

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
MINUTES  
REGULAR OPEN BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2007**

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on March 20, 2007 in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Leo-Felix Jurado, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Noreen D'Angelo	Virginia McKenney
Marietta Cahill	Patricia Ann Murphy
Ronald H. Carr	Mary Sibley
Leo-Felix Jurado	Nelson Tuazon
Irma Lupia	Constance Wilson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Barbara Byers, *Administrative Analyst*  
Carol Onajide, *Education Program Development Specialist II*  
Margaret Howard, *Field Representative*  
Darlene Lapola, *Deputy Attorney General*  
Olga Bradford, *Deputy Attorney General (limited purpose)*  
Charles Manning, *Regulatory Analyst (limited purpose)*

**BOARD MEMBER(S) EXCUSED ABSENCE:**

Karen Rodriguez  
Sara Torres

**A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT**

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on November 27, 2006. A schedule of all 2007 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2007 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the Bulletin Board at the New Jersey State Board of Nursing Office.

**AGENDA:**

Open Regular Board Meeting Agenda of March 20, 2007: Reading and Approval:

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted to approve the Regular Board Meeting Agenda of March 20, 2007. The motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

Open Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2007: Reading and Approval with corrections:

Pg. # 2 - correct spelling of ensued in the president's report.  
Pg. # 2 - provide correct dates for the NCSBN Mid-Year meeting.

Pg. # 4 – provide correct title for the Philippine Nurses Association of NJ, Inc.

Pg. # 4 – change wording in the motion for appearances of Carol Onajide.

Pg. # 10 – correct wording in the first motion on the page.

Pg. # 11 – correct wording in open forum under comments by Carolyn Torre.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Virginia McKenney and duly seconded by Patricia Murphy, voted to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2007 with amendments. The motion carried.

### **REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT – LEO-FELIX JURADO:**

Leo-Felix Jurado reported that:

Due to budget restrictions the Board of Nursing will not have a workshop retreat for the year 2007. The Board will have an open business meeting. There will be a presentation on Delegation and a discussion on the APN Vision Paper.

Seeking Approval for:

The Board previously approved the attendance of President Jurado to attend the NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting in New Orleans, LA on April 2-4, 2007. NCSBN will be paying all cost for this event. NCSBN is also hosting a web conference for Board members who will not be attending the meeting in person. April 21, 2007 – President Jurado will be the Keynote Speaker for the Philippine Nurses Association of New Jersey, Inc.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to approve the appearances of the Board President. The motion carried.

### **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

Barbara Byers reported that:

The Board on Nursing has received approval from the Division of Consumer Affairs to hire two (2) new temporary staff members from Good Temps to assist with the work of the Licensing Renewal Project.

The 2007 licensing renewal notification letter mailing is also being prepared for nurses whose licenses will expire on May 31, 2007. This letter contains the user ID and Password that the nurses need to go online and renew their nursing licenses. Nurses are encouraged to renew online, and a paper renewal application will be mailed only when requested by the nurse.

Statistics for February 2007:

The Board of Nursing staff has worked diligently to serve the public and the nursing community with the following results: 1. The Board received 873 licensure applications. 2. There were 954 applications processed from previous submissions by applicants. 3. The Board issued 953 licenses, and 4. The Board denied licensure to one (1) applicant.

The Endorsement Licensure Department has worked together to bring the licensure application work up to date for an employee who has been absent due to illness. We appreciate the patience of applicants and the work of the staff.

On February 9, 2007, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) issued a News Release giving notice that NCSBN selected at the Board of Director's Meeting on February 8, 2007 Manila, the capital city of the Philippines, as a new site for the administration of the NCLEX Examinations. The government of the Philippines has shown commitment to ensuring a secure testing center in Manila.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

February 27, 2007, memo from Olga Bradford, DAG regarding Southern New Jersey Technical School.

DAG Bradford informed the Board Southern New Jersey Technical School's Notice of Motion to Settle the Record and Letter brief in support thereof. The Board reviewed the materials submitted by Southern New Jersey Technical School.

