

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 20, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Long, APRN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Mertie Terry, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no students present at this meeting.

CHAIR UPDATE

Chair Bouffard apprised the Board that she wrote a letter to Governor Jodi Rell on behalf of the Board to express the Board's concerns about the Governor's Mitigation Plan to close the LPN Programs in the Connecticut Technical High School System. To date, Chair Bouffard has not received a response from Governor Rell.

WAIVERS

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ellen Freeman was present to request two faculty education waivers for the nursing program at Three Rivers Community College. The Board reviewed the documentation presented.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Amanda Campbell, to approve a one-year temporary faculty education waiver for Shauna Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

Amanda Campbell moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve a one-year temporary faculty education waiver for Zina Ruban. The motion passed unanimously.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

There was no one present from the Nursing Program at Gateway. The Board reviewed the documents provided by Pam Pelletier. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to approve the permanent waiver for Amy Catlin. The motion passed unanimously.

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

There was no one present from the Nursing Program at Sacred Heart. The Board reviewed the documents provided by Pam Pelletier. Amanda Campbell moved, seconded by Veronica Kivela, to approve the one-year faculty education waiver for Michele Towle. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

The Board reviewed the following MODs.

Katherine Pellerin arrived at this time.

JEROLINE KELLY, LPN

Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Kelly's license on probation for six months with coursework in medication administration and documentation to be completed during the probationary period. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

RYAN TEAGUE, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Mr. Teague's license on probation for four years. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

VANESSA KING, RN

Amanda Campbell moved and Mary Brown seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. King's license. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JENNIFER GRECO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jennifer Greco. Ms. Greco was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 3, 2010.

CONSENT ORDER – PHILLIP ROCKETT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Consent Order for Phillip Rockett. Mr. Rockett was not present although he was represented at this meeting by Attorney Martha Murray. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – SUZANNE ARSENAULT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Suzanne Arsenault. Ms. Arsenault was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Mary Brown, that the Consent Order be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – ANDREA JACKSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Andrea Jackson. Ms. Jackson was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling who was opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – LESLIE MAJETEK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Leslie Majetek. Ms. Majetek was not present and was not represented by her counsel, Attorney Kevin Condon. The packet presented to the Board was incomplete. The Consent Order was tabled until later in the meeting when the complete Consent Order could be presented to the Board Members.

CONSENT ORDER – MICHELLE NICHOLS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Michelle Nichols. Ms. Nichols was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – BARBARA PAWLOSKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Barbara Pawloski. Ms. Pawloski was not present and her counsel, Attorney Martha Meng, was unable to attend. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARING – KELLY JEAN RUDY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Rudy was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. There was no testimony provided.

Amanda Campbell moved and Mary Brown seconded to find Ms. Rudy on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded to revoke Ms. Rudy's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

Break 9:40 AM – 9:57 AM

HEARING – CAROLYN SCHIEREY, RN

This is the third day of hearing. Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present although Ms. Schierey had not arrived. Amanda Campbell moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Board move into Executive Session to finish questioning witness Diane Cybulski regarding Ms. Schierey's treatment records. Questioning of this witness completed, the Board moved out of Executive Session, and the Department of Public Health rested its case. Ms. Schierey still had not arrived. The Board tabled this hearing until later in the day.

CONSENT ORDER – LESLIE MAJETEK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a complete copy of the Consent Order for Leslie Majetek. Ms. Majetek was not present and neither was her counsel, Attorney Kevin Condon. Amanda Campbell moved, seconded by Veronica Kivela, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

HEARING – KATHLEEN STEARNS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Stearns was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Joleen Donovan, Director of Nursing at Haven Health Care, and by Ms. Stearns. The hearing closed.

Maria Pietrantuono moved that Ms. Stearns be found on all charges. The motion was seconded by Katherine Pellerin and passed with all in favor with the exception of Amanda Campbell and Mary Brown who were opposed.

Maria Pietrantuono moved that no additional discipline be imposed upon Ms. Stearns' license. The motion was seconded by Amanda Campbell and passed with all in favor.

Lunch recess 12:38 PM – 1:18 PM during which time Mary Brown left for the day.

HEARING – CAROLYN SCHIEREY, RN

Ms. Schierey arrived and the Board continued the hearing that was tabled earlier in this meeting. The hearing closed at 1:57 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to find Ms. Schierey on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Schierey's license be placed on probation for four years with the standard probationary terms and no access to the narcotic keys for the first year of her return to the practice of nursing. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:05 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on February 3, 2010 at 61 Woodland Street, Room B-39, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Fairfield University, the University of Connecticut, and Porter and Chester Institute.

Chair Bouffard and Maria Pietrantuono will provide the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs at the end of the meeting.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard sent a letter to Governor Rell regarding the Board's concerns in reference to the closing of the CT Technical High School LPN Programs. A meeting with the Governor's staff has been scheduled for February 16, 2010. Chair Bouffard and Maria Pietrantuono will attend on behalf of the Board.

OPEN FORUM

No issues were brought up for discussion from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Removal of the reinstatement request, will be rescheduled on the next agenda.

NCSBN – NUR RAJWANY – NURSYS DISCUSSION

Nur Rajwany, IT Director from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing in Chicago, was present at this meeting to discuss bringing CT on-line with the NURSYS Data Base now that we have on-line renewals. Jennifer Filippone updated the Board Members on the licensure process. Mr. Rajwany met with DPH staff on Tuesday. The NURSYS tool has been in place with NCSBN for ten years. By participating in NURSYS, CT would be able to obtain a variety of statistical reports with just a few clicks on the keyboard. We would interface with the NCSBN which would allow us to share information with the NCSBN daily or several times per day. Our verification site would still be available but this would be an additional tool.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Today is the first day of the 2010 Legislative Session. Jennifer Filippone updated the Board on legislative issues including students who were enrolled in the RN process and who have opted out to sit for the LPN exam. DPH is also working on the endorsement process to make it a little easier for nurses out-of-state. Also the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will be seeking revision of the CGS, Section 20-101, to allow the tube feedings to be given by specially trained unlicensed staff in a DDS licensed group home setting.

Chair Bouffard welcomed new Public Board Member, Mertie Terry, followed by the introduction of Board Members and the Department of Public Health.

SCHOOL ISSUES

NCLEX SCORES – FOURTH QUARTER

Pam Pelletier reviewed the NCLEX Scores with the Board.

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Dr. Mary Schuler was present from the program to request a permanent waiver for Irene Oshrin. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant Ms. Oshrin a permanent waiver at Norwalk Community College. The motion passed unanimously.

NORTHWESTERN CT COMMUNITY COLLEGE – LETTER OF INTENT ADN PROGRAM

The Board reviewed the NCCC Letter of Intent to seek approval of an Associate Degree Registered Nurse program starting in the Spring of 2011. At this meeting, the Board received the Feasibility Study, which is currently under review. The Feasibility Study will be placed on the March 3, 2010 Board Agenda. Chair Bouffard recused herself from all discussion regarding the NCCC Program.

LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE - LETTER OF INTENT CURRICULUM CHANGE TO 12 MONTHS

The Board reviewed a Letter of Intent from Lincoln Technical Institute in which they are seeking approval of a twelve-month LPN Program starting in late Spring of 2010. There was no one from the program present at this meeting. The Board awaits the submission of their curriculum redesign for review in the near future.

NATIONAL ACADEMY FOR NURSING – LETTER OF INTENT FOR LPN PROGRAMS

John Smilanich and Bill Kline were present from the National Academy for Nursing to present to the Board their Letter of Intent to augment the existing state run LPN school structure with a private school. The closing of the ten state technical schools has created a void that must be filled in order to accommodate student demand. The Feasibility Study needs to be presented and reviewed by the Board. The Board also advised that the National Academy for Nursing needs to be an approved school and should contact the Department of Higher Education.

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING – QUESTION RE: FACULTY ROLE IN SUPERVISION AND MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

Pam Pelletier reviewed documentation received in the Board Office on December 31, 2009 in which Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing (BHSON) requests clarification on what the hospital should require regarding "supervision" provided by faculty/program instructional staff to nursing students when they are administering care and services to their patients. In addition, BHSON requested clarification on whether a co-signature was required for nursing students who administer medications within their hospital and by whom.

Section 20-90-45 provides a definition of supervision regarding nursing programs. "Supervision" means the acceptance by a registered nurse educator of the responsibility and accountability for the health care delivered to clients under his and/or her onsite direction. The definition of "Preceptor" and "Precepted Clinical Experience," may help in making a decision regarding who is responsible for the nursing students if faculty is not readily available. Section 20-90-51(f) provides the requirements for preceptorship.

Co-signatures regarding medication administration by nursing students is not addressed in the regulations. It is policy driven by the hospital and/or nursing school. This information may be outlined in the contractual agreement between the nursing school and the hospital.

Also, the Board requested that the Department look into adding the definition of "faculty" to the definition of terms for Nursing Educational Programs and Licensure Requirements per Section 20-90-45 of the Public Health Code.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – CT COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Present for this discussion were Linda Perfetto, Mary Schuler, Sheila Solernou, Cynthia Adams, Ellen Freeman, and Joanne Ottman. The Board reviewed and accepted the January 5, 2010 Executive Summary. The Community College programs will be on conditional approval until the first class graduates in May of 2010. The self-evaluation of the programs will be due in the Fall of 2010. Also, each individual school program can only be assigned one program code for the NCLEX examination. NCSBN cannot assign more than one code per nursing program. The contact person at DPH for program code information is Debra Brown who can be reached by calling 860-509-7590.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski updated the Board on inquiries received during the month of December.

CHAIR UPDATES

- NCSBN Mid Year Meeting – Chair Bouffard will attend and possibly Jennifer Long
- Chair Bouffard participated in an Educational Policy Call regarding the Carnegie Report on Nursing Education
- Chair Bouffard participated in a policy call regarding Best Summary of Health Care Information

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2009

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Donna Roberts and Mertie Terry.

OCTOBER 21, 2009

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Donna Roberts and Mertie Terry.

NOVEMBER 4, 2009

Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry.

NOVEMBER 18, 2009

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry.

DECEMBER 2, 2009

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry.

DECEMBER 16, 2009

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with two abstentions, Donna Roberts and Mertie Terry.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

BILLIE PRITCHETT, RN

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Pritchett's registered nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

L. BONNIE EASLER, LPN

Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to affirm the Board's prior decision to reprimand Ms. Easler's practical nurse license and also place her license on probation for six months during which time she is to successfully complete courses in nursing ethics, patient rights, and combative patients, and pay a civil penalty of \$500.00. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Decision.

The Board took a ten-minute break during which time Veronica Kivela arrived.

FACT FINDING – CAROL SCHAEFFER, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Schaeffer was present with counsel, Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Attorney Leonhardt brought to the Board's attention that at the closing of the last hearing, refer to transcript page 167, line 19, she had made an oral motion to dismiss the charges as the Department has failed to meet its burden of proof. Attorney Tilles objected to Attorney Moore Leonhardt's motion. Jennifer Long moved to accept Attorney Moore Leonhardt's motion for dismissal of the charges. Maria Pietrantuono seconded the motion which passed with all in favor with the exception of Mertie Terry who abstained. This case was dismissed on the record. A section of the transcript of the hearing and fact finding which discussed the Motion to Dismiss will be placed in the permanent decision book located in the DPH Public Health Hearing Office.

CONSENT ORDER – FRANKLIN JONES, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Consent Order for Franklin Jones. Mr. Jones was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, that the Consent Order be accepted as presented. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry.

CONSENT ORDER – CHRISTINE WEST, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Christine West. Ms. West was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry.

CONSENT ORDER – LINDA KASOWITZ, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Linda Kasowitz. Ms. Kasowitz was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry.

HEARING – JENNIFER GRECO, LPN

Attorney Olinda Morales apprised the Board that Ms. Greco contacted the Public Health Hearing Office this morning requesting a continuance due to inclement weather. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the continuance to March 3, 2010 at 10:00 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – LYNN GUION, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Lynn Guion. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to accept the Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – ETHLYN CHERRINGTON, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Cherrington was present with counsel, Attorney Daniel Schopick. Testimony was provided by Ms. Cherrington.

Donna Roberts moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to find Ms. Cherrington on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry.

Donna Roberts moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to place Ms. Cherrington's license on probation for six months with bimonthly employer reports, a civil penalty of \$500.00, no agency/pool nursing, and she is to successfully complete coursework in medication administration and an ethics course in resident's rights. Veronica Kivela made a friendly amendment to change the employer reports to monthly, which was accepted by Donna Roberts and Maria Pietrantuono. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:27 AM.

