

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
MINUTES  
OPEN BUSINESS MEETING  
JUNE 15, 2010

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on June 15, 2010 in the Somerset Conference Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. A quorum was not present, and therefore the meeting proceeded as a Committee. Dr. Patricia A. Murphy, Board President called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Noreen D'Angelo  
Joni Jones  
Patricia Murphy

Karen Rodriguez  
Constance Wilson

**ALSO PRESENT:**

George J. Hebert, Executive Director  
Olga Bradford, Deputy Attorney General  
Diane Scott, Administrative Staff  
Joanne Leone, Deputy Attorney General

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:**

Saundra Austin-Benn  
Avery Hart  
Jonathan Hress

Nicole Milan-Tyner  
Luz Ramos  
Elenita Talavera

**NO 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 December 1, 2009. A schedule of all 2010 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2010 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 June 15, 2010: Reading and Approval:

**A recommendation was made by Karen Rodriguez and duly seconded by Connie Wilson, to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Agenda of June 15, 2010. To be ratified.**

**MINUTES:**

Open Business Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2010: Reading and Approval:

**A recommendation was made by Karen Rodriguez and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, to approve the Regular Open Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2010. To be ratified.**

**REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT – DR. PATRICIA A. MURPHY:**

Dr. Murphy reported:

- Met with the Division of Consumer Affairs to develop regulations for the Alternative to Discipline Committee.
- A letter will be going out to all the VPs of Nursing, Administrators of long term care facilities and home care agencies in the state regarding suspected drug diversions or impaired nurses these matters are to be referred to the Board.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GEORGE J. HEBERT:**

George J. Hebert reported:

- Provided an update on the outstanding nurses that needed to complete the criminal history background check process in order to renew their licenses.
- 2010 License Renewal was extended to June 16, 2010 to allow nurses who have not completed the criminal history background check process to do so.
- The Board received a request from Dr. Winen, University of Pennsylvania to have nurses do research on individuals in the State of New Jersey. The Board sent out a letter requesting additional information to ensure that the out of state nurses will not be practicing in the state.
- Provided update information about the Board posting information on the website regarding reporting guidelines and criminal history background checks.
- The Division has approved the attendance of George Hebert to attend the NCSBN EO Seminar and George Hebert and Patricia Murphy to attend the NCSBN Annual Meeting.
- The Education Subcommittee continues to meet to discuss the Education regulations the Committee will be looking at special considerations into teaching.

**INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES:**

1. April 15, 2010 – letter from Alma L. Saravia, Esquire regarding New Jersey of Nurse Anesthetists Petition for Rulemaking – additional time for renewal of Department of Health and Senior Services.
2. April 23, 2010 – communication from NLN regarding NLN Hosts Conference on Master’s Education.
3. May 3, 2010 – article from the Press of Atlantic City regarding nursing school programs get competitive at New Jersey colleges amid recession.
4. May 3, 2010 – communication from NCSBN regarding NCLEX Pass Rates
5. May 6, 2010 – Senate Bill 936 was approved. This act concerns consumer complaints of certain licensed professionals and amending P.L. 1978, c. 73.
6. May 12, 2010 – Board of Medical Examiners Agenda and Minutes.
7. May 14, 2010 – communication from NLN regarding Reported Trends in schools of nursing.
8. May 17, 2010 – New Jersey Register: Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.2 Biennial License Renewal.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****1. EDUCATION COMMITTEE: -****Connie Wilson reported: May 18, 2010 Committee Meeting****1. Session I Correspondence:**

- a. March 22, 2010 – Letter from Gary Achilles, Executive Director, Lincoln Technical Institute, Mt. Laurel, NJ Campus.  
Re: Lincoln Technical Institute’s Mt. Laurel, NJ Campus will be changing locations.

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter*

- b. March 25, 2010 – Letter from Dr. Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, RN, Executive Director, NLNAC.  
Re: Summary of actions taken by the NLNAC Board of Commissioners

*This issue was on the agenda for informational purposes.*

- c. March 30, 2010 – Letter from Laurie Pringle, Executive Director, Lincoln Technical Institute’s Paramus, NJ Campus.  
Re: Lincoln Technical Institute’s Paramus, NJ Campus will be changing locations.

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter.*

- d. March 31, 2010 – Letter from Marilyn Lovasi, RN, MSN, Dean, The Center for Allied Health & Nursing Education.  
Re: The assessment, the plan of action, the program will employ to correct the 2009 NCLEX results which was less than the required 75% pass rate.

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter*

- e. April 2, 2010 – Letter from Nancy Bonner, MSN, RN-BC, CNE, Director, Bayonne Medical Center School of Nursing.  
Re: The assessment, the plan of action, resulting from the 2009 NCLEX pass rate below 75%.

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter*

- f. April 5, 2010 – Letter from Ariel Almacen, PsyD, MSN, APNC, Director, AVTECH Institute of Technology.  
Re: The assessment, the plan of action, resulting from the 2009 NCLEX pass rate below 75%.

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter*

- g. April 6, 2010 – Letter from Prisca Anuforo, RN, MSN, CNA, Chairperson, Essex County College  
Re: The assessment, the plan of action, resulting from the 2009 NCLEX pass rate below 75%.