After consultation with legal counsel, the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Constance Wilson, voted to deny the motion of Southern New Jersey Technical School to supplement the record. The motion carried. March 2, 2007, letter from Board President Jurado to the Board of Medical Examiners regarding the draft proposal Corporate Practice Regulations: N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.16 and 6.17.

March 14, 2007, Open agenda and minutes of the Board of Medical Examiners.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. EDUCATION COMMITTEE: - Sara Torres, Chairman

Constance Wilson reported: Session I of the February 27, 2007 Meeting Report:

1. Correspondence:

January 10, 2007 – Letter from Ann Tritak, EdD, RN  
Associate Dean of Nursing, Saint Peter's College  
Re: FYI: Newly appointed Associate Dean of Nursing.

b. January 15, 2007 - Letter from Marthe J Leveille, MSN, RN, LPN Program Director, and Florence Brown, MSN, RN, APN, C  
School Director, Best Care Training Institute  
Re: FYI: First weekend LPN class to start September 9, 2007.

January 17, 2007 – Email from Kathleen M. Mulcahey, MSN, RN, CNAA,  
Director, RN IN THE HOUSE TUTORING SERVICES  
Re: Tutoring for NCLEX. This Tutoring Service will be added to the list of review courses.

January 29, 2007 - Email from Nancy Chornick, PhD, RN, CAE  
Director of Practice and Credentialing National Council of State Boards of Nursing.  
Re: FYI: Update on NCSBN APRN activities

January 29, 2007 – Letter from Mary G. Schaal, RN, EdD,  
Dean and Professor, Thomas Jefferson University  
Re: FYI: New graduate program, Doctor of Nursing Practice

January 29, 2007 – Email from Valerie Giraldi  
Re: FYI: One-Minute Summary from January 26, 2007 Commission on Higher Education.

January 30, 2007 - Letter from Josephine Huisking , MSN, RN,  
Corporate Director of Nursing, Eastwick Colleges, HoHoKus Hackensack  
Re: FYI: New Location for the School. February 05, 2007 – Letter from Patrice Fleming, Acting Team Leader,  
US Department of Education  
Re: FYI: US Department of Education final audit determination for Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Harold B. & Dorothy A. Snyder Schools.

February 07, 2007 – Letter from Marthe J Leveille, MSN, RN, LPN Program Director,

Florence Brown, MSN, RN, APN, C, School Director, Best Care Training Institute  
Re: FYI: New evening LPN classes to start February 22, 2007.

February 2007 – Law360  
Re: FYI: Excelsior wins \$7.8 For Stolen Exam Questions.

CertifiedBackground.com.  
Re: FYI: Advertisement regarding background check services

Western Schools  
Re: FYI: Relocation of offices effective January 02, 2007

NCSBN  
Re: FYI: NCSBN Link, designed to educate and inform the global community

DI Associates, Inc.  
Re: FYI: Boot Camp for Nurse Educator held at The Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico from August 3rd to August 6th, 2007.

## 2. Renewal of Accreditation

### Salem Community College – PN Program

The Education Committee reviewed the materials submitted by Salem Community College.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Constance Wilson and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted that Salem Community College Practical Nursing program receive renewal of accreditation for 8 years, March 20, 2007 to March 20, 2015. The motion carried.

### St. Francis Medical Center School of Nursing

The Education Committee reviewed the materials submitted by St Francis Medical Center School of Nursing. Based on its review, the Committee requires further information/clarification. The College of New Jersey

The Education Committee reviewed the materials submitted by The College of New Jersey BSN Program. Based on its review, the Committee requires further information/clarification.

Discussion regarding a regulation for utilization of preceptors: The Committee reviewed literature and discussed utilization of preceptors with Chuck Manning, Regulatory Analyst. After the discussion, the Committee decided not to go forward with proposing a regulation regarding preceptors. Faculty members are responsible for their students. Present regulation requires a 1 to 10 ratio, faculty to students.

## Discussion

### a. Schools with low NCLEX scores

The following LPN programs have NCLEX-PN scores less than 75%. 1589 candidates from LPN programs in NJ took NCLEX-PN of these 1272 passed, 80.05%. The national average was 87.87%.