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Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford, the University of Connecticut, Southern CT State University, and new DPH Nurses working in the Investigations Unit.

Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs after the morning break.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard, Donna Roberts, and Veronica Kivella had a follow-up meeting with Governor Rell's staff on February 26, 2010 and reiterated the Board's concerns about the sudden closing of the CT Technical High School LPN Programs. The Governor had appointed a committee to review the closing of the CT Technical High School LPN Programs. The Board of Examiners for Nursing was never consulted regarding the closing of the programs. Patricia Fennessy provided data on articulation. Discussed were the cost of the program including the recommended strategies of tuition increases, transitioning with the community colleges, subsidizing with outside sources, etc.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions/comments from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Revised agendas were provided to the Board Members.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Office of Government Relations had provided the Board with a summary of bills from the 2010 Legislative Session which may have an impact on nursing. Jennifer Filippone reviewed this summary with the Board.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NORTHWESTERN CT COMMUNITY COLLEGE (NCCC) – FEASIBILITY STUDY

Chair Bouffard recused herself and left the room. Katherine Pellerin was Chair Pro Tem for the review of the Feasibility Study. Present from NCCC were Barbara Douglass, President, Barbara Berger, Professor Emeritus, Steve Frazier, Dean of Administration and Student Affairs, Linda Perfetto, Director of System Nursing Curricular Operations, CCCNP. Amanda Campbell arrived at this time. NCCC has demonstrated a need for an RN Program in this geographical area and stated that this project has been three years in the making. Maria Pietrantuono moved to accept the Feasibility Study as presented. The motion was seconded by Mary Brown and passed with all in favor. NCCC will present their curriculum to the Board at the May 5, 2010 meeting. Upon completion of the discussion and voting, Patricia Bouffard returned to chair the meeting.

NURSING ISSUES WORKGROUP MEETINGS WITH DPH

Jennifer Filippone and Chair Bouffard announced that the Nursing Issues Workgroup Meetings will be re-established to discuss issues of mutual interest. The first meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 9th. In the past this was a great opportunity for DPH and the Board to dialogue with the nursing community with representation from the CT Nurses' Association, the CT League for Nursing, Deans and Directors, Nurses Executives, CT LPN Association, and the Vocational-Technical School System. The last workgroup meeting was held on May 23, 2006.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE: CORRESPONDENCE/STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski provided the Board and students with a review of the calls received in the Board office.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bouffard, Donna Roberts, and Jennifer Long will be attending the NCSBN Mid Year Meeting in Chicago March 8 – 10, 2010.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2010

The Board reviewed the minutes as presented. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions; Mertie Terry, Donna Roberts, and Jennifer Long.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – LORRAINE MUNGER, LPN

Ms. Munger was not in attendance. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Katherine Pellerin, to table this request to the April 7, 2010 agenda at 9:30 AM. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT REQUEST – STEPHANIE STANIS, LPN

Ms. Stanis presented her reinstatement request to the Board. The Board discussed the length of time it has been that Ms. Stanis has been out of the practice of nursing. The Board stated that there are constant changes in nursing and that their main concern is public safety. Amanda Campbell made a motion to deny Ms. Stanis' reinstatement request. The motion was seconded by Katherine Pellerin and passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. The Board's ruling stands that if someone has not held a nursing license for a five-year period or longer, he/she has to successfully complete a Board approved refresher program and successfully complete the NCLEX exam.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

The Board reviewed the following Memoranda of Decision.

LEONA BILODEAU, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Bilodeau's practical nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

RICHARD HOULE, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Donna Roberts to affirm the Board's prior decision to reinstate Mr. Houle's registered nurse license to probation for four years after he successfully completes an RN refresher program. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

STACEY JANKOWSKI, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Jankowski's practical nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

MELANIE MEADE, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Meade's practical nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

PAMELA PECKRUL, RN

Mary Brown moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Peckrul's registered nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

JOANNE PRELI, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to charge Ms. Preli with a \$150.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

DOLORES SEPELAK, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to Dismiss the Statement of Charges regarding Ms. Sepelak's registered nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LISA A. BRETON, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lisa A. Breton. Ms. Breton was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing is scheduled for March 17, 2010. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SARA KAISER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sara Kaiser. Ms. Kaiser was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing is scheduled for March 17, 2010. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – SANDRA SCHUTTE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Sandra Schutte. Ms. Schutte was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing is scheduled for March 17, 2010. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing.

HEARING – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dushay was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina checked her office voice mail to see if Ms. Dushay had left a message. Ms. Dushay had called stating that she was on her way although she was stuck in non-moving traffic and would arrive as soon as possible.

HEARING - JENNIFER GRECO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Greco was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Greco.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Greco be found on all charges including 20-99(b)(5) and 20-99(b)(2) illegal conduct.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Greco's license be placed on probation for four years with the usual probationary terms including narcotics key restriction. The summary suspension is to remain in place for six months through September 3, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health (DPH). The hearing reconvened at 1:00 PM. Ms. Dushay was present pro se. Exhibits were entered into the record by Ms. Dushay and the DPH. There was a lengthy discussion regarding treatment records. The hearing was continued to May 5, 2010 to allow DPH the time to obtain Ms. Dushay's complete file of treatment records.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:20 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:45 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford, American International College, the University of Connecticut, Elms College, and Central CT State University.

Chair Bouffard and Katherine Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO TARAH CHERRY – NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Board welcomed Tarah Cherry to the Board. Ms. Cherry was appointed by Governor Rell to serve as a Public Member on February 25, 2010.

SCHOOL ISSUES – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

The Sacred Heart University BSN Program was placed on probationary status secondary to a 75% NCLEX pass rate for the graduating class of May, 2008. The current pass rate for the fourth quarter of 2009 was 93%. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to remove the program status from probationary status and grant the program full approval. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention, Tarah Cherry.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATHRYN ARMITAGE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Kathryn Armitage. Ms. Armitage was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Tarah Cherry. Chair Bouffard signed the Motion for Summary Suspension and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for April 7, 2010.

CONSENT ORDER – DANIEL S. ANTELL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Daniel S. Antell. Attorney Janis Malec was present on behalf of Mr. Antell who was not in attendance at today's meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to deny the Consent Order as presented. The Board recommended that a civil penalty of \$2,500.00 be added to the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Tarah Cherry.

CONSENT ORDER – NANCY MARINARA, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Nancy Marinara. Attorney Mary Ellen DiRosa was present on behalf of Ms. Marinara who was not in attendance at today's meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Tarah Cherry. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – SANDRA SCHUTTE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Schutte was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Schutte be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Tarah Cherry.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Schutte's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Tarah Cherry.

HEARING – SARA KAISER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Kaiser was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided.

Jennifer Long moved to find Ms. Kaiser on all charges. The motion was seconded by Donna Roberts and passed with all in favor with one abstention, Tarah Cherry.

Jennifer Long moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Ms. Kaiser's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Tarah Cherry.

HEARING – LISA A. BRETON, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Breton was present although she did not have representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Ms. Breton.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to continue this hearing until September 15, 2010 to allow Ms. Breton time to contact the HAVEN Program. The motion passed with Katherine Pellerin, Amanda Campbell, Jennifer Long, and Kathy Shea opposed and Tarah Cherry abstaining.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 10:25 AM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Mertie Terry, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Hartford and the University of Connecticut.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard did a presentation at Naugatuck Valley Community College regarding the role of the Board of Examiners for Nursing.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or concerns from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

H.A.V.E.N. Program Update
Memorandum of Decision – Roxanne Bouchard, LPN

RN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM STATISTICS REPORT FOR 2008-2009 ACADEMIC YEAR

The Board reviewed the RN program stats for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Board had several questions and concerns and tabled to the May 5, 2010 business meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Diane Cybulski reviewed the scope of practice calls received in the Board office during the month of February. Amanda Campbell and Veronica Kivela arrived during this discussion.

ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE – SELF STUDY REPORT

Dr. Joanne Wolfertz, Vice President and Dean of the College, Dr. Susan Capasso, Academic Dean of the College, and Margo McCarthy, Chairperson of the Nursing Program, were present for this report review. Katherine Pellerin moved that the Board accept the self-study report as St. Vincent's College has met all regulatory requirements outlined in Criteria 1 through 17 of the Nursing Education Program Review for Registered Nurses Preparatory Programs. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously. The program was granted Full Approval and their next self-study review will take place in April of 2015.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Board reviewed the Legislative Report provided by the Office of Government Relations regarding issues related to nursing.

H.A.V.E.N. PROGRAM UPDATE

Attorney Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director of the H.A.V.E.N. Program was present to provide an update on the H.A.V.E.N. Program, non-compliance issues, finance component issues, and progress on insurance companies covering the cost of drug screen reports. Attorney Dinnan also provided an overview of the program for new Board Members.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

Chair Bouffard, Jennifer Long, and Donna Roberts attended the NCSBN March Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago. The three attendees provided a synopsis of the meetings they attended regarding strategies on how to deal with the media, public safety protection, networking with other states, funding from the NCSBN, to name a few. Also, they would like to thank Jennifer Filippone of the DPH for arranging the trip to the NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting in Chicago.

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Katherine Pellerin, Amanda Campbell, Tarah Cherry, and Heidi Darling.

MARCH 3, 2010

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Tarah Cherry and Veronica Kivela.

MARCH 17, 2010

Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 9:57 AM – 10:12 AM

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – LORRAINE MUNGER, LPN

Ms. Munger was present to request a reinstatement hearing before the Board. Amanda Campbell moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant Ms. Munger's request. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Bouffard who was opposed. The hearing will be scheduled for June 2, 2010 at 9:45 AM. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing. Ms. Munger was handed a copy of the Notice of Hearing and will be mailed a copy first class mail.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

ROXANNE BOUCHARD, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Bouchard's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CAROLE DENNISS, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Denniss' license. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Tarah Cherry. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

ERICA HILL, LPN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Hill's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

LAURIE WOODSTOCK, RN

Donna Roberts moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Woodstock's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MICHELE WHEELER, RN

Heidi Darling moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to keep the September 5, 2007 Memorandum of Decision in full force with an increase in random drug/alcohol screens to weekly for the remainder of the probationary period. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

AMY ZIEGLER, LPN

Veronica Kivela moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Ziegler's license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – JENNIFER STACHELEK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Jennifer Stachelek. Ms. Stachelek was not present nor was she represented by counsel at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CHANTEL MICHAUD, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Chantel Michaud. Ms. Michaud was present with counsel, Attorney Hilary Fisher Nelson. Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Consent Order be accepted as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – MARIE FLEISCHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Marie Fleischer. Ms. Fleischer was present with counsel, Attorney Hilary Fisher Nelson. Amanda Campbell moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the Consent Order be granted as presented. The motion failed as only Amanda Campbell, Donna Roberts, and Chair Bouffard were in favor. The Consent Order was denied. It was the decision of the Board that no further discipline was warranted. Attorney Wilan stated that the Department would be issuing a Statement of Charges in this case.

CONSENT ORDER – PATRICIA HARRISON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Patricia Harrison. Ms. Harrison was present without representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

HEARING – KATHRYN ARMITAGE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Armitage was present without counsel at this hearing. The Board recessed for five minutes in order to allow Ms. Armitage time to decide whether or not she wished to go forward with this hearing today. Ms. Armitage requested a continuance in order to allow her time to seek counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved to grant Ms. Armitage's request for a continuance. The motion was seconded by Amanda Campbell and passed with all in favor with the exception of Jennifer Long who was opposed. The hearing has been rescheduled for July 21, 2010.

HEARING – KAREN CARLSON McPADDEN, RN, REINSTATEMENT HEARING

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. McPadden was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Testimony was provided by Ms. McPadden and Lynn Keenan, LADC. The hearing closed.

Amanda Campbell moved and Jennifer Long seconded to reinstate Ms. McPadden's license to probation for four years after she successfully completed a Board approved refresher program. Ms. McPadden will provide the Department with weekly drug screen reports for the first and fourth years of probation and bimonthly drug screen reports for the second and third years, employer and therapist reports are to be provided monthly, no access to narcotic keys for her first year of returning to work as a nurse, and no pool nursing or working in a home health agency for the entire probationary period. The Board requested that this Memorandum of Decision be expedited if at all possible. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was raised that Ms. McPadden be reinstated to probation after she successfully completed the NCLEX-RN. The motion failed as all were opposed with the exception of Katherine Pellerin who was in favor and Tarah Cherry who abstained. A new motion was raised, which was the unanimous decision of the Board, that Ms. McPadden does not have to retake the NCLEX-RN.

