

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2023

A meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Nursing was held on October 6, 2023. Barbara Blozen, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m. Due to the coronavirus public health and state of emergency, previous notice of this meeting required revision pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.1. The meeting proceeded on October 6, 2023 but was conducted electronically only, as authorized by P.L. 2020, c. 11 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3).

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS ON THE CALL:

Barbara Blozen

Laura Brenner

Irma Camaligan

Valerie Clary Muronda

Rhonda Cox

James Doran

Lucille Joel

Dorothy Kozlowski

Tayfun Selen

BOARD MEMBERS NOT ON THE CALL:

Patricia Egenton

Mary Beth Russell

Mariela Zapata

STAFF ON THE CALL:

Olga Bradford, DAG

Raquel Bristol, DAG

Mary Fortier, Executive Director

Siobhan Krier, DAG

Barbara Lopez, DAG

Amy Ramirez, DAG

Diane Scott, Licensing Supervisor

Jillian Scott, Deputy Executive Director

Donette Walker, Associate Director of Nursing Education

A QUORUM WAS 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 email and mail on December 21, 2022.

A schedule of all 2023 Regular Open Board Meetings to be held during 2023 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 October 6, 2023: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Dorothy Kozlowski and duly seconded by Irma Camaligan, voted to approve the October 6, 2023 Regular Board public meeting Agenda. The motion carried.

MINUTES:

Open Session Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2023: Reading and Approval:

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Rhonda Cox, and duly seconded by Dorothy Kozlowski, voted to approve the June 2, 2023 Regular Board public meeting minutes. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT:

Dr. Barbara Blozen reported:

- Dr. Blozen and Dr. Fortier attended the 2023 NCSBN Annual-Meeting in person in August 2023, which was held in Chicago, IL.
- Dr. Blozen was elected to the NCSBN Board of Directors, area IV.
- NCSBN elects Philip Dickison as the new CEO.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dr. Mary Fortier reported:

- a. The FBI added a new school on the list of providing fraudulent documents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE:

Regulations Committee Report July 7, 2023 –

1. Adoption of English proficiency examination

The Committee reviewed and discussed Adopted Amendments: N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.3.

The Regulations Committee recommended to adopt the amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.3 as proposed.

2. Graduate nurses

The Committee reviewed and discussed N.J.A.C. 13:37-3.1 Qualifications to practice as a graduate nurse.

The Regulations Committee recommended to approve the Proposed Rules.

3. LPN education in military

The Committee reviewed and discussed N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.1A - Licensed practical nurse: credit towards licensure for education, training, and experience received while serving as a member of the Armed Forces.

The Regulations Committee recommended to approve recognition of nursing programs completed while serving in the Military.

4. Preceptor – student ratios

The Committee reviewed and discussed N.J.A.C 13:37-1.10A – Preceptors.

The Regulations Committee recommended to approve the amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-2.3 as proposed.

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Dorothy Kozlowski, voted to approve the July 7, 2023 Report of the Regulations Committee. The motion carried.

2. **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

Education Committee Report September 15, 2023 –

1. Correspondence:

- a. February 9, 2023 – letter from Kathleen Pinto, PhD, MBA, MHCM, RN, Campus President, Chamberlain University College of Nursing. Re: Chamberlain University College of Nursing –Troy Campus (Chamberlain) that the Concentration in Serving Hispanic Communities will no longer be offered, because there has been limited interest by students.
- b. February 23, 2023 – letter from Ana Maria Catanzaro, PhD, RN, Interim Dean, W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing and Health Professions, Thomas Edison State University. Re: Effective March 1, 2023, Dr. Lia van Rijswijk will be assuming the position of Chief Nursing Administrator.