America Health 68.75%	(Provisional Accreditation)
Harrison Career Institute 61.11%	(Provisional Accreditation)
Merit Technical Institute 72.56 %	(Provisional Accreditation)
Southern NJ Tech 74.42%	(was placed on probation by the BON)
MicroTech 52.75 %	(Closed)

## Proposed 2008 NCLEX-PN Test Plan

The plan was reviewed and comments were sent to NCSBN.

Constance Wilson reported: Session II of the February 27, 2007 Meeting Report:

1. Correspondence:

January 24, 2007 – Letter from Peter Mosley, RCS, National Director of Compliance, Lincoln Educational Services. Re: Request for information on Harrison Career Institute. Lincoln Educational Services has purchased Harrison Career Institute and is working on the directives that were sent to Harrison by the Board.

January 29, 2007 – NLNAC Initial Accreditation

Re: FYI: NLNAC will be making a site visit to Warren County Community College (Feb 27 – March 1, 2007)

February 07, 2007 – Letter from Tish Gallagher, DNSc, RN, CNE, Dean, Nursing & Allied Health, Wilmington College

Re: Petitioned NJ Commission on Higher Education to offer classes in southern New Jersey at Burlington County College, Cumberland County College, and Salem Community College. Additional information was received.

New Applications:

a. Grace Vocational Nursing School Part I application

The committee reviewed the requested additional materials; however, the submissions require further revision.

b. Dover Business College

The Committee reviewed the submitted materials, and noted that some of the clinical agreements require revision. Dover Business College was notified regarding the required revisions.

2. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE: Ronald H. Carr, Chairman

Ronald H. Carr reported on the following bills:

A4044: Position – Non-support. The proposed bill does not provide estimated costs for such a program.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Virginia McKenney, voted to approve the recommendations of the Legislation Committee. The motion carried.

S2534: Position – Non-support. How long does it take Medicare to give payment to practitioners? This might be a challenge for those required to comply with this bill. However, it would eliminate much frustration to those it would benefit. What is the definition of beneficiaries? Six months does not seem like enough time for payments to be paid for other insurance carriers.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Patricia Murphy, voted to approve the recommendations of the Legislation Committee. The motion carried.

A4042: Position – Support with recommendations. We are in favor of the Compact, even with its blemishes and warts. Was there anyway the Division staff could determine what issue or language prevented the rules for the Compact from going through last time? Was this to be a 5-year term? Is a criminal history background check required by all compact states? There is a difference in the educational requirements for each state.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted to approve the recommendations of the Legislation Committee. The motion carried.

S2529: Position – Neutral. It is awkward to not renew licenses for nurses with 10 years experience whom, for

whatever reason have not gotten their BSN in that time frame. How do we handle registered professional nurses who do not have a BSN and are licensed through endorsement? While education is essential and desirable to reach ones potential, what about those who would find it difficult to meet the requirements of this proposed bill? The bill shows a lack of understanding of many factors, such as the cost of a undergraduate education, the time it takes to complete a degree, the other responsibilities that a nurse might have. Additionally, this bill may discriminate against individuals who have financial problems.

Some Board members are in support of this bill. 10 years is a reasonable time frame to obtain a BSN. Other professionals have elevated their educational level and nursing should set this as a goal. Registered professional nurses need to have a minimum of a baccalaureate education to be recognized on the same level as other professions. It is about time the profession is evaluated. If we want more respect we need to earn it by showing that we are willing to improve our knowledge base as professionals.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted to approve the recommendations of the Legislation Committee. The motion carried.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, voted to approve the Legislation Committee Report. The motion carried.

### 3. PRACTICE COMMITTEE: Patricia Murphy, Committee Chairperson

Patricia Murphy reported:

#### 1. New Business:

a. October 16, 2006, Letter from Wahrenberger, Pietro & Sherman LLP Counselors at Law, and Joann Pietro, R.N., J.D., regarding Emergency Department Protocols / Virtua Health.

The Committee reviewed the draft of Emergency Department Protocols of Virtua Health.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted that a letter be sent to Joann Pietro, R.N., J.D., referring her to the Board of Nursing Algorithm for Determining Scope of Practice and for Making Delegation Decisions. The motion carried.