MEETING – APRIL 21, 2010

THERE ARE NO HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 21, 2010, THEREFORE THAT MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 5, 2010 AT 8:30 AM AT 61 WOODLAND STREET, HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:20 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 5, 2010 at 61 Woodland Street, Room B-39, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy M. Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Nancy Stefanski, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no students in the audience.

CHAIR UPDATES

There were no updates from the Chair or Board Members.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with an update on Legislative Issues and stated that nothing had passed yet. Today is the last day of the 2010 Legislative Session. Ms. Filippone stated that she could attend the next Board Meeting and provide an update to the Board.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NCLEX SCORES – FIRST QUARTER 2010

The CT NCLEX-RN pass rate is currently 91.67% for the first quarter.

The NCLEX-RN pass rate concern was for Sacred Heart University was 75% which Dr. Barker disagrees with as they did not graduate any students during the first quarter of 2010. The Board will review the pass rates after the second quarter of 2010.

The CT NCLEX-PN pass rate is currently 91.59% for the first quarter. LPN Programs with pass rate concerns were Henry Abbott Tech, Stone Academy – East Hartford Campus, and Lincoln Tech – Shelton Campus.

Henry Abbott Tech had a borderline pass rate of 80%. Program is now closed due to the Governor's Budget Mitigation Plan.

The East Hartford Campus of Stone Academy had a pass rate of 73%. Donna Bys and Mary Ann Cirone did address some of the issues and turned in an action plan and remediation plan which will be provided to the Board Members and placed on the agenda for the next meeting on May 19, 2010.

The Shelton Campus of Lincoln Tech had a borderline pass rate of 80.56%. Jo-Ann Dean spoke to the action plan which would be provided to the Board Members and placed on the agenda for the next meeting on May 19, 2010.

SCHOOL ISSUES – LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – TWELVE MONTH CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Jo-Ann Dean, Program Administrator for the Lincoln Technical sites, was present to discuss the twelve-month curriculum proposal with the Board. Lincoln Tech would like to implement the 12-month program in September 2010 if approved by the Board. Clinical days will now consist of 9 hours instead of 6.5 hours, and class/theory/lab days will continue to be 6 hours in length. The program is currently approved for 1591 hours. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to approve the 12-month LPN program effective in September of 2010. The motion passed with all in favor except Tarah Cherry who was opposed.

It was requested that the 5-year self-study be moved to October 2011 to encompass all existing LPN programs. Tarah Cherry moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to approve the date change for the self-study. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES - IAS LPN ON-LINE REFRESHER PROGRAM APPROVAL

The Board reviewed the documentation provided by Innovative Academic Solutions (IAS) requesting to be included on the list of approved LPN refresher courses. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to deny this request based upon insufficient information including course descriptions, course requirements and expectations, content of self-study modules, and copies of the study guides required for each module. The motion passed unanimously.

NCSBN UPDATE

Nationwide NCLEX-RN pass rate is 89.91% and NCLEX-PN pass rate is 86.26%.

Delegate Assembly will be held in Portland, Oregon with potential openings for two Board Members to attend.

CORRESPONDENCE AND STATISTICS

Diane Cybulski reviewed the March incoming calls with the Board.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

SARA CANFIELD-HORNIG, RN

Donna Roberts moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Canfield-Hornig's Registered Nurse license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

JENIFER FRANCESCHI-BAXTER, RN

After review of this document it was the unanimous decision of the Board to table the signing of this Order for editing.

KOKUMO LAURAY, LPN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Lauray's Practical Nurse license. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

The meeting recessed for ten minutes at 10:25 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DAVID ZABOROWSKI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Zaborowski was present with representation, Attorney Ellen Costello. Amanda Campbell moved and Veronica Kivella seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion failed as Tarah Cherry, Mertie Terry, Katherine Pellerin, Heidi Darling, Maria Pietrantuono, and Mary Brown were opposed. This case will be scheduled for hearing on August 18, 2010.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - CHRYSTAL MOORE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Moore was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Chair Bouffard who was opposed and Tarah Cherry who abstained. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 19, 2010. Jennifer Long arrived at this time.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - TAMMY LABRECQUE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Labrecque was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 19, 2010.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - KAREN INGLES, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Ingles was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Donna Roberts moved and Heidi Darling seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 19, 2010.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION - LYNN KUCZENSKI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Kuczenski was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Tarah Cherry. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for May 19, 2010.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – LORNA LOWENSKI TORRES, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Torres was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that the Interim Consent Order be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Interim Consent Order which will remain in effect until the petition is resolved.

CONSENT ORDER – JOAN McHUGH, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. McHugh was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Heidi Darling moved and Donna Roberts seconded to deny the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The Board recommended a psych evaluation, additional coursework, and increase the civil penalty to \$1,000.00.

CONSENT ORDER – WILLIAM DiCHELLO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. DiChello was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Amanda Campbell moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Consent Order as presented. The motion failed as all were opposed with the exception of Amanda Campbell and Tarah Cherry who were in favor. The Board made the following recommendations: successfully complete coursework in Ethics, increase the frequency of employer reports to monthly, probation for one year, and drug evaluation by an appropriate substance abuse provider.

HEARING – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Today is the third day of Ms. Dushay's hearing. All Board Members were provided with prior transcripts and exhibits. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dushay was present without representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Lynn Keenan, LADC, and Ms. Dushay. The Board moved into Executive Session to question Ms. Keenan regarding Ms. Dushay's treatment records. The Board recessed for lunch at 1:10 PM for thirty minutes at which time Mertie Terry left for the day. Testimony resumed after lunch break. The hearing closed.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Amanda Campbell seconded that Ms. Dushay be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Ms. Dushay's license be revoked. The motion failed as Katherine Pellerin, Amanda Campbell, Maria Pietrantuono, Donna Roberts, and Heidi Darling were in favor and Chair Bouffard, Tarah Cherry, Mary Brown, Veronica Kivella, and Jennifer Long were opposed. This was a tie vote. Stacy Owens advised the Board that when there is a tie, it goes in favor of the Respondent.

A new motion was raised by Jennifer Long, seconded by Veronica Kivella, to place Ms. Dushay's license on suspension for six months with concurrent probation for four years with the following terms: drug/alcohol screen testing weekly during the entire four year period with additional EtG urine testing for alcohol randomly once per month, monthly employer and therapist reports, no access to narcotic keys for the first year of Ms. Dushay's return to work as a nurse, no unsupervised nursing such as pool nursing, working at a home health agency, etc., and the summary suspension remains in place. The vote remained a tie vote as Chair Bouffard, Tarah Cherry, Mary Brown, Veronica Kivella, and Jennifer Long were in favor, and Katherine Pellerin, Amanda Campbell, Maria Pietrantuono, Donna Roberts, and Heidi Darling were opposed.

All Board Members will be provided with the transcript from this hearing. Board Member Kathy Shea will also be provided with exhibits from this hearing, and the Board will revote at the June 2, 2010 meeting. The Board questioned Stacy Owens as to whether or not they could add language to the Memorandum of Decision that if new charges arise regarding Ms. Dushay in the future, that Ms. Dushay's license would automatically be revoked. Attorney Owens will check whether or not this language can be added to the Memorandum of Decision.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 3:00 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on May 19, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary M. Brown, RN
Amanda Campbell, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Kathleen Boulware, Public Health Services Manager, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the University of Connecticut and Vinal Technical High School Evening LPN Program.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY – PLAN OF ACTION

Donna Bys and Mary Ann Cirone discussed with the Board their corrective action plan which has been put into place to ensure that the program's NCLEX scores remain the 80th percentile as per the regulations. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mertie Terry seconded to accept the action plan. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – LINCOLN TECH – PLAN OF ACTION SHELTON CAMPUS

The Board reviewed the action plan from Lincoln Tech. Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the corrective action plan for the Shelton evening program to ensure that the program's NCLEX scores remain the 80th percentile as per the regulations. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – LYNNE M. FOX, RN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Consent Order for Lynne Fox. Ms. Fox was not present. Attorney Michael Rigg was present for the Respondent. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to reject the Consent Order as written. The motion failed. Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MUKAILA OBAJINMI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension regarding Mr. Obajinmi. Mr. Obajinmi was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Tarah Cherry seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for June 2, 2010 at 9:45 AM.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – DARLENE A. DONOGHUE-ANEKWE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Darlene Donoghue-Anekwe. Ms. Donoghue-Anekwe was not present and was not represented at this meeting. Donna Roberts moved and Veronica Kivela seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order which will remain in place until the petition is resolved. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Interim Consent Order.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board the following Memoranda of Decision.

HELEN SPENCER, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Spencer's license on probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

BRYAN SHERMAN, LPN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Mr. Sherman's license on probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

ETHLYN CHERRINGTON, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Cherrington's license on probation for six months with a civil penalty payable during the probationary period. The motion passed unanimously.

JENIFER FRANCESCHI-BAXTER, RN

Donna Roberts moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Franceschi-Baxter's license on suspension for six months with concurrent probation and civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – KAREN INGLES, LPN

Ms. Ingles contacted the Board Office on Friday, May 14, 2010 requesting a continuance until the end of June. She stated she was in-patient at Rushford. She also stated she was not allowed to send a fax but would have her counselor fax a continuance request and the fax number was provided to her. To date, the Board Office has not received any further communication from Ms. Ingles. Attorney Joelle Newton, representing the Department of Public Health, argued in opposition to the request for continuance. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to deny the continuance request and to move forward with the hearing at this meeting. The motion passed unanimously. There was no testimony provided. Attorney Newton provided the Department's Exhibits to the Board. The hearing closed.

Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to find Ms. Ingles as charged. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to revoke Ms. Ingles' license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – LYNN KUCZENSKI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Kuczenski was present without representation at this hearing. A continuance was granted to pursue a Voluntary Surrender Agreement.

HEARING – VICKI MROSEK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. This hearing was continued to June 2, 2010 to pursue a Voluntary Surrender Agreement.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – LYNN KUCZENSKI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to accept the Motion to Withdraw based on Ms. Kuczenski's signed Voluntary Surrender. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 10:55 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 2, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Amanda Campbell, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Michael J. Purcaro, Chief of Administration, DPH
Donna Buntaine Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Karen Buckley-Bates, Government Relations, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Nancy Stefanski, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed Law Interns from Suffolk in Boston.

INTRODUCTION OF MICHAEL J. PURCARO, CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION

Donna Buntaine Brewer, Section Chief of the Public Health Hearing Office introduced Michael J. Purcaro who was recently appointed to Chief of Administration by Dr. J. Robert Galvin, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health. Mr. Purcaro will direct the operations of the Administration Branch, which includes the Fiscal Services Section, the Contracts and Grants Management Section, the Human Resources Section, and the Public Health Hearing Office.

Mr. Purcaro has served the agency with distinction since his arrival in 1999. Among his many accomplishments, Michael was instrumental in the launching of both the Public Health Foundation of Connecticut and the New England Disaster Training Center.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard participated on the innovation call with the NCSBN.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Revised agendas were distributed to the Board Members.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Patricia Fennessy updated the Board on the reopening of six locations of the CT Technical High School System LPN Programs which they would like to open on January 1, 2011. The locations have been geographically selected around the state. Currently they are working on the increase in tuition. Site selection should be announced in the next week or so. Vinal Tech will be graduating their evening class on June 17, 2010. Henry Abbott's evening program will be completed in December.

Karen Buckley-Bates provided the Board with a summary of the 2010 Legislative Session. Not all bills have been signed or vetoed by the Governor. Ms. Buckley-Bates discussed the Tech Bill SB428, the study on scope of practice, and advised the Board to pay attention to the Health Care Reform discussions and the impact it may have on Connecticut regarding scope of practice and supervision and education and training.

INTRODUCTION OF NANCY STEFANSKI

Pam Pelletier introduced Nancy Stefanski. Ms. Stefanski is a Nurse Consultant at the Department of Public Health who will be working with Ms. Pelletier answering scope of practice inquiries and assisting with Ms. Pelletier with the LPN program site visits.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT COMMUNITY COLLEGE – CURRICULUM REVIEW

Chair Bouffard recused herself and left the room. Katherine Pellerin was Chair Pro Tem for the curriculum review. Present from NCCC were Barbara Douglass, President, Barbara Berger, Professor Emeritus, Steve Frazier, Dean of Administration and Student Affairs, Linda Perfetto, Director of System Nursing Curricular Operations, CCCNP. The Board reviewed the program and stated that the following information needs to be provided to the Board prior to the start of the nursing program in January 2011: a copy of the Nursing Program Administrator's resume when the position is filled, Nursing Faculty educational background and experience as hired and for what position, and a date to perform a site visit upon completion of construction of the nursing lab, library, and classrooms by the fall of 2010. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Mertie Terry, to accept the self-study report and placed the program on conditional approval pending the site visit and the NCLEX results of the first graduating class. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard returned at this time to Chair the meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES - CHARTER OAK/CLN ON-LINE RN REFRESHER PROGRAM REVISIONS

Jane Murdock and Susan Deane were present to provide the Board with the revisions to the On-Line RN Refresher Program. Course content in the proposed program has additional content coverage from the current program. There is a summary of revisions to the program in Tab 2 of the Report. There are learning objectives and the course syllabus in each module. Due to the difficulty in finding clinical placements, the relevance and/or quality of the student's clinical experiences, the program wishes to use a virtual hospital setting instead of direct care patient experiences. If approved, the entire refresher program will be on-line. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Mertie Terry, to approve the Charter Oak On-Line Program with revisions. The motion passed unanimously.

The Department expressed concerns for those nurses who were referred to a refresher course due to being out of practice for a significant length of time and/or as part of disciplinary action, as there must be a clinical/preceptor component to the program to ensure the nurse has met the validation of skills/competencies to resume safe practice and licensure requirements.

SCHOOL ISSUES - PORTER AND CHESTER INSTITUTE – FEASIBILITY STUDY – STRATFORD CAMPUS

The Board reviewed the Feasibility Study provided by the program. Present for this meeting were Phyllis DelMastro, program administrator for the Porter and Chester Institute Nursing Programs, and Jack Burke, Executive Director at Porter and Chester Institute. The Letter of Intent dated April 9, 2010 was received a part of the Feasibility Study. The documentation submitted did not identify that the program has been approved by the Department of Higher Education and/or contain documentation of national accreditation. Pam Pelletier requested this documentation from Phyllis DelMastro on May 11, 2010 and had not received the documentation prior to this meeting. The Proposed Stratford Program will use the same curriculum, policies, and procedures as the Watertown Campus. The Watertown Campus received conditional approval from the Board on July 20, 2005 pending review of the NCLEX results of their first graduating class. Katherine Pellerin moved and Heidi Darling seconded to table the request until additional information supporting the need for a program can be submitted for review as there was insufficient information to support the need for a practical nurse program in the Stratford, CT area. In reviewing the study, the Board stated that the supporting documentation for the need of LPNs in the workforce was outdated and the Board requested that Porter and Chester resubmit supporting documentation with more current articles. The study failed to demonstrate that students would get a job without relocating out of the area upon graduation with only 37 documented positions available. In addition, three years of budget information needs to be submitted and they are to contact other schools in the area for their survey date. The Board will revisit this issue during the summer disciplinary meetings although the documents have to be provided to the Board 30 days prior to the meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES - LINCOLN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE – LETTER OF INTENT – HARTFORD CAMPUS

The Board Office received a Letter of Intent to initiate a daytime practical nursing program at the Lincoln Technical Institute located in Hartford, Connecticut, the former Connecticut Culinary Institute in Hartford. Upon completion of the Feasibility Study, the nursing program staff will submit an application for approval to the State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education. The anticipated start date for the day program will be in September 2011 accepting 40 students in their first class. The anticipated projected enrollment in the next three years will be 40 students per class four times per year.

SCHOOL ISSUES - STONE ACADEMY – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR FIVE-YEAR STUDY

Donna Bys submitted a letter to the Board Office requesting an extension of Stone Academy's Five-Year Plan which is due July 2010 for the Hamden campus. The East Hartford campus Five-Year Plan is due in February of 2011. Ms. Bys is requesting an extension for the Hamden campus to February 2011 to allow ample time to complete the Hamden Five-Year Plan and the East Hartford Five-Year Plan collectively. The extension would provide the opportunity to seamlessly integrate both campuses into one presentation. Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to approve the extension. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Bye is to contact Pam Pelletier by October, 2010 to discuss what criterion must be individualized for each site and what criterion can be generic to each site prior to their submission as well as survey visits for both sites.

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – WAIVER REQUEST

Sheila Solernou, Program Director, was present to request a faculty education waiver request for Annette Haller. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to approve the one-year faculty education waiver for Annette Haller. The motion passed unanimously.

Sheila Solernou also requested a permanent waiver for Rosemary Cronin-Ozyck. Maria Pietrantuono moved to grant the waiver, which was seconded by Mary Brown, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski reviewed the calls received in the Board Office during the month of April.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

August 11 – 13, 2010 the NCSBN Annual Meeting will be held in Portland, Oregon.

APPROVAL MINUTES - APRIL 7, 2010

Heidi Darling moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Katherine Pellerin, Maria Pietrantuono, Mertie Terry, and Mary Brown who abstained.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION – PETER DAWBER, RN

Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Mr. Dawber's license. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Mertie Terry.

Break 10:20 AM – 10:40 AM

FACT FINDING – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Kathy Shea was not in attendance at the May 5, 2010 hearing. Exhibits were mailed to Ms. Shea as well as the hearing transcript. All Board Members were provided the May 5, 2010 transcript.

Following the May 5, 2010 hearing, Fact Finding took place. A motion was raised for revocation which was a tie vote, five in favor and five opposed. Attorney Stacy Owens, counsel for the Board, stated that when there is a tie vote it is in favor of the Respondent. A new vote was raised to place Ms. Dushay's license on suspension for six months with concurrent probation for four years. Once again it was a tie vote, five in favor and five opposed, as there were only ten Board Members present for the Fact Finding. The Board questioned Attorney Owens as to whether or not additional language can be added to a Memorandum of Decision that if the nurse returns before this Board for further disciplinary action, that their nursing license would automatically be revoked. Attorney Owens will check into adding this additional language to the Memoranda of Decision.

At today's meeting, Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to revoke Ms. Dushay's license. The motion passed with Kathy Shea, Heidi Darling, Maria Pietrantuono, Katherine Pellerin, and Donna Roberts in favor and with Chair Bouffard, Mertie Terry, and Mary Brown opposed.

CONSENT ORDER – DEBORAH L. DeCARLO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with a Consent Order for Deborah DeCarlo. Ms. DeCarlo was not present and was not represented at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – DEBRA MELLIUM, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Debra Mellium. Ms. Mellium was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER – DANIEL S. ANTELL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Daniel Antell. Mr. Antell was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – VICKI MROSEK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Mrosek has signed a Voluntary Surrender. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to accept the Motion to Withdraw as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – TAMMY LABRECQUE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Labrecque has signed a Voluntary Surrender. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to accept the Motion to Withdraw as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – MUKAILA OBAJINMI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Obajinmi was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was a question as to whether Ms. Obajinmi received written notice of this hearing. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to continue this hearing to July 21, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – SAMANTHA TOWNE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Towne was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to find Ms. Towne on all charges with the exception of 3iii. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to revoke Ms. Towne's license. The motion passed with all in favor. For the record, Ms. Towne's license expired on October 31, 2009 and as of June 2, 2010 it has not been renewed.

HEARING – CATHERINE M. FLANNERY, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Flannery was present without representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Ms. Flannery. There were questions regarding statutes due to the fact that Ms. Flannery was not licensed at the time of the allegations. Counsel for the Board, Joanne V. Yandow, instructed both parties to file written comments regarding the question of the licensure issue at the time of the allegations. This documentation is to be received in the Board Office by July 9, 2010. This hearing has been continued to July 21, 2010 at 8:45 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:25 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on June 16, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Mertie Terry, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no students in attendance.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard announced the resignation of Amanda Campbell. The Board Office received notification from Amanda Campbell that she must resign from the Board due to scheduling conflicts. In her e-mail Amanda wrote that it has been an incredible privilege to work with such amazing women, and she will take the lessons she has learned with her throughout her career. Amanda said that the Board welcomed a young, inexperienced nurse into an honored position and she truly cannot thank the Board enough. Amanda has been with the Board since February of 2008. Amanda will be truly missed.

SCHOOL ISSUES – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE WAIVER REQUESTS

Pamela Pelletier presented the Board with a request for two temporary faculty education waivers for Three Rivers Community College starting in September 2010.

Katherine Pellerin, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to grant Tracy Cormier a one-year temporary faculty education waiver effective September, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to grant Elizabeth Dowd a one-year temporary faculty education waiver effective September, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – JENNIFER TELAGE-VENTURINI, LPN

Ms. Venturini was present at this meeting to request a reinstatement hearing from the Board. Ms. Venturini had approached the Board in October 2009 with a reinstatement hearing request. The Board denied Ms. Venturini's request stating enough time had not elapsed since the signing of the Memorandum of Decision in April of 2009. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant Ms. Venturini's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed with all in favor. The hearing will be scheduled for August 18, 2010. Katherine Pellerin recused herself from this discussion and voting.

HEARING – CHRYSTAL MOORE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Moore was present without representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, and Ms. Moore. The hearing concluded.

Mary Brown moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded that Ms. Moore be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Ms. Moore's license be placed on probation for four years with a civil penalty of \$500.00. Following the discussion, the motion failed as all were in opposition to the motion. A new motion was raised by Mary Brown, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, for revocation. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Matthew Dallachie. Mr. Dallachie was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for July 21, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 10:06 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on July 21, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Nancy Stefanski, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Staff Attorney, Public Health Hearing Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Goodwin College.

CHAIR UPDATES

Chair Bouffard announced that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing has reappointed Jennifer Filippone for a two-year term as a member of the Uniform Licensure Requirements and Portability Committee.

REQUEST TO RESTART SIX CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL LPN PROGRAMS

Patricia Fennessy was present to provide the current plan for the reopening of six programs and to request approval from the Board regarding the restarting of the programs. The following are the six CT Technical High School LPN Programs: A. I. Prince in Hartford, Bullard Havens in Bridgeport, Eli Whitney in Hamden, Vinal Tech in Middletown, Norwich Tech, and W. F. Kaynor in Waterbury. Five programs can enroll up to a maximum of 40 students with one Department Head and four instructors and the Norwich Tech program can enroll 50 students and will have one Department Head and five instructors. A recent analysis shows that the majority of the instructors that were relocated when the program was suspended are interested in returning to the program. Department Heads and clerical staff are expected to return to work on November 5th, 2010 while the instructional staff will begin on January 3rd, 2011. Each of the sites has remained clean and intact. An inventory will be conducted at each of the six sites to ensure that all equipment and supplies are in place and in working order to restart the programs. Inventory from the other four sites not chosen to reopen will be transferred to these locations as needed.

Pam Pelletier will survey all six locations. Staff is currently addressing the renewal of contracts with clinical sites. The LPN curriculum was recently revised and no additional revisions are required at this time. This is currently an applicant pool of 700 applicants who previously took the admission tests who will be notified regarding the list of available program sites, the new tuition rates, and the new program schedule. Heidi Darling arrived during this presentation. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Heidi Darling seconded to approve the restarting of the six LPN programs mentioned above. The motion passed unanimously. Pamela Pelletier will be contacting Patricia Fennessy to schedule the site visits.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WAIVER REQUESTS – LINCOLN TECH HAMDEN CAMPUS

Jo-Ann Dean, Regional Director of Nursing for the Lincoln Tech LPN Programs, was present to request from the Board two temporary faculty education waiver requests for their Hamden campus.

Ms. Dean is requesting a four-month temporary faculty education waiver for Tracie Morrill. Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded to grant the four-month waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dean also requested a one-year temporary faculty education waiver for Lisa Schepisi. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the one-year temporary faculty education waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WAIVER REQUEST – SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY

Due to a scheduling conflict, there was no one present from the program. Pamela Pelletier presented the Board with a one-year temporary faculty education waiver request for Joanne Tolland. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mertie Terry seconded to grant this waiver request. The motion passed unanimously.

REQUEST TO REVISE STATEMENT OF CHARGES & REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT – DAVID ZABOROWSKI, LPN

Prior to this meeting all Board Members were provided the following four documents:

Received in the Board Office on June 1, 2010 from Attorney Ellen Costello was a Request to Revise Statement of Charges for David Zaborowski, LPN.

On June 14, 2010 the Department of Public Health Legal Office filed an Objection to Respondent's Request to Revise Statement of Charges.

On June 29, 2010 the Board Office received from Attorney Ellen Costello her Reply to Department's Objections to Respondent's Request to Revise Statement of Charges.

On June 30, 2010 the Board Office received from Attorney Ellen Costello a Request for Oral Argument on the record with respect to her June 1, 2010 Request to Revise.

Present at this meeting were Attorney Ellen Costello, counsel for Mr. Zaborowski, who was not present, and Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Oral Argument. The motion passed unanimously and the Oral Argument was on the record.

After the Oral Argument, Heidi Darling moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to deny the Respondent's Request to Revise the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – MAY 5, 2010

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 5, 2010 meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that the minutes be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES – MAY 19, 2010

The Board reviewed the minutes from the May 19th meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the minutes be accepted as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – GARY WRUBLESKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Gary Wrubleski. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order which will remain in effect until the petition is resolved. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CHERYL DUBOVIK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Cheryl Dubovik. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Donna Roberts moved and Heidi Darling seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for August 18, 2010.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – MUKAILA OBAJINMI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Mukaila Obajinmi has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT ORDER MODIFICATION – DEBRA KAHN, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order Modification for Debra Kahn. Ms. Kahn was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling who abstained.

CONSENT ORDER – MICHELE WHEELER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Consent Order for Michele Wheeler. Ms. Wheeler was present without representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded to deny the Consent Order as written. The motion failed as all were opposed with the exception of Heidi Darling who was in favor. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Heidi Darling who was opposed.

CONSENT ORDER – CHESTER SEKLECKI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Mr. Seklecki. Mr. Seklecki was not present and Mr. Seklecki's counsel, Attorney Walter Hampton, had a scheduling conflict and was unable to attend this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Heidi Darling seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Mertie Terry who was opposed and Patricia Bouffard who abstained.

CONSENT ORDER – LYNN GUION, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Consent Order for Ms. Guion. Ms. Guion was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Donna Roberts moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Dallachie was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided. The hearing closed.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Mr. Dallachie be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to extend Mr. Dallachie's current probation for an additional two years. Mr. Dallachie must complete a Board approved refresher program, provide weekly urine screens, monthly therapist reports, have no access to narcotics for the first year after returning to work as a nurse, and no working for personnel provider services, assisted living services, home health agencies, and shall not be self-employed as a nurse for the period of his probation. If Mr. Dallachie is not employed as a nurse for a five-year period he must successfully complete the NCLEX-PN exam prior to returning to work as an LPN. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – CATHERINE M. FLANNERY, LPN

All Board Members were provided the transcript of the June 2, 2010 hearing. All Board Members not in attendance at that hearing were also provided the hearing exhibits. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Flannery was present. Ms. Flannery announced that she had counsel, Attorney Robert Picketts, who was not available to attend the hearing that day and therefore was requesting a continuance. Accompanying Ms. Flannery was Intern Claudette Graham from Attorney Picketts' office. Mary Brown moved and Mertie Terry seconded that the continuance request be granted to September 15, 2010 and that all jurisdictional documents be in the Board Office by August 31, 2010. The motion passed unanimously. Attorney Fazzino will have one week to respond to Attorney Picketts' brief.

HEARING – LORRAINE MUNGER, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Munger was present with counsel, Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt. Testimony was provided by Ms. Munger. Mary Brown left for the day at 12:15 PM.

Donna Roberts moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Munger's license be placed on probation for two years. Ms. Munger must successfully complete a Board approved refresher program, the NCLEX-PN examination, and a course in nursing ethics. Monthly employer reports are to be provided to the Department during the probationary period. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

KAREN CARLSON McPADDEN, RN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. McPadden's license on probation for four years after successfully completing a Board approved refresher program. The motion passed unanimously.

JENNIFER GRECO, LPN

Donna Roberts moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Greco's license on suspension until September 3, 2010 followed by four years probation. The motion passed unanimously.

KAREN INGLES, LPN

Donna Roberts moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Ingles' license. The motion passed unanimously.

SARA KAISER, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Kaiser's license. The motion passed unanimously.

CHRYSTAL M. MOORE, RN

Jennifer Long moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Moore's license. The motion passed unanimously.

GEORGE PERKINS, RN

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Mr. Perkins' license on probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously.

MARK POWER, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Mr. Power's license. The motion passed unanimously.

KELLY JEAN RUDY, LPN

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Rudy's license. The motion passed unanimously.

CAROLYN SCHEIREY, RN

Donna Roberts moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to place Ms. Schierey's license on probation for four years. The motion passed unanimously.

SANDRA SCHUTTE, RN

Donna Roberts moved and Heidi Darling seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Schutte's license. The motion passed unanimously.

KATHLEEN STEARNS, LPN

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to dismiss the charges. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 12:40 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on August 18, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair – left for the day at 12:30 PM
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Danielle O’Connell, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN
Veronica Kivela, Public Member
Mertie Terry, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Nancy Stefanski, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

WELCOME

Chair Bouffard welcomed Danielle O’Connell to the Board. Ms. O’Connell was appointed to the Board by Governor Rell on August 10, 2010 as a registered nurse member.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Porter and Chester Institute

SCHOOL ISSUES - WAIVER REQUEST – NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Joanne Ottman presented the Board with a request for a permanent waiver for Patricia O’Brien Winn. Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant this request. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – WAIVER REQUEST – ST. VINCENT’S COLLEGE

Pamela Pelletier presented the Board with a request for a one-year temporary faculty education waiver extension for Karri Davis. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant this request. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Sheila Solernou presented the Board with two faculty education waiver requests. The Board reviewed the documentation presented.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded to deny the permanent waiver to Ellen Pfeiffer. The motion passed unanimously.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant a one-year temporary faculty education waiver for Rosa Rodriguez. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – LINCOLN TECH – WAIVER REQUESTS - SHELTON CAMPUS

Jo-Ann Dean presented the Board with three waiver requests for the Shelton Campus.

Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to grant the three-month temporary faculty education waiver for Barbara Kudysch pending receipt of updated resume to be sent to Pamela Pelletier. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to grant the one-year temporary faculty education waiver for Donna Lisewski. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the seven-month temporary faculty education waiver for Rayne Salemme. The motion passed with all in favor.

MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2010

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the minutes be approved as edited. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Jennifer Long, Tarah Cherry, and Danielle O'Connell.

JUNE 16, 2010

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Kathy Shea, Donna Roberts, Tarah Cherry, Danielle O'Connell.

JULY 21, 2010

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the following abstentions: Katherine Pellerin, Danielle O'Connell, Tarah Cherry, and Kathy Shea.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – KATY DUCLOS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Katy Duclos. Ms. Duclos was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 1, 2011.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – TAMMY RYERSON, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Tammy Ryerson. Ms. Ryerson was present with counsel. Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for September 1, 2011.

REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER – LISA HIBSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Reinstatement Consent Order for Lisa Hibson. Ms. Hibson was present without representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Reinstatement Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

CEASE & DESIST CONSENT ORDER – JUDY A. FOLLERT, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Cease & Desist Consent Order for Judy A. Follert. Ms. Follert was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – CHERYL DUBOVIK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Dubovik was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Dubovik be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Dubovik's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor.

HEARING – MARIE FLEISCHER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Fleischer was present with counsel, Attorney Hillary Fisher Nelson. Testimony was provided by Nancy Bafundo, RN, Hartford Hospital, Pamela Pelletier, DPH, Justina Pratt, PCA, Margaret Domina, RN, Marie Fleischer, RN, and Mary Beth Scanlon. Danielle O'Connell left for the day at 4:05 PM and the hearing concluded at 4:20 PM.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Fleischer be found on charges 1, 2, and 3 except for "experiencing an acute grief reaction," 4 and 5 20-99(b)(2) "negligence." The motion failed relative to a find of negligence as only Patricia Bouffard, Katherine Pellerin, and Donna Roberts were in favor.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Fleischer be found on charges 1, 2, and 3 except for "experiencing an acute grief reaction," 4 and 5, 20-99(b)(2) "negligence" except that conduct of hitting a patient was below the accepted standard of care. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Maria Pietrantuono who was opposed.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Fleisher's conduct does not rise to the level that discipline needs to be imposed because the Board found that the Respondent is extremely remorseful and because respondent took the initiative for training and education to prevent this type of situation from occurring again. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 4:40 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 1, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Mertie Terry, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:59 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no students in attendance at this meeting.

CHAIR UPDATES

Veronica Kivela resigned from the BOEN on August 30, 2010. Veronica was appointed to the Board by Governor Rell in December, 2008. Veronica was a great asset to the Board and to the nursing community. We are very fortunate to have members willing to volunteer their time for the regulation of the profession of nursing.

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

St. Vincent's College – Plan of Correction

UPDATES

Jennifer Filippone provided the Board with an update on the Legislative Program Review and Investigation Committee.

Jennifer Filippone also provided the Board with an update on the progress made with the NCSBN and NURSYS working towards Connecticut becoming a fully participating licensure state.

BRIDGEPORT HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING – CAROL GABRIELE – NEW ADMINISTRATOR

The Board reviewed documentation presented regarding Carol Gabriele's appointment as the new administrator to the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing Program. Dr. Gabriele has been employed with this program in several capacities since 1988, including Director of the School of Nursing since 2001. Katherine Pellerin moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept Carol Gabriele as the new Administrator for Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing. The motion passed unanimously. The Board congratulated Dr. Gabriele and wished her well in her new position as Administrator.

CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL – SITE VISITS FOR THE SIX PROGRAMS WHICH ARE RESTARTING

Patricia Fennessy was present for this discussion. Pam Pelletier provided an update regarding the site visits for the six programs which are restarting with orientation scheduled for January 3, 2011. The programs restarting are as follows: A. I. Prince in Hartford, Bullard Havens in Bridgeport, Eli Whitney in Hamden, Vinal Tech in Middletown, and W. F. Kaynor in Waterbury. The space allotted for these five programs will easily accommodate 40 students and there was adequate equipment and supplies to start the programs. Also restarting on January 3, 2011 is the Norwich Tech Program which can easily accommodate 50 students and there also was adequate equipment and supplies to start the program. No Department Heads, faculty, and/or secretarial staff had been rehired at the date of the on-site reviews. The purpose of the on-site visit was to establish that the programs had adequate space and supplies available to restart the programs as previously approved by the Board.

A.I. PRINCE – HARTFORD

The on-site review was performed on August 17, 2010. The nursing program is located on the second floor with elevator and handicap access into the building. This program was reviewed by the Board in November of 2009. There were no noted changes in supplies and/or equipment since the last report.

BULLARD HAVENS – BRIDGEPORT

The on-site review was performed on August 19, 2010. The nursing program is located on the first floor with handicap access into the building. This program was reviewed by the Board in November of 2009. There are no noted changes in supplies and/or equipment since the last report.

ELI WHITNEY – HAMDEN

The on-site review was performed on August 17, 2010. The nursing program is located on the first floor with handicap access into the building. This program was reviewed by the Board in April of 2008. There were no noted changes in supplies and/or equipment since the last report.

VINAL TECH – MIDDLETOWN

The on-site review was performed on August 17, 2010. This nursing program is located on the first floor with handicap access into the building. This program was reviewed by the Board in November of 2008. There were no noted changes in supplies and/or equipment since the last report.

NORWICH TECH

The on-site review was performed on August 17, 2010. The nursing program is located on the first floor with handicap access into the building. This program was reviewed by the Board in May of 2009 and is currently working on submission of their five-year study for the November 3, 2010 Board meeting. Additional computers are slated to be installed prior to the restart of the

program from another campus and a revisit will be scheduled after computer installation prior to starting the program.

W. F. KAYNOR – WATERBURY

The on-site review was performed on August 19, 2010. The nursing program is located on the first floor with handicap access into the building. This program was reviewed by the Board in June of 2008. There were no noted changes in supplies and/or equipment since the last report. This site will also require a revisit prior to starting the program due to being in the process of relocation within the building and to ensure it has been set up appropriately.

The Board requested that Ms. Fennessy provide an update regarding the resumption of these LPN programs along with the designated Nursing Director for each site and faculty hires at the November 3, 2010 meeting. Also, Ms. Fennessy is to contact Pam Pelletier prior to December 1, 2010 to schedule a revisit to the W. F. Kaynor and Norwich Tech locations.

PORTER AND CHESTER FIVE-YEAR SURVEY

Phyllis DelMastro was present for this discussion. Pam Pelletier provided the Board with the review of the five-year study for the Watertown campus. Katherine Pellerin moved to approve the five-year self-study, seconded by Jennifer Long, and requested the following changes and additional information be provided: establishment of a readmission policy and add to student handbook, list competencies identified for the student in Criterion 2, delete student names on submitted survey forms, and develop statement regarding how and when faculty helps determine curriculum for Criterion 13. The motion passed unanimously.

ST. VINCENT'S COLLEGE

A Plan of Correction was provided by Joanne Wolfertz, Vice President and Dean, Margo McCarthy, Chair, and Joanne Capasso, Dean of Academic Affairs. The Board reviewed the NCLEX percentage for the graduating class of May 2010. There were twenty-four graduates, twenty-one students took the NCLEX and fourteen students passed the exam with a pass rate of 66.6%. This percentile places the school's evening program on conditional status. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to accept the Plan of Correction provided with the following changes: effective dates of intervention, and upon completion of the shortened evening program, a graduation date to ensure that they are eligible to sit for the NCLEX exam. The motion passed unanimously. The Board may request interim reports prior to the next graduating class.

NCLEX SCORES – SECOND QUARTER

The RN first time pass rate for Connecticut from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 was calculated to be 93.4%. 1,467 students sat for the exam during this time frame.

The LPN first time pass rate for Connecticut from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 was calculated to be 92.5%. 873 students sat for the exam during this time frame.

Pam Pelletier will be attending a NCLEX seminar later this month and report back to the Board at the October 6, 2010 meeting.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – JUNE & JULY, 2010

Diane Cybulski reviewed the scope of practice calls received in the Board Office during the months of June and July, 2010. So far it has been a very busy summer regarding scope of practice calls.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

The NCSBN Annual Meeting was held in Portland, Oregon, August 11 – 13, 2010, to consider pertinent association business with its Member Boards. All 60 Member Boards were represented by delegates. Connecticut was represented by Chair Patricia Bouffard, RN Member Mary Brown, and APRN Member Jennifer Long.

The following is a list of highlights of some of the significant actions approved by the Member Boards:

- Adoption of revision to the NCSBN Bylaws;
- Revision to the NCSBN Mission Statement;
- Acceptance of the 2011-2013 Strategies Initiatives;
- Approval of the Bermuda Nursing Council, the College of Licensed Practice Nurses of Alberta and the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of British Columbia as associate members of NCSBN;
- Revisions to the NCSBN Model Practice Act and Administrative Rules;
- Adoption of the Guiding Principles for Continued Competence;
- Approval of the April 2011 NCLEX-PN Test Plan; and
- Election of new directors to the Board of Directors and members of the Leadership Succession Committee.

"One of the most important outcomes of this meeting was the delegates' adoption of a new mission statement for the organization. Delegates embraced the need for an updated and more inclusive mission that focused on regulatory excellence for public protection," commented newly elected NCSBN President Myra A. Broadway, JD, MS, RN, Executive Director, Maine State Board of Nursing. She continued, "In addition, I know that the opportunity to network and debate important issues during this meeting will positively influence the work members perform in their jurisdictions in the coming year." NCSBN will meet Aug. 2 - 5, 2011, in Indianapolis for its next annual Delegate Assembly.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) is a not-for-profit organization whose members include the boards of nursing in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and four U.S. territories - American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands and the Virgin Islands. There are also seven associate members.

Mission: NCSBN provides education, service and research through collaborative leadership to promote regulatory excellence for patient safety and public protection.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – CAROLE RUGGIERO-RUIZ, RN

The Board reviewed the documentation provided to the Board Office from Carole Ruggiero-Ruiz. Ms. Ruggiero-Ruiz was present for this review. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant Ms. Ruggiero-Ruiz' request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for November 3, 2010 at 10:00 AM.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – KATHERINE MEECHAN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Katherine Meechan. Ms. Meechan was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Interim Consent Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – RENEE KROFSSIK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an interim Consent Order for Renee Krofssik. Ms. Krofssik was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Interim Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – JOAN McHUGH, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Consent Order for Joan McHugh. Ms. McHugh was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Katherine Pellerin seconded to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Tarah Cherry. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

Break 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – JENNIFER TELAGE-VENTURINI, LPN

Katherine Pellerin recused herself from this case. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Telage-Venturini was present without representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Ms. Telage-Venturini. The hearing concluded. Due to lack of a quorum, the Fact Finding will be scheduled to take place on October 6, 2010. Board Members not in attendance will receive the hearing transcript and the exhibits.

HEARING – KATY DUCLOS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Duclos was present without representation at this hearing. Ms. Duclos requested a continuance in order to allow time to mail releases for drug control records and therapist reports. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to grant Ms. Duclos' continuance request. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be rescheduled for October 6, 2010 at 10:00 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:55 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on September 15, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Ralph Efird, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from the Henry Abbott LPN Program and UConn School of Nursing.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LUCRETIA CAMERON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lucretia Cameron. Ms. Cameron was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention: Tarah Cherry. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 6, 2010.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ALICE MILLER, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Alice Miller. Ms. Miller was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 6, 2010.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DEBBI MARTIN-BROWN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Debbi Martin-Brown. Ms. Martin-Brown was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Heidi Darling and Danielle O'Connell arrived at this time. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 6, 2010.

CONSENT ORDER – WILLIAM McCONE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for William McCone. Mr. McCone was present without representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

CONSENT ORDER – CHERYL MARCHETTI, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Consent Order for Cheryl Marchetti. Ms. Marchetti was present with Attorney Donna Zito. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to accept the Consent Order as presented. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry, Kathy Shea, and Mertie Terry who were opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

Break 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

HEARING – JENNIFER PRENTISS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Prentiss was not present although she was represented by Attorney Jerald Barber who arrived at 10:55 AM. Attorney Barber requested a continuance as Ms. Prentiss was out of state. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to deny the continuance request. The motion passed unanimously. Testimony was provided by Kristine Nasinnyk, Drug Control Agent. The hearing concluded.

Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded that Ms. Prentiss be found on all charges. The motion failed as all were opposed. Mary Brown amended her motion to find Ms. Prentiss on all charges with the exception of Alprazolam (Xanax). The motion was seconded by Donna Roberts and passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded that Ms. Prentiss' license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 12:55 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 6, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN – *Chair Pro Tem*
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Danielle O’Connell, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member
Mertie Terry, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Heidi Darling, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Ralph Efird, Court Reporter

Chair Pro Tem Katherine Pellerin called the meeting to order at 8:46 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Pro Tem Pellerin welcomed students from the University of Connecticut and Goodwin College

Chair Pro Tem Pellerin provided the students with an overview of the Board’s responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

UPDATES

Chair Pro Tem Pellerin welcomed Jeffrey Marvin as a new Public Member to the Board appointed by Governor Rell on September 24, 2010.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Revised Agendas were distributed this morning.

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY – EXTENDING THREE YEAR CONTRACTS WITH CLINICAL AGENCIES

This item will be tabled to the November 3, 2010 meeting. The Regulations state a minimum of three years.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATISTICS ON INQUIRIES

Diane Cybulski reviewed the incoming calls received during the month of August 2010 with the Board.

NCSBN UPDATES

Jen Filippone summarized what the NCSBN is for the Board Members. Jen Filippone also announced that she was reappointed to the Uniform Core Licensure Requirements Committee.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – JESSICA VITALE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Jessica Vitale. Ms. Vitale was present without representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Kathy Shea, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry, Mertie Terry, and Jeff Marvin who all abstained. Chair Pro Tem Katherine Pellerin signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for October 20, 2010.

The Board would like the Department to review the language for Memoranda of Decision and Consent Orders regarding the outcome of drug screens if Respondent consumes poppy seeds, mouthwash, or cough medicine.

PREHEARING REVIEW – HEATHER JEANETTI, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Prehearing Review regarding Heather Jeanetti. It was the recommendation of the Board to continue with the current probationary terms as ordered in the October 15, 2008 Consent Order.

Break 9:05 AM – 9:18 AM

FACT FINDING – JENNIFER TELAGE-VENTURINI, LPN

Ms. Telage-Venturini was present for the Fact Finding. Chair Pro Tem Pellerin recused herself from this proceeding only. Mary Brown moved to deny Ms. Telage-Venturini's request to be reinstated. The motion was seconded by Danielle O'Connell and passed with all in favor with the exception of Mertie Terry and Jeff Marvin who abstained.

HEARING - DEBBI MARTIN-BROWN, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Martin-Brown was present without representation at this hearing. Attorney Shanley provided the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Tarah Cherry moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to deny the Motion to Deem. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained. At this time the Respondent provided an oral response to the Statement of Charges. Ms. Martin-Brown requested a continuance in order to allow time to retain counsel. Mary Brown moved that the hearing be continued to December 1, 2010. If the Board Office does not receive the Respondent's licenses as ordered in the Summary Suspension Order dated September 15, 2010, by 4:30 PM on October 13, 2010, the hearing will be held on October 20, 2010 at 11:30 AM. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Martin who abstained.

HEARING – LUCRETIA CAMERON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Cameron was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. Attorney Antonetti provided the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Ms. Cameron has not provided the Board Office or the Department with a written response to the Statement of Charges. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to accept the Motion to Deem. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Cameron be found as charged. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Cameron's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

HEARING – KATY DUCLOS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Duclos was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. Attorney Wilan provided the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Ms. Duclos has not provided the Board Office or the Department with a written response to the Statement of Charges. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to grant the Motion to Deem. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to find Ms. Duclos as charged. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Duclos' license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

HEARING – JENNIFER PECCERILLO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Peccerillo was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. Attorney Wilan provided the Board with a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Ms. Peccerillo has not provided the Board Office or the Department with a written response to the Statement of Charges. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Peccerillo be found on all charges. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Ms. Peccerillo's license be revoked. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Jeff Marvin who abstained.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 11:10 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on October 20, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mertie Terry, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 11:33 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Goodwin College.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

MOTION TO REOPEN HEARING – JENNIFER PRENTISS, RN

The Board reviewed Ms. Prentiss' Motion to Reopen Hearing. Jennifer Prentiss was not in attendance at this meeting. Danielle O'Connell moved, seconded by Katherine Pellerin, to deny Respondent's Motion to Reopen Hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – CONCETTA MANCINI, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Concetta Mancini. Ms. Mancini was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – SHARON TAYLOR, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with an Interim Consent Order for Sharon Taylor. Ms. Taylor was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Order.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MARC BILODEAU, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzino presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Marc Bilodeau. Mr. Bilodeau was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 3, 2010.

PREHEARING REVIEW – ERINN TEMPESTA, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review for Ms. Tempesta who was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. It was the recommendation of the Board to increase the frequency of the urine screens and therapy reports with no change in the current length of probation.

HEARING - JESSICA VITALE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Vitale was present pro se. Testimony was provided by Ms. Vitale and Lynn Keenan, RN.

At 12:40 PM Mary Brown moved, seconded by Tarah Cherry, to enter into Executive Session to take testimony regarding confidential medical records. Executive Session ended at 12:44 PM. The hearing concluded.

Ms. Vitale admitted paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Danielle O'Connell, to find that Ms. Vitale has violated the terms of probation by virtue of testing positive for alcohol. The motion passed with all in favor.

Katherine Pellerin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to modify the terms of the current probation to require weekly urine screens and monthly therapist reports for the remainder of the probationary period. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry who was opposed.

Donna Roberts moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to vacate the Summary Suspension of the Ms. Vitale's registered nurse license which was ordered on October 6, 2010. Pending the issuance of a Memorandum of Decision, Ms. Vitale's registered nurse license was ordered reinstated to probation, effective October 20, 2010, subject to the terms of the January 21, 2009 Consent Order. The motion passed with the exception of Maria Pietrantuono and Tarah Cherry who were opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present to adjourn this meeting at 1:35 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 3, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Heidi Darling, LPN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Long, APRN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Mertie Terry, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no students in attendance.

CHAIR UPDATES

There were no updates for this meeting.

OPEN FORUM

There were no comments or questions from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Revised agendas were given to Board Members prior to the meeting.

OTHER UPDATES

Jen Filippone announced to the Board that Pam Pelletier would be attending a NCLEX conference and will do a presentation for the Board at the December 15, 2010 meeting. At that time she will discuss the NCLEX and scoring issues.

Also, the Department was awarded a grant for funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for two years for all health care workers caring for the elderly to have background checks. We need to get this passed through the legislature during the upcoming session. This is a mandatory state and federal check.

FACT FINDING DELIBERATIONS

The Board discussed whether or not Fact Finding should take place immediately after the hearing or at a later date. If Fact Finding is not done on the day of the hearing, it would be placed on the agenda one month later as to allow time to receive the transcripts in the Board Office from the reporting company, and to provide all Board Members with the transcript and exhibits would have to be provided to the Board Members who were not in attendance at the hearing. Heidi Darling moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, that the decision as to whether or not to Fact Find immediately after the hearing or at a later date, would be handled on a case-by-case basis at the end of each hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT TECH HIGH SCHOOLS – LPN PROGRAM UPDATE

Patricia Fennessy, CT Technical High School Consultant, was present to provide the Board with updated information regarding the opening of the six LPN Programs. The Department Heads are slated to begin on November 5, 2010. Faculty have been hired for all programs with the exception of Norwich. Pat Fennessy is currently conducting interviews for one more position to be filled for Norwich. Faculty will start on January 14, 2011 and the first day of classes is January 20, 2011. On November 16, 2010 Pam Pelletier and Nancy Stefanski will revisit the Norwich, Kaynor, and Eli Whitney campuses to complete the site visit inspections. Full enrollment is expected at all six locations.

Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to approve the Department Heads for all six locations as follows: Donna O'Brien at A. I. Prince, Karen Ivers at Bullard Havens, Connie Gibeault at Norwich, Anne Simko at Eli Whitney, Regina Wrenn at Vinal, and Pamela Cramer at W. F. Kaynor. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – NORWICH TECH LPN PROGRAM – FIVE-YEAR STUDY

Resumption of the Norwich Tech LPN Program is scheduled for January 3, 2010, after suspension of the State LPN Programs as part of the Governor's Budget Mitigation Plan in January of 2009. This five-year study was due in the fall of 2008.

An on-site visit was made on August 17, 2010 to establish that adequate space and supplies were available to restart the program as previously approved. The space and supplies allotted can easily accommodate 50 students slated to enter the program.

The Board reviewed the five-year study for Norwich Tech. Mary Brown moved to accept the five-year study and grant the program full approval, which was seconded by Maria Pietrantuono. The report submitted was incomplete due to inability to locate survey information obtained over the last five years as the program had relocated for renovations then returned back to the original location when the renovations were completed. The Board requested that the Program Administrator return in November 2011 to provide an update regarding the missing graduate/employer surveys, curriculum evaluation surveys, and clinical site evaluation survey document. The Board also requested that the current NEASC letter and recommendations be provided. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – CT COMMUNITY COLLEGES – SELF-STUDY REPORT

Present for this discussion were Linda Perfetto, Sheila Solernou, Gateway Community College, Joanne Ottman, Naugatuck Valley Community College, Mary Schuler, Norwalk Community College, Ellen Freeman, Three Rivers Community College, and Cindy Adams, Capital Community College. Chair Bouffard recused herself and Mary Brown chaired this portion of the meeting regarding the five-year school evaluation for the Connecticut Community Colleges. Maria Pietrantuono moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, that the Connecticut Community College Programs have met all regulatory requirements outlined in Criteria 1 through 17 of the Nursing Education Program Review for Registered Nurse Preparatory Programs and were granted full approval. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL ISSUES – PORTER AND CHESTER – RESUBMISSION FEASIBILITY STUDY

Phyllis DelMastro, Administrator, presented the Board with a resubmission of the Feasibility Study for the Stratford Campus, which was initially reviewed by the Board on June 2, 2010. Also present with Ms. DelMastro were Attorneys Joan Feldman and Vincenzo Carannante. At the June 2, 2010 meeting the Board tabled the request until additional information regarding the Feasibility Study could be provided. The Board had requested the following information:

- updated and supporting documentation for the needs of LPNs
- Job prospects upon graduation
- 3 years of budgetary information, and
- school survey/contact data.

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded to accept the Feasibility Study for the new site at the Stratford Campus. The motion passed with all in favor with one abstention, Kathy Shea, and Chair Bouffard was opposed.

SCHOOL ISSUES – QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY – EXTENDING 3 YEAR CLINICAL AGENCY CONTACTS

This was tabled from the October 6, 2010 meeting. After discussion the Board stated that the language in section 20-90-48 (b) (1-2) reads that there must be a signed contract between the college and health care entity and this must be reviewed annually. Contact renewal is at least every three years. The Department will be working with the Board to consider whether a revision of the current regulation to address a longer contractual agreement between the hearing care entity and the nursing program is warranted.

NCLEX SCORES – THIRD QUARTER

RN

The RN first time pass rate for CT from July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010 was calculated to be 89.08% with 705 students taking the exam during this timeframe.

Capital Community College

Pass rate for this quarter was 79.73%. When contact Cynthia Adams stated that the pass rate was 82.35% based upon her calculations. Ms. Adams' send an e-mail explaining the differences which was forwarded to the Board on October 25, 2010. Ms. Adams was present for this discussion.

St. Vincent's College Evening Program

Pass rate for this quarter was 73.68% as addressed previously and the plan of correction was approved at the Board's September 1, 2010 meeting.

LPN

The LPN first time pass rate for CT from July 1, 2010 to September 30, 2010 was calculated to be 89.33% with 225 students taking the exam during this timeframe.

Vinal Tech LPN Program

The first time pass rate was 66.67% with only three students taking the exam and two students passing. Patricia Fennessy stated the information was incorrect. Vinal Tech graduated 22 students in June and only 13 students have taken the exam per the NCLEX report.

Lincoln Tech Evening Program Shelton Campus

This program has brought up their first time pass scores from 80.56% to 94.12% with this graduating class of June 2010. The scores were addressed by the Board during the May 5, 2010 meeting and their plan of correction was approved.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – SEPTEMBER 2010

Diane Cybulski reviewed the scope of practice calls received in the Department and the Board Office.

NCSBN UPDATE

Chair Bouffard had nothing new to report from the NCSBN.

2011 BOEN MEETING DATES

Due to the state of the budget and the economy, we are trying to keep the meetings located in the Hartford area. As soon as the locations have been secured for the first half of the year, the 2011 BOEN Calendar will be posted on the web site. The second half of the year will be at the LOB.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the following minutes.

AUGUST 18, 2010

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

Mary Brown moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

Donna Roberts moved and Danielle O'Connell seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Maria Pietrantuono who abstained.

MICHAEL HASSELBACHER, RN – REQUEST TO MODIFY JULY 16, 2008 MOD

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present to provide an objection to Mr. Hasselbacher's request to modify the Memorandum of Decision. Michael Hasselbacher sent a letter to the Board requesting modification to be allowed to work as a visiting nurse. Mr. Hasselbacher called and left a voice mail that he planned on attending the meeting. Language in Consent Orders and Memoranda of Decision clearly state that the Respondent shall not be employed as a nurse for a personnel provider service, assisted living service agency, homemaker-home health aide agency, or home health care agency, and shall not be self-employed as a nurse for the period of probation. Mr. Hasselbacher's probation was extended to August 16, 2012 in the MOD issued July 16, 2008. DPH strongly opposed any such modification as Mr. Hasselbacher had violated his probation in both a Consent Order and a Memorandum of Decision and is now subject to his current probation. DPH stated that given the Respondent's prolonged disciplinary history and relapses, he should not be permitted to serve as a visiting nurse and the Respondent's present Memorandum of Decision should remain unmodified. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Heidi Darling seconded that Mr. Hasselbacher's request to modify his Memorandum of Decision be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – LORRAINE MUNGER, LPN

The Board was presented with a Memorandum of Decision for Lorraine Munger. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept the Memorandum of Decision as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Memorandum of Decision.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LESLIE MATEJEK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Leslie Matejek. Ms. Matejek was not present and neither was her counsel, Attorney Kevin Condon. Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for November 17, 2010.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW STATEMENT OF CHARGES – AMANDA SMITH, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges as Ms. Smith has signed a Voluntary Surrender Affidavit. Mary Brown moved and Danielle O'Connell seconded to grant the Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who was opposed. Chair Bouffard signed the Motion.

HEARING – MARC BILODEAU, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Bilodeau was present without representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Mr. Bilodeau.

Donna Roberts moved and Danielle O'Connell seconded that Mr. Bilodeau be found as charged as he has admitted to all of the charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Donna Roberts moved and Mary Brown seconded that Mr. Bilodeau's license be placed on probation for two years with coursework in Ethics, Scope of Practice, and Medication Administration, monthly employer reports, and the Summary Suspension would be lifted upon review of the coursework by the Department of Public Health. The motion failed as all were opposed.

A new motion was raised by Donna Roberts to extend Mr. Bilodeau's probation for two years along with coursework in Ethics, Scope of Practice, and Medication Administration, and employer reports are to be provided every other month. The motion was seconded by Danielle O'Connell and passed unanimously.

A friendly amendment was made by Kathy Shea, seconded by Heidi Darling, to lift the Summary Suspension immediately. The motion failed as Maria Pietrantuono, Donna Roberts, Danielle O'Connell, Tarah Cherry, and Mary Brown were opposed.

A new motion was raised by Kathy Shea to lift the Summary Suspension upon the successful completion of the coursework. The motion was seconded by Heidi Darling and passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry who was opposed.

To sum everything up after all the motions and the amendments, Mr. Bilodeau's probation has been extended for two years following the successful completion of coursework in Ethics, Scope of Practice, and Medication Administration, with employer reports to be provided every other month. Upon the successful completion of the coursework, the Summary Suspension would be lifted.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING – CAROLE RUGGIERO-RUIZ, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Ruggiero-Ruiz was present without representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Ms. Ruggiero-Ruiz.

Maria Pietrantuono moved and Tarah Cherry seconded that Ms. Ruggiero-Ruiz' request to reinstate her license be denied at this time. Documents were out-of-date, there was a lack of defined plans, treatment reports, and drug screen reports. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 1:05 PM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on November 17, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN
Katherine Pellerin, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Goodwin College and the University of Connecticut.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION

Chair Bouffard apprised the Board that Mertie Terry, Public Member, e-mailed her resignation to the Board Office on November 10, 2010. Mertie felt that she was only able to participate part-time due to job obligations and that it was not fair to the nurses who put their faith in the decisions of the Members of the Board to have someone who could not dedicate the time needed to make an informed decision on each case. She enjoyed working with the Board and leaves with a greater understanding of the Board's professionalism and with a greater appreciation for their fair and conscientious decisions. The Board wishes Mertie well in her future endeavors.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – ELIZABETH DAVIS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Elizabeth Davis. Ms. Davis was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 1, 2010.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – LYNN GUION, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Lynn Guion. Ms. Guion was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 1, 2010.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – ANTOINETTE M. VOSE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Antoinette M. Vose. Ms. Vose was present without representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Kathy Shea who was opposed. After reviewing this Consent Order the Board had concerns as to when the new language will be added to all Consent Orders and Memoranda of Decision regarding cough syrup and any other items that may contain alcohol and which possibly could test positive for alcohol.

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – SAMANTHA TOWNE, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision provided via e-mail. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Jennifer Long seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Towne's license. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of one abstention, Tarah Cherry.

Break 9:20 AM – 9:38 AM

2011 MEETING LOCATION UPDATE

Janice Wojick will check with the Department of Transportation and Jennifer Long will check into the former Newington Children's Hospital as possibilities for meeting locations for 2011.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – JOHN DiGIOVANNI, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for John DiGiovanni. Mr. DiGiovanni was present with counsel, Attorney Martha Murray. Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – DIANE PETROSKI, RN, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Diane Petroski. Ms. Petroski was present without representation at this meeting. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Donna Roberts seconded to accept the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – CATHERINE M. FLANNERY, LPN

This is the third hearing scheduled in this matter. Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Flannery was present with Attorney Robert Ricketts. Testimony was provided by Susan Tine and Ms. Flannery.

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that Ms. Flannery be found on all charges with the exception of 4a. The motion passed with all in favor.

Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that once Ms. Flannery's license has been reinstated, it will be restricted to probation for four years, with quarterly employer reports, and coursework in Ethics and Scope of Practice. Maria Pietrantuono made a friendly amendment that during the first year of probation that the employer reports be required every other month and then quarterly for the remainder of the probationary period. There are no employer restrictions. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Tarah Cherry who was opposed.

Kathy Shea moved, seconded by Maria Pietrantuono, to reprimand Ms. Flannery's license. The motion failed as only Kathy Shea, Maria Pietrantuono, and Tarah Cherry were in favor, all others were opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 10:40 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 1, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Heidi Darling, LPN
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN

ALSO PRESENT: Stacy Owens, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Pohn Kwee, Secretary II, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM.

SCHOOL ISSUES – STONE ACADEMY

Pam Pelletier apprised the Board that the Board Office and/or the Department of Public Health have never been notified regarding changes for the LPN Program Managers at both the Hamden and East Hartford campuses. When the program opened in 2004 the Program Director was Eleanor Davio and we have not received information regarding any changes in the Program Director/Manager for either location. Information was received by the Board Office that Dale DeMille is the Program Manager in East Hartford and that Donna Bys is the Program Manager in Hamden. This change may be in violation of Section 20-90-51(b) of the Department of Public Health Services Regulation, Nursing Education Programs and Licensure Requirements. The Department is requesting clarification of this role and the required documentation to ensure that the Program Managers are in compliance with the regulations. This will be placed on the December 15, 2010 agenda for further discussion.

STUDENTS

Chair Bouffard welcomed students from Porter and Chester LPN Program Watertown Campus.

Chair Bouffard provided the students with an overview of the Board's responsibilities, jurisdiction, and nursing education programs.

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO REOPEN HEARING – JENNIFER PRENTISS, RN

Due to the fact that we did not have a quorum, discussion was on the record and the transcript will be provided to all Board Members and placed on the next agenda following the receipt of the transcript. The original hearing date was January 20, 2010. There was a continuance request granted to May 5, 2010. A continuance was requested and granted to July 21, 2010. A continuance was requested and granted to September 15, 2010. There was yet another continuance request, which was denied, and the hearing went forward on September 15, 2010. Ms. Prentiss was not present at this hearing, although she was represented by Attorney Jerald Barber. The hearing concluded and Fact Finding occurred on that date. On October 5, 2010 the Board Office received a Motion to Reopen Hearing, which was reviewed by the Board on October 20, 2010. It was the unanimous decision of the Board to deny Ms. Prentiss' request to reopen hearing. On November 15, 2010 the Board Office received a Motion to Reconsideration of Motion to Reopen Hearing and this matter has been placed on the December 1, 2010 meeting agenda. Ms. Prentiss was present and addressed the Board. Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Stacy Owens was present to provide counsel to the Board.

HEARING – ELIZABETH DAVIS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Davis was present without representation at this hearing. Testimony was provided by Ms. Davis. The hearing concluded. Due to the fact that the Board did not have a quorum, Fact Finding and Remedy will take place at a later date once the transcript has arrived. Missing Board Members will be provided with the exhibits and all Board Members will receive the transcript.

Break 9:35 AM – 9:48 AM during which time Kathy Shea arrived

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – RUTH DUSHAY, RN

Jeffrey A. Kardys presented the Board with a Memorandum of Decision for Ruth Dushay. Maria Pietrantuono moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Board affirm their prior decision to revoke Ms. Dushay's license. The motion passed with all in favor.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BRYAN SHERMAN, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville provided the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Bryan Sherman. Mr. Sherman was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 15, 2010 at 9:45 AM. Mr. Sherman arrived after the vote on the Motion for Summary Suspension and a copy of the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, and the Summary Suspension Order were provided in hand to Mr. Sherman.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – MICHELLE LEONARD, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley provided the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Michelle Leonard. Ms. Leonard was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed with all in favor. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 15, 2010 at 9:45 AM.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – RYAN TEAGUE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti provided the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Ryan Teague. Mr. Teague was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Maria Pietrantuono seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for December 15, 2010 at 9:45 AM.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – KERRI McENROE, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Kerri McEnroe. Ms. McEnroe was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Consent Order be accepted as written. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Consent Order.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 10:02 AM.

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on December 15, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building, Room 1-A, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Heidi Darling, LPN
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Donna Roberts, LPN
Kathy K. Shea, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Nancy Stefanski, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Administrative Hearings Specialist, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Gail Gregoriades, Court Reporter
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter
Ralph Efird, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

STUDENTS

There were no students in attendance.

CHAIR UPDATES

There were no Chair Updates.

OPEN FORUM

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AND REORDERING OF AGENDA

Revised agendas were distributed to the Board Members at the beginning of the meeting.

SCHOOL ISSUES

STONE ACADEMY – UPDATE ON PROGRAM MANAGERS – BOTH CAMPUSES

The Department became aware of a change in the LPN Program Managers who work under the direction of Eleanor Davio, Program Director, for Stone Academy. The Department sent a letter to Corporate Director Andrew Tierney on November 29, 2010 requesting resumes and clarification of this role. The Department received the resumes for Ms. Bys and Ms. DeMille although they have not received the job description and/or clarification of their roles as requested. Pam Pelletier will again request this information from Andrew Tierney.

Donna Bys, is currently the Hamden Campus Program Manager, and was present for this meeting. Mary Brown moved that Ms. Bys does meet the qualifications of the regulations. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

Dale DeMille, formerly the Hamden Campus Program Manager, is currently the East Hartford Campus Program Manager, and was present for this meeting. Mary Brown moved that Ms. DeMille does meet the qualifications of the regulations. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Long and passed unanimously.

LINCOLN COLLEGE OF NEW ENGLAND – LETTER OF INTENT TO START ADN PROGRAM

The Board reviewed a letter dated November 4, 2010 from Angela Kiernan, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, apprising the Board of their intent to start an Associate Degree Registered Nursing Day Program at Lincoln College of New England. Upon Completion of their Feasibility Study, the program will submit their application to the Connecticut Department of Higher Education. They anticipate starting classes for this day program in January of 2013. For their first class they will accept 20 students. The projected enrollment in the next three years is 40 students per class. In addition, they will also be accepting LPNs who meet the articulation requirements and successfully complete the articulation and transition courses. Pending approval, Lincoln College plans to apply for accreditation of the program through the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.

WAIVER REQUEST – SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY

Linda-jo Russo, Clinical Placement Coordinator, was present from Sacred Heart to request the following faculty education waivers.

The program is requesting a six-month temporary faculty education waiver for Patrizia Schaefer. Ms. Schaefer is expected to complete her MSN in May of 2011. The school provided an official transcript for the Board's review. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to grant the six-month temporary faculty education waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

The program is requesting a six-month temporary faculty education waiver for Michele Towle. The Board had previously approved a one-year temporary waiver for Ms. Towle, which is expiring. Ms. Towle is expected to complete her MSN Family Nurse Practitioner track in May of 2011. The school provided a transcript for the Board's review. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to grant the six-month temporary faculty education waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

WAIVER REQUEST – THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

There was no one present from the program. Documentation was received by Pam Pelletier requesting a faculty waiver extension for Shawna Edwards. Ms. Edwards was approved for a one-year faculty education waiver on December 16, 2009, which will be expiring. The program is requesting a six-month temporary waiver in order for Ms. Edwards to complete her MSN in May of 2011. She is currently matriculated in the Clinical Nurse Leader Track at the University of Connecticut. Her transcript is pending. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the six-month extension pending receipt of her transcript. The motion passed unanimously. Upon her return to the Department, Pam Pelletier received the transcript and everything was in order.

The Board approved a one-year faculty education waiver for Zina Ruban on December 16, 2009. The program is requesting a faculty waiver extension for six-months in order for Ms. Rubin to complete her MSN in May of 2011. She is currently matriculated in the Clinical Nurse Leader Track at the University of Connecticut. Her transcript is pending. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to grant the six-month extension pending receipt of her transcript. The motion passed unanimously. Upon her return to the Department, Pam Pelletier received the transcript and everything was in order.

These two temporary faculty education waiver requests will not exceed the 10% limit required by state statute.

WAIVER REQUEST – UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

There was no one present from the program. The program is requesting a permanent waiver for Nancy L. Bafundo. Ms. Bafundo will be assigned to teach in the accelerated students program and will provide experience on her orthopedic unit. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to grant the permanent waiver. The motion passed unanimously.

NORTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE – SITE VISIT

Chair Bouffard recused herself from the discussion and the voting and appointed Mary Brown as the Chair Pro Tem for this portion of the meeting. Pam Pelletier provided her site visit report to the Board stating that classrooms were spacious, the labs were state of the art, supplies were plentiful, and the building was handicap accessible and there is an elevator. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to approve the program's site visit. The motion passed unanimously. There was no one present from the program for this review.

Upon completion of the discussion and voting, Patricia Bouffard returned as Chair.

CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL – FACULTY UPDATES

Patricia Fennessy provided the Board with an updated LPN Instructor Credential List. The teachers listed are RNs with a master's degree or bachelor's degree in nursing with the exception of:

Patricia Simmons who was grandfathered in under Section 20-90-51 (c) (1) of the Public Health Regulations prior to the LPN program closure and will be working at A. I. Prince. Ms. Simmons began teaching on September 3, 1997. During the program closure Ms. Simmons was working for DCF. A. I. Prince Tech will have 40 students.

Jacqueline Baran-Burmeister was hired in January of 2005. She will be a faculty member at Bullard Havens that will have 40 students. Pat Fennessy will forward a waiver request because Ms. Baran-Burmeister is currently completing her MSN. If this waiver is approved, it will be 10% of the faculty.

Kimberly Topizer was hired in 2009 and will be enrolling in a MSN program. She will be working at Norwich Tech. Pat Fennessy will be interviewing for one additional instructor for this program starting December 20, 2010. Norwich Tech will have 50 students and currently does not have sufficient instructors for the amount of students scheduled to begin on January 20, 2011.

There was discussion regarding the Nursing Faculty Regulation 20-90-51(c) (Nursing Faculty) which needs clarification. The school regulations allow certain faculty to be grandfathered (waiver of certain criteria for faculty positions) as long as that person remains employed in a faculty or administrative position at a teaching facility. Governor Rell suspended the state LPN teaching programs for about six months causing faculty to be unemployed and placing them on the SEBAC list. Patricia Simmons, who is a grandfathered faculty, took a nonteaching job at DCF. Six of the LPN programs were reopened. A. I. Prince now wants to rehire the former faculty member who is on the SEBAC list. The question is – is she still grandfathered?

Another related issue that was discussed was whether the suspension of the program affects the hire date. Would date of hire for the rehired faculty be the original hire date or the new hire date? This is an issue because Reg. 20-90-51(b)(3)(B) requires faculty (unless grandfathered) to earn a masters degree within four years of the date of hire.

Upon review of the Department of Public Health Code, Section 20-90-51, and in consideration of the unique situation that occurred regarding suspension of the LPN programs, the following decisions regarding nursing faculty have been determined:

- H. Patricia Simmons will keep her grandfathered status under section 20-90-51 (c) (1).
- The dates of hire for remaining faculty will not change due to the suspension, which includes any and all faculty members currently pursuing their MSN and/or Educational Certificate. (Section 20-90-51 (3) (A-C))

CT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL – SITE VISITS

Patricia Fennessy, CT Technical High School consultant, was present for this discussion. Ms. Fennessy accompanied Pam Pelletier and Nancy Stefanski on the site visits for Eli Whitney, Norwich, and W. F. Kaynor.

ELI WHITNEY

The program and space allotted at Eli Whitney Tech can easily accommodate the 40 students. The space has been set up appropriately and the program has adequate supplies and equipment for the January start date.

NORWICH

The program and space allotted at Norwich Tech can easily accommodate the 50 students. The space has been set up appropriately and the program has adequate supplies, computers, and equipment for the January start date.

W. F. KAYNOR

The program and space allotted W. F. Kaynor Tech can easily accommodate the 40 students. The space has been set up appropriately and the program has adequate supplies and equipment for the January start date.

Heidi Darling moved to accept the site visit reports for Eli Whitney, Norwich, and W. F. Kaynor LPN Programs. The motion was seconded by Donna Roberts and passed unanimously.

Patricia Fennessy stated that 250 students have been admitted into the programs and will be starting in January 2011.

NCLEX SEMINAR

This agenda item was tabled to the February 2, 2011 meeting.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE – INQUIRIES RECEIVED DURING OCTOBER, 2010

Diane Cybulski provided the Board with an update on the inquiries received at the Department during the month of October, 2010. The majority of the calls received this month were regarding RN and APRN practice issues.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING UPDATE

- Chair Bouffard announced that Jennifer Long and Mary Brown will be attending the NCSBN APRN Summit in San Diego in January.
- Chair Bouffard is unable to participate in the rescheduled Education Call In Discussion due to today’s BOEN meeting.
- The NCLEX-PN pass rate will be going up and will be posted on the NCSBN Web Site.

2011 BOEN MEETING DATES

The BOEN 2011 Calendar has been finalized and will be posted on the BOEN Web Page. Please review the first six months as there are changes from our normal first and third Wednesday schedule and meeting locations.

2011 Legislative Session January 5, 2011 – June 8, 2011

MEETING DATE	MEETING LOCATION – all meