearing.

Motion to accept the Panel Hearing Recommendation. Motion carried.

2018-160: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction, if any.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with issuance of a private reprimand with credit for coursework previously completed. Motion carried.*

2019-354: A continuance was granted at the request of the Respondent.

2018-361: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Stipulation of Facts to determine whether a violation of the Nurse Practice Act occurred, and if so, appropriate disciplinary sanction.

Motion to accept the Stipulation of Facts with dismissal of the case. Motion carried.*

**Dr. Wolff rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of this hearing.*

2020-570: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction, if any.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with issuance of a public reprimand with credit for the three courses previously completed. Motion carried.*

**Ms. Mitcham rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of this hearing.*

2020-187: A continuance was granted at the request of the Respondent.

2019-397: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction, if any.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulation of Facts with issuance of a public reprimand, payment of \$80 investigative costs within six months, and other terms and conditions known to the Respondent and the Board. Motion carried.*

Ms. Kay Swisher was recused from this appearance and rejoined the meeting at the conclusion of this appearance.

2022-131: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction, if any.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement and Stipulation of Facts with issuance of a permanent revocation and payment of \$200 investigative costs within six months. Motion carried.*

ADMINISTRATOR REVIEW REPORT:

The Administrator Review Report was presented for the Board's approval. Cases on this report are recommended either for Dismissal or a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution. Motion to accept the recommendations. Motion carried. *Conducted in Closed Session.*

Motion to adjourn for the evening at 5:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. McNutt called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. on Friday, March 17, 2023. It is noted that a quorum was present at all times.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion to excuse Dr. Kelli Garber. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT:

Chief Investigator Mark Sanders presented the Investigative Review Committee Report for approval. *Conducted in Closed Session.*

Motion to approve 18 Dismissals. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 22 Formal Complaints. Motion carried.

Motion to approve ten Letters of Caution with amendments as noted. Motion carried.

Mr. Sanders then presented the Statistical Report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Board Administrator, Carol Moody, provided a statistical update. The number of active licenses has increased by 900 since the last meeting with all license types combined now totaling 91,394 with APRN licenses alone over 10,000. The current total of active Graduate Nurse Temporary Licenses is 12. The remaining Board vacancies are an RN for District 6 and another LPN At-Large. Ms. Moody provided an update on Board staff. Ms. Moody then provided an update on the Nurse Licensure Compact. Ms. Moody reminded Board Members to complete the Statement of Economic Interest no later than the deadline of March 31st. In closing her Report, Ms. Moody then provided an update on upcoming meetings.

COMMITTEE NOMIATIONS

The following individuals applied for Committee vacancies: Kimberly Barrineau to the Investigative Review Conference (IRC); Dr. Heather Anderson to the Advisory Committee on Nursing Education (ACONE); and Dr. Vanessa Thompson as an Expert Reviewer.

Motion to accept the nomination for Kimberly Barrineau to the IRC. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the nomination for Dr. Anderson for the ACONE. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the nomination for Dr. Vanessa Thompson as an Expert Reviewer.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Holly Beeson, Counsel to the Office of Communications and Governmental Affairs appeared before the Board to provide a legislative update for information purposes. No motions were made.

DISCIPLINARY COURSES

Ms. Moody presented updates to the list of Board approved courses assigned as part of disciplinary sanctions.

Motion to accept the updates to the course list. Motion carried.

PRACTICE REPORT

Nurse Practice Consultant, Dr. Mindy Carithers, presented updates from the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee. The Committee has reviewed Advisory Opinion #7 with an editorial change as noted.

Motion to approve Advisory Opinion #7 with changes as noted. Motion carried.

EDUCATION REPORT

Nurse Education Consultant, Peter Kubas, presented the Education Report. The Board previously requested that the ACONE review the English proficiency requirements. The ACONE created a workgroup to discuss and research the topic in depth and prepared a table with recommendations which was presented to the Board for their review.

Motion to approve the Cambridge English Test for the English proficiency requirement. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) with a change to the score requirement with a minimum speaking score of 7.0. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Michigan English Test for the English proficiency requirement. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Occupational English Test (OET) with the minimum scores of 350 for each testing component. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Pearson PTE Academic with a change to the score requirement with a minimum speaking score of 60. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT) with a change to the score requirement as follows: update overall score to 83 with a 57 minimum combined score for reading, listening, and writing with the speaking score remaining at 26. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Test of English for International Communication for the English proficiency requirement. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP) Academic with a 3.9 overall minimum score for the English proficiency requirement. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the ACONE recommendation to allow remote proctored testing for the Test of English as a Foreign Language Internet Based Test (TOEFL iBT) and International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP) Academic tests only. Motion carried.

Motion to approve that the time limit for acceptance of English proficiency exams be set at seven years for a single test. Motion carried. *It is noted that the super score time limit remains at two years.*

Mr. Kubas then discussed the Legal Aspects courses that are assigned when a nurse reinstates from a lapsed license (less than five years) or applies for endorsement without a current active license (less than five years) and the course that is assigned by the Board as part of disciplinary sanctions.

Motion to accept the National Council of State Boards of Nursing course to meet the Legal Aspects requirement for reinstatement or endorsement from a lapsed license. Motion carried.

RECOVERING PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

Ms. Tia Cooper, Dr. Rebecca Payne, and Ms. Robyn Madden appeared before the Board as a result of their request for Board feedback.

Motion to allow alterations to policy regarding allowing Mediation Assisted Treatment in exceptional cases. Motion carried.

Motion for RPP to send a letter informing the Board when those alterations are allowed. Motion carried.

Motion to request RPP provide a letter to the Board should Methadone treatment be allowed. Motion carried.

Motion that going forward when a Board orders a reduction in testing, that the Board state a minimum number of tests rather than a maximum number of tests and to grant RPP the discretion to test as necessary when issues arise concerning the validity of tests, failing tests, or other information is received regarding current use. Should someone who was granted reduced testing fail to test or receive a positive result, they will revert back to the standard testing schedule of 24 to 26 times per year. Motion carried.

APPLICATION/COMPLIANCE APPEARANCES:

Tiffany Moneke Blakney: Motion to deny licensure as a Registered Nurse through Endorsement. Motion carried.*

Amanda Hunter: Motion to allow licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse through Examination. Motion carried.

Megan McCaskey: Motion to release the licensee from the Consent Agreement including all terms of probation. Motion carried.*

Bobbi Jo Knight: Motion to grant licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse through Endorsement. Motion carried.*

Cheska Quick: Motion to grant licensure as a Registered Nurse through Reinstatement. Motion carried.

Lavelle Fleming: Motion to grant licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse through Reinstatement with the following conditions: a 40-hour work week and other terms and conditions known to the licensee.
Motion carried.*

Motion to adjourn at 1:11 p.m.

**Indicates that the Board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. No official actions were taken while in Executive Session.*