#### 2. Correspondence:

a. September 20, 2006, letter to Executive Directors of State Boards of Nursing from Patti Hamilton, RN, PhD, Professor and Director of Research, Texas Women's University (TWU), College of Nursing, regarding a study conducted by the TWU College of Nursing to determine whether the SBAR protocol for nurses' communication is appropriate and within the nurse's scope of practice in the State of New Jersey. The Committee requested that Barbara Byers contact the TWU College of Nursing to determine whether their questionnaire is still needed, and to complete the questionnaire if the information will be useful to the TWU College of Nursing.

E-mail (FYI) from Laura Skidmore Rhodes, MSN, RN, Executive Director of West Virginia Board of Nurse Examiners is regarding Botox administration throughout the States.

The Committee discussed this inquiry about Botox administration.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted that a letter be sent to Laura Skidmore Rhodes sharing a copy of the Algorithm for Determining Scope of Practice and for Making Delegation Decisions with her, and explaining that the Board of Nursing does not have regulations prohibiting Registered Professional Nurses from administering Botox. The motion carried.

November 9, 2006, E-mail (FYI) from Susan McKee, RN from Bergen Community College Health Services Office, for a question regarding RNs scope of practice in the State of New Jersey.

The Committee reviewed this issue from College Health Nurses at Bergen Community College questioning their professional liability in responding to college students' health emergencies including car accidents, chest pain, seizures, and mental health crises.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted that these College Health Nurses review their concerns about professional liability with the Bergen Community College's legal counsel; review their job description on what is required; and use the Board of Nursing Algorithm on Determining Scope of Practice and for Making Delegation Decisions. The motion carried.

January 11, 2007, E-mail (FYI) from Linda Newton, RNC, LPC inquiring whether she needs to display both license numbers on business cards, letterheads etc. since she is planning to open a small private counseling practice in town. The Committee reviewed this issue, and identified that Linda Newton is not required to display her Registered Nurse license number on her business cards nor her letterhead; however, she may list her credential as Registered Professional Nurse.

January 17, 2007, E-mail (FYI) from Lolly Merced to Barbara Byers regarding Michael Latigonia follow up letter dated January 16, 2007 where Mr. Latigonia requested clarification on the ability for a Registered Nurse working on a licensed specialty care transport unit (SCTU), to provide Advanced Life Support Care to out-of-hospital patients found during 911 emergencies.

On February 13, 2007, a response letter was mailed to Mr. Latigonia clarifying that the Office of Emergency Medical Service (OEMS) had reviewed his correspondence and provided feedback noting that the current statute and SCTU regulations prohibit an SCTU from providing advanced life support in a pre-hospital setting. It was clarified that our understanding was that:

Only an approved hospital-based mobile intensive care (MIC) unit may provide pre-hospital advanced life support.

When working on a licensed SCTU, nurses have the ability to stop and initiate care at the level of an Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, and

The nurse should notify the appropriate communications center and request a MIC Unit to respond.

January 18, 2007, E-mail (FYI) from Carolyn T. Torre, RN, MA, APN, C, Director of Practice, New Jersey State Nurses Association regarding The New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners Corporate Practice Rules and the Codey Act.

g. March 2, 2007, FYI response letter to Sindy Paul, M.D., regarding approved draft proposal to amend the Corporate Practice Regulations: N.J.A.C.13:35-6.16 and 6.17 by the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners on January 10, 2007.

A copy of the letter addressed to Sindy Paul, M.D., President of the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners, expressing the Board of Nursing's concerns about the Proposed Corporate Practice Rule was shared with the Practice Committee.

h. December 18, 2006, E-mail (FYI) from Bernard W. Gerald Jr., RN, Vice President Health Professionals and Allied Employees, Emerson, NJ to George Hebert regarding LPN Scope of Practice. The Committee reviewed this issue on Registered Nurse delegation and Licensed Practical Nurse Practice when taking charge on a nursing unit.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted that a follow-up letter be sent to Mr. Benard Gerard referring him to N.J.S.A. 45:11-23, 24, and to the Nursing Delegation Rule, N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.2. The motion carried.

i. (FYI) MediSure Medication Dispensing System.

j. (FYI) Vision Paper: The Future Regulation on Advanced Practice Nursing, National Council of State Boards of Nursing 2006.

(FYI) Emergency Department Protocols for immediate treatment of an acutely ill or injured child, as primary goal of CARES. August 2006, Trial at Voorhees ED.

l. February 5, 2007, E-mail (FYI) from Kathryn Schwed regarding Carol McAloon, RN, Vice President of Patient Care Services/CNO of Saint Frances Center allowing unlicensed staff to provide medical care to patients at Saint Francisco Medical Center. Please note that Noreen D'Angelo and Connie Wilson are recused from this matter.

m. February 26, 2007, E-mail (FYI) from Diana Hewlett, A.P.N.,C., for a question whether Lumbar Epidural Injections are appropriate within the Advanced Practice Nurse scope of practice.

The Committee reviewed this issue.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted that the Advanced Practice Nurse may administer lumbar epidural injections for pain management when this practice meets the criteria of the Algorithm for Determining Scope of Practice and for Making Delegation Decisions, the APN is competent to perform the practice, and this practice is included in the joint written protocols with the collaborating physician. The motion carried.

n. March 5, 2007, E-mail (FYI) from Kelly Hawley MSN, APRN-BC, Adult and Geriatric NP Member NJSNA, for a question whether Acupuncture is within Advanced Practice Nurse's Scope of Practice.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Ronald H. Carr, voted to table this issue for further discussion. The motion carried.

July 5, 2006, E-mail (FYI) from Joanne C. Langan, PhD, RN, and Rita A. Tadych PhD, RN, APRN, BC regarding a letter sent to Executive Directors of State Boards of Nursing to participate in a multi-state study of inactive RNs.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Irma Lupia, voted that the Board of nursing participate in this study and also refer Dr. Joanne C. Langan and Dr. Rita A. Tadych to the Nursing Spectrum and the New Jersey State Nurses Association about their study. The motion carried.

p. January 21, 2007, letter from Dabra L. Roselli R.N., C.R.N.I. inquiring whether PICC Registered Nurses are allowed to obtain consent for PICC insertion.

The Committee discussed this issue.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Patricia Murphy and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted that the Registered Professional Nurse be permitted to perform this procedure when competent, and when the hospital procedure permits the practice of obtaining informed consents. The Board does not restrict this practice. The motion carried.

q. December 20, 2006, fax from Carol Dixson, LPN from Patterson Army Health Clinic, Fort Monmouth, NJ questioning legal ramifications for a nurse to provide five-day BP checks without any proof of an order from the prescribing Provider.

The Committee reviewed this issue, and clarifies that this practice is within the scope of nursing practice. The nurse should use the hospital's protocol when the blood pressure exceeds normal limits.

Endorsement application for license to practice nursing, Alexandra Livingston, Withdrew application on February 26, 2007.



The Committee reviewed this issue, and determined that Ms. Alexandria Livingston is required to submit all required documentation for a complete endorsement application file for licensure by endorsement.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Marietta Cahill, voted to approve the report of the Practice Committee. The motion carried.

REGULATION COMMITTEE: - Irma Lupia, Committee Chairperson

Irma Lupia reported: February 27, 2007 Report.

1. Old Business:

a. N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, Continuing Education:

The Committee discussed the letter received from Margaret R. Bush, RN, MSN, CNS, BC, President of the New Jersey School Nurses Association, questioning whether some of the classes taken for their Professional Development Hours (PDHs) required by the New Jersey Department of Education can be used to meet the Board of Nursing's Continuing Education requirement, N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

Upon review of the letter from Margaret R. Bush, the Committee determined that additional information is needed regarding the Professional Development Program required by the New Jersey Department of Education. The Committee has forwarded a letter to Margaret R. Bush inviting her to attend the next available Committee Meeting to be held on March 27, 2007 to discuss the Professional Development Program.

b. Subchapter 10. Alternative to Discipline Monitoring Program:

Charles Manning and Kathryn Schwed will work on N.J.A.C 13:37-10.4 Entry into the Alternative to Discipline Monitoring Program identifying what comprises non-compliance with the monitoring program.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Irma Lupia and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted that the Alternative to Discipline Monitoring Program in New Jersey initially be limited to RN's, LPN's, and APN's, so that program issues can be properly identified and addressed for successful results. The motion carried.

c. New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners Proposed Corporate Practice Rule:

The Committee reviewed concerns about the Proposed Corporate Practice Rule. Charles Manning recused himself from the discussion of this issue.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board on March 2, 2007 that a joint meeting be arranged between representatives of the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing to discuss the Board of Nursing's concerns about the Proposed Corporate Practice Rule.

Also, the Committee recommended that a letter be mailed to Sindy Paul, M.D., President of the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners, addressing the Board's concerns about the Proposed Corporate Practice Rule, and requesting a joint meeting between the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing to discuss the Board's concerns.

Noreen D'Angelo agreed to present the Committee's recommendation to the full Board on March 2, 2007.

2. New Business:

a. Correspondence:

Letter dated December 8, 2006, from Carolyn Torre, RN, MA, APN, C., regarding revisions in Subchapter 7, N.J.A.C. 13:37.7.2, time limit for graduate Advanced Practice Nurses to apply for APN Certificate by the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

This issue will be reviewed during the comment period when the proposed regulations are promulgated in the New Jersey Register.

**b. Review of Comments for N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.8. Eligibility for accreditation; Provisional accreditation:**

Charles Manning reviewed a Summary Report of Public Comments and Agency Responses to N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.8. In response to the public's comments, Mr. Manning clarified that the Board of Nursing does not require schools of nursing to complete a criminal history background check (CHBC) on student nurses, nor to report the results of these background checks to the Board.

**c. N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.4, Identification Tag Regulation:**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:8-79, the Health Care Services Firm requires all staff employed by agencies licensed by the Health Care Services Firm to wear identification tags with a photo. Certified Homemaker Home Health Aids who work for agencies licensed by the Health Care Services Firm may not be exempt from wearing their identification tag per N.J.S.A. 34:8-79.

Draft language will be added to N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.4, Identification Tags to recognize the statute, N.J.S.A. 34:8-79, of the Health Care Services Firm.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Noreen D'Angelo and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted approve the Regulation Committee Report of February 27, 2007. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Charles Manning discussed the following issues:

**1. Eligibility for accreditation; Provisional accreditation**

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Nelson Tuazon and Patricia Murphy, voted to adopt amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-1.8 as they were proposed on December 4, 2006 at 38 N.J.R. 4985(a). These amendments require nurse education programs to inform individuals that a criminal history background check is a prerequisite to licensure. The motion carried. **2. Advanced Practice Nurse Regulations**

APN Regulations were sent to the Office of the Attorney General for review and approval.

**OPEN FORUM:**

Leo-Felix Jurado asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues or questions:

Alexandria Livingston, RN – stated that she is a new resident of New Jersey who submitted an application for licensure by endorsement. Ms. Livingston commented that she was experiencing problems with the application requirements. Ms. Livingston wanted to know the purpose of submitting a picture with the application? Ms. Livingston brought to the Board's attention that some states do not require a criminal history background check.

Carolyn Torre, Director of Practice, New Jersey State Nurses Association, commented about the practice of advanced practice nurses performing acupuncture. and the law could be changed to add nursing. Ms. Torre is delighted that the advanced practice nurse regulations are on its way to the Office of the Attorney General for review.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Nelson Tuazon and duly seconded by Ronald H. Carr, voted to go into closed session. The motion carried.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted to go into open session. The motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

The disciplinary meeting for April 6, 2007 has been rescheduled for April 13, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On March 20, 2007 the Regular Open Business Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. The next Open Business Meeting will be held on April 17, 2007.

After discussion the Board, upon a motion made by Ronald H. Carr and duly seconded by Nelson Tuazon, voted to adjourn the regular Board meeting March 20, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. The motion carried.

[NCLEX RESULTS 2006](#)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Noreen D'Angelo  
Board Secretary/Treasurer