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter*

- h. April 6, 2010 – Letter from Claudia P. Houston, RN, BSN, MSA, CEO/Administrator, Universal Training Institute.  
Re: The assessment, the plan of action, resulting from the 2009 NCLEX pass rate below 75%.

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter*

- i. April 9, 2010 – Letter from Claudia P. Houston, RN, BSN, MSA, CEO/Administrator, Universal Training Institute.  
Re: Review of Mr. Caleb Olusakin Adekanye's resume

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter*

- j. April 12, 2010 – Letter from Gary Achilles, Executive Director, Lincoln Technical Institute, Mt. Laurel, NJ Campus.  
Re: Review of Dr. Faralli's resume.

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter .*

- k. April 2010 – Bulletin from TOEFL.  
Re: Testing Update.

*This issue was on the agenda for informational purposes*

- l. April 12, 2010 – Letter from Michelle L. Foley, RN, MA, CNE, Director of Nursing, Middlesex County College.  
Re: To announce the five year initial accreditation of the Associate in Science Degree in Nursing by the NLNAC, Inc Fall 2009 to Fall 2014

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- m. April 23, 2010 – Letter from Gary Altman, Acting Assistant Commissioner, Department of Labor and Workforce Development.  
Re: Change in location for Lincoln Technical Institute is approved

*This issue was on the agenda for informational purposes*

- n. April 28, 2010 – Letter from Ngozi Nkongho, Ph.D, RN, CNE, Director, Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing.  
Re: Dr Nkongho has assumed the position of Director until the program closes in June 2011.

*Staff will send acknowledgement letter*

## **Session II Committee Report**

1. Curriculum Changes:
  - a. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Camden, NJ  
  
The committee recommended to approve the curriculum changes.
2. CGFNS: Course by Course Report
  - a. Paul Delens  
Re: Foreign credential evaluation report for applicants seeking licensure in New Jersey by Endorsement.  
  
The committee recommended to grant licensure by endorsement.
3. New Program Application (*Appearances*)
  - a. AMG Medical Institute  
  
The Education Committee met with representatives from AMG Medical Institute and reviewed Part I of the application to establish a new licensed practical nursing program in New Jersey.

**A recommendation was made by Connie Wilson and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, to request that AMG Medical Institute submit a complete revision of Part I of the application to establish a new licensed practical nursing program in New Jersey. To be ratified.**

- b. Hemisphere Health Care System

Hemisphere Health Care System did not show up for their scheduled meeting with the Education Committee.

- 4. Self-Study

- a. Ocean County College – Ongoing Accreditation

**A recommendation was made by Connie Wilson and duly seconded by Noreen D'Angelo, to request that Ocean County College submit a complete revision of their Self-Study report. To be ratified.**

## 2. REGULATION COMMITTEE:

**Karen Rodriguez reported: May 18, 2010 Committee Meeting**

### **Old Business:**

- 1. N.J.A.C. 13:37-14: Homemaker- Home Health Regulations

The committee reviewed and discussed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-14. The committee approved the suggested changes and recommended the changes be forwarded to the Board for its review.

- 2. N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.6 - Responsibilities of licensure

The committee reviewed and discussed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.6. The committee approved the suggested changes and recommended the changes be forwarded to the Board for its review.

### **Discussion items:**

- 1. Executive Order 2 Review

The committee reviewed suggested changes to regulations based upon Executive Order 2. The committee approved the suggested changes and recommended the changes be forwarded to the Board for its review.

**A recommendation was made by Joni Jones and duly seconded by Connie Wilson, to approve the Regulation Committee Report of May 18, 2010. To be ratified.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

DAG Leone discussed the following issues:

1. The Board does not meeting during the summer and sometimes emergent issues arises where a decision is needed. DAG Leone suggested that the Board give Dr. Murphy authority to act on behalf of the Board in emergent matters.

**A recommendation made by Joni Jones and duly seconded by Karen Rodriguez, to give Dr. Murphy authority to act on behalf of the Board in emergent matters. To be ratified.**

**OPEN FORUM:**

**Patricia Murphy asked the public to share with the Board of Nursing any concerns, issues or questions:**

- Bernard Gerard, Vice President, Health Professional Allied Employees of New Jersey – commented on the regulations for the Alternative to Discipline and he provided information on a meeting in Trenton that discussed the Cullen Law and the stipulations. Mr. Gerard also commented on the drug diversion cases that are being reported to the Division and the delays of the reporting back to the nursing community. Mr. Gerard requested a copy of the letter regarding reporting guidelines.
- Kristin Monack, Nursing Student, UMDNJ – requested information on walk outs on the job and staffing ratios.

**A recommendation was made by Karen Rodriguez and duly Joni Jones Rodriguez, to go into closed session to discuss disciplinary matters and nursing programs. To be ratified.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On June 15, 2010 the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on November 5, 2010.

**A recommendation was made by Joni Jones and duly seconded Karen Rodriguez, to adjourn the Regular Open Board meeting of June 15, 2010 at 10:55 a.m. To be ratified.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Patricia Murphy  
Board President