- c. March 13, 2023 – letter from Teresa Shellenbarger, PhD, RN, CNE, CNEcl, ANEF, Executive Director, NLN, CNEA. Re: Quarterly NCLEX reports and concerns of substantial ongoing noncompliance issues.
- d. April 28, 2023 – letter from Claudia Houston, MSN, BSN, RN, President, CEO, Universal Training Institute. Re: Loretta Chappotin, MSN, BSN, RN has assumed the role of Program Administrator and Director of Nursing effective April 24, 2023.
- e. May 5, 2023 – letter from Nell Ard, PhD, RN, CNE. ANEF, Interim CEO, Director, ACEN. Re: Best Care College ACEN Accreditation Approval
- f. May 18, 2023 – letter from Ruth A. Wittmann-Price, PhD, RN, CNS, CNE, CNEcl, CHSE, ANEF, FAAN, Dean, W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing and Health Professions, Thomas Edison State University. Re: Effective July 1, 2023, I will assume the position of Dean, W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing and Health Professions from Dr. Lia van Rijswijk.
- g. June 5, 2023 – letter from Dr. Kristine Southard, Ph.D., Lincoln Tech. Re: the appointment of a new Director of Nursing for the Paramus Campus of Lincoln Technical Institute. Dr. Michelle Beckford joins the Paramus Campus Practical Nursing leadership team, and thereby replaces Suzanne Peller, MSN, as of June 5, 2023.
- h. June 13, 2023 – letter from Marie O’Toole, RN, Ed.D., FAAN, ANEF, Interim Dean and Professor, Rutgers School of Nursing – Camden. Re: Effective June 14, 2023 Dr. Donna Nickitas will be returning to the role of Dean.
- i. June 14, 2023 – Shirly Richardson, RN, EdD, Dean, Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing. Re: Proposed Cooperative Agreement between Rowan University’s Department of Nursing and Virtua Health’s Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing.
- j. June 15, 2023 – letter from Kristi J. Stinson, PhD, RN, APN-BC, Interim Dean, College of Nursing, Seton Hall University. Re: Effective June 15, 2023, Ms. Stinson will serve as Interim Dean of the College of Nursing.
- k. July 1, 2023 – letter from William Paterson University. Re: Effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026, Dara Napierkowski, will serve as Chairperson, Nursing Department.
- l. July 13, 2023 – letter from Steven M. Rose, Ed.D., President, Passaic County Community College Nurse Education Program. Re: Dr. Donna Stankiewicz has retired from the College as of 6/30/23. The College is currently conducting a nationwide search for a replacement. In the interim Dr. Jacqueline Kineavy will direct the nurse education program.
- m. August 2, 2023 – letter from Leonard T. Schwartz, Esquire. Attorney representing new program Pinnacle School of Nursing – LPN program. Re: Expressed concerns that Provisional Accreditation status and the program information not listed on the Board’s website. **The Board has since looked into the concerns of the school and is working on the website to update the School’s information. The school is required to meeting the new rule regarding teach out plan.**
- n. September 1, 2023 – letter from Jenny Sena, DHSc, MS, PA-C, Dean, School of Health Studies, Berkeley College. Re: Berkeley College’s Nursing Department Chair, Gina Miranda-Diaz resigned on August 31, 2023. A search was conducted, and the College is pleased to announce that Angelic Delacruz, DNP, CPNP-PC, MSN, RN, CNE, CHSE DNP, RN been appointed Chair of the Nursing Department effective September 1, 2023.

2. Curriculum Change:

- a. Chamberlain University College of Nursing

Changes to general education courses; no changes to credit hours. Date of implementation – January 2024.

To approve the curriculum change for Chamberlain University College of Nursing.

3. Self-Study:

- a. The College of New Jersey BSN program

This matter has been table until the next available Committee meeting.

- b. Rowan College at Burlington County

This matter has been table until the next available Committee meeting.

4. New Programs:

- a. AI Allied Health Training Institute LPN program – phase 1

The Education Committee reviewed the application submitted by AI Allied Health Training Institute and found deficiencies in specific areas, and recommended to revise and resubmit Phase 1 application.

- b. Allstate Nursing Academy LPN program – phase 1
Submitted revised phase I application

All State Nursing Academy was approved by the Regular Board at the June 2, 2023 meeting to pursue the development of phase II application.

- c. CDE Career Institute LPN program – phase 1
Submitted revised phase 1 application

The Education Committee recommended that CDE Career Institute revise phase 1 of the application and resubmit.

- d. Kean University Pre-Licensure BSN Program – phase II. The Board, at the June 2, 2023 meeting approved phase I of the application.

The Education Committee recommended to grant Provisional Accreditation to Kean University Pre-Licensure BSN Program.

- e. Vintage Institute of Technology LPN program – phase II. The Board, at the June 2, 2023 meeting approved phase I of the application.

The Education Committee recommended to grant Provisional Accreditation to Vintage Institute of Technology LPN program and to resubmit a preliminary agreement with a healthcare facility.

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by James Doran, duly seconded by Irma Camaligan, voted to approve the September 15, 2023 Report of the Education Committee. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

- a. APN Procedures – The Board received several comments and correspondences regarding this matter.

This matter has been forwarded to the Regulations Committee for review.

OPEN FORUM:

- Carolyn Torre – commented on NCSBN opposed the APN regulations as written.
- Katherine Gianelli – expressed concerns on the amount of time it takes to receive documents from the Board.
- Michelle Thomason – expressed concerns regarding Jersey College still using the exam as a barrier to graduate.

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Irma Camaligan, and duly seconded by Rhonda Cox, voted to go into Executive Session to discuss complaints against nursing programs and other matters. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Dorothy Kozlowski, and duly seconded by Irma Camaligan, voted to adjourn the Regular Board meeting of October 6, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. The motion carried.

On October 6, 2023 the Regular Open Board Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on December 1, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Blozen
Board President