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MAY 23, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Sallie Beth Todd, Chairperson of the South Carolina State Board of Nursing, called the May 2024 meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on May 23, 2024. 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		BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT & VOTING
Kay Swisher, RN, MSN	3 rd Congressional District	Present	
Sallie Beth Todd, RN, MSN-Ed	Board of Nursing Chair 4 th Congressional District	Present As Noted	
Samuel McNutt, RN, CRNA, MHSA	Board of Nursing Vice- Chair 5 th Congressional District	Present	
Bridget J. Holder, RN, DNP	6 th Congressional District	Present	
Robert J. Wolff, PhD	Board of Nursing Secretary Public Member	Present	
Lindsey Mitcham	Public Member	Present	
Vacancy	1 st Congressional District	Vacant	
Vacancy	2 nd Congressional District	Vacant	
Vacancy	7 th Congressional District	Vacant	
Vacancy	At-Large, LPN	Vacant	
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Carol Moody, Board Executive, Board of Nursing	LLR STAFF PRESENT
Megan Flannery, Advice Counsel for the Board of Nursing	
Peter Kubas, Nurse Education Consultant	
Mindy Carithers, Nurse Practice Consultant & Compliance Manager	
Tierra Sims, Office of Compliance	
Jennifer Mitchell, Board of Nursing Administrative Coordinator	
Tina Brown, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel	
Sherri Butterbaugh, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel	
Bianca Smith, Lead Investigator	
Ashley East, Lead Investigator	
Nadine A. Garrett, Court Reporter	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

BOARD MINUTES:

Motion to approve March 2024 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to move into Closed Session to discuss pending disciplinary actions. Motion carried.

OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT:

Lead Investigators Ashley East and Bianca Smith presented the Investigative Review Committee Report for approval. *Conducted in Closed Session.*

Motion to approve 29 Dismissals. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 43 Formal Complaints. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 8 Letters of Caution. Motion carried.

Ms. East then presented the Statistical Report for informational purposes. No motion was made.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW REPORT:

The Administrative 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. *Conducted in Closed Session.*

Motion to accept the Administrative Review Report. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION:

Motion to return to Open Session. Motion carried.

BOARD EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Board Executive, Carol Moody, provided an update on the 2024 License Renewal and noted a decrease of 262 licensees across the various license types post renewal, but that some of those licenses may reinstate through the end of the month through the renewal portal. Starting June 1st anyone who wishes to reinstate will have to do so through the full reinstatement process with all requirements, including the completion of an updated background check. Ms. Moody then provided statistical update as well as an update on Board vacancies and reappointments. Once the Board Members who were recently appointed are seated one vacancy for an LPN At-Large will remain. Ms. Moody further provided an update on Board staff. Ms. Moody discussed the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and APRN Compact updates and noted that Connecticut had recently enacted the NLC bringing the total number of states and territories participating in the NLC to 42, with Pennsylvania, Guam, and the Virgin Islands awaiting full implementation due to the background check requirement. The APRN Compact is still awaiting implementation once seven states and territories have joined with the current number of states at four of the seven required. Ms. Moody discussed upcoming NCSBN meetings, including the annual meeting in Chicago the last week of August. No motions were made.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Board Chairperson, Sallie Beth Todd, then presented her Chairperson's Report. Ms. Todd discussed the Agenda for the upcoming NCSBN Annual meeting and provided a copy of the Agenda to Board Members. Ms. Todd asked for volunteers for a Nominations Workgroup to review applications for the various openings on Board Committees, such as the ACONE and NPSC. Dr. Wolff and Ms. Todd volunteered for the Nominations Workgroup

Motion to approve the following Expert Reviewers: Dr. Latonya White for Acute Care; Margaret Werner and Alicia Rohan for Administration; Victoria Fenters and Yvette Twam Danzo for Cardiac; Laura Robinson and Venus Oleork for Home Health; Weston Rice for Hospice; Elizabeth Annette Shapper for Long-Term Care; Myra Whitten for Medical-Surgical and Orthopedics; Brook Presley for Perioperative; Heidi McCauley for Psychiatric/Mental Health; and Savannah Gungoff for Radiology. Motion carried.*

Motion to review the list of Board Approved Expert Reviewers every two years to include: their status, their continuing interest, disciplinary status, and to ensure that all of their information is correct. Motion carried.

Ms. Todd noted that Dr. Bridget Holder had volunteered to be the Board Designee to the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee.

EDUCATION APPEARANCES

Bob Jones University: Education Consultant, Peter Kubas, requests a continuance. No motion was made.

Western Governors University: Dr. Kim Kelly-Cortez and Ms. Terry Linton appeared before the Board representing Western Governors University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in regards to their request for approval to conduct pre-licensure clinical experiences throughout South Carolina. The Program has submitted materials regarding this request which were made available to the Board Members for their review in advance of the meeting. The Program attended the April 2024 Advisory Committee on Nursing Education (ACONE) meeting, at which time the ACONE voted to recommend approval of the request. Ms. Linton stated that the University is accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), that the nursing programs are accredited through the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and that the health and informatics programs are accredited through the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). Ms. Linton reviewed statistical information about their pre-licensure students. Ms. Linton stated that students are assigned a master's prepared nurse as a program mentor at the beginning of their enrollment into the pre-nursing program, who will stay with that student all the way through graduation to guide them through the program. Ms. Linton then discussed the model that the program uses for labs and clinicals and then referenced the affiliation agreements, clinical faculty, and operational plan.

Motion to approve Western Governors University to conduct clinicals in South Carolina.
Motion carried.*

The Board Chairperson then read the statute related to preceptor requirements aloud and reiterated that those requirements must be met, including a minimum of two years of clinical experience and demonstrated competencies related to that area of assigned clinical teaching responsibilities.

Horry-Georgetown Technical College: Ms. Ann Daniels and Ms. Stephanie Beck appeared before the Board representing Horry-Georgetown Technical College's Associate Degree in Nursing Program regarding their request to expand their Program to the Conway campus. The Program was previously before the Board at their March 2024 meeting in regards to their request to expand the Program to the Murrells Inlet campus, which request was granted. The Program was before the ACONE at their April 2024 meeting in regards to the current request for expansion to the Conway campus, with the ACONE recommending approval of the request. The Program has full Board approval status and national accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The Program provided materials in advance of the meeting which were made available for the Board's review and include NCLEX results for the previous five years, with the Program's year to date pass rate currently at 91.6%. Ms. Daniels stated that the population in Horry County is growing tremendously and their clinical partners have requested that the Program expand to meet those needs with three new hospitals or surgical centers expected for that area. Ms. Daniels further stated that the centralized location would decrease travel time for students and that student support services are available at that location, which is the school's main campus. Ms. Daniels referenced a letter of support from Conway Medical Center as well as a table listing the three-year budget for the Program, which includes additional resources for the site. Ms. Daniels then discussed the faculty for the new location, including Ms. Beck who will be the Administrator for the campus and their partnership with Coastal Carolina University.

Motion to grant approval of the request. Motion carried.

Spartanburg Community College: Dr. Shelia Jennings-Jeter and Ms. Beth Johnson appeared before the Board representing Spartanburg Community College's Practical Nursing Program in regards to their request to expand the Program at the Union campus. The Program was previously before the Board in September 2022, at which time the Program was granted initial approval status. The Program appeared again in July 2023, at which time the Board approved an increase in admissions from 24 to 100 per year. The Program's first cohort graduated in December 2023 and the year-to-date NCLEX pass-rate is 95.24%. The Program appeared at the April 2024 ACONE meeting, at which time approval of the current request was recommended. Ms. Johnson stated that the Program hopes to expand to the Union County campus in the fall with 25 students and Dr. Jennings-Jeter as the lead instructor with an assistant instructor at that campus as well. Ms. Johnson then discussed support from their clinical partner, Spartanburg Regional Hospital System, and SRHS's construction of a new hospital in Union County. Dr. Jennings-Jeter then discussed the clinical partnerships in place with Union Medical Center, Ellen Sagar Nursing Center, Restorative Care, and Woodruff Manor. The Board then clarified the number of students who will be admitted into the Program and Ms. Johnson stated that twenty-five would be admitted for the fall semester and twenty-four in the spring.

Motion to grant Spartanburg Community College's request for an expansion of their Practical Nursing Program at the Union County campus. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to move into Closed Session to discuss pending disciplinary actions. Motion carried.

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.

2019-370: Respondent appeared before the Board having submitted a request to modify a prior Board Order.

Motion to deny the request. Motion carried.*

2023-390: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction.

Motion to dismiss the case. Motion carried.*

2005-82: Respondent appeared before the Board having submitted a request to modify a prior Board Order.

Motion to deny the request. Motion carried.*

Dr. Wolff abstained from voting on this motion.

2019-373: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions: issuance of a private reprimand and acceptance of the disciplinary courses that were completed in advance of the appearance. Motion carried.*

2021-132: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions: issuance of a private reprimand; and completion of the critical thinking course to be completed within six months of the date of the Order. Motion carried.*

2021-365: This case was before the Board for a Final Order Hearing and was previously before the Board of Nursing Hearing Panel. A report has been issued by the Hearing Panel with recommendations regarding violations of the Nurse Practice Act and disciplinary sanction. 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 Final Order Hearing Recommendation. Motion carried.

2018-680: This case was before the Board for a Final Order Hearing and was previously before the Board of Nursing Hearing Panel. A report has been issued by the Hearing Panel with recommendations regarding violations of the Nurse Practice Act and disciplinary sanction. The Board had an opportunity to review the evidence presented during the full evidentiary hearing as well as the recommendation of the Panel.

Motion to reject the hearing panel's recommendation, to find no violations of the Nurse Practice Act, to cancel the earlier Order Requiring Evaluation, to issue a case dismissal, and to lift the Temporary Suspension Order. Motion carried.*

2021-326: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction.

Motion to accept the Memorandum of Agreement with the following disciplinary sanctions: issuance of a public reprimand; lift the Temporary Suspension Order; require work site approval; and completion of the following disciplinary courses within six months of the date of the Order: legal aspects, ethics, and critical thinking. Motion carried.*

2021-146: Respondent appeared before the Board having executed a Memorandum of Agreement for the purpose of determining disciplinary sanction.

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

APPLICATION APPEARANCES

Sharelle Russell: The applicant appeared before the Board regarding her request for reinstatement.

Motion to grant single-state licensure. Motion carried.*

Teresa Wright: The applicant appeared before the Board regarding her request for licensure as an APRN through endorsement.

Motion to deny application on the basis of probationary status in North Carolina and continued substandard practice, prescribing, and documentation. Motion carried.*

Felicia Billingslea: The applicant appeared before the Board regarding her request for reinstatement.

Motion to grant licensure with terms and conditions known to the Board and the Applicant. Motion carried.

Lorrie Ulmer: The applicant appeared having requested a Temporary License for the clinical portion of a Board approved Refresher Course.

Motion for issuance of a temporary license for the purpose of completing the Refresher Course and to grant full licensure once the Refresher Course is completed and other terms and conditions known to the Board and the Applicant are met. Motion carried.*

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 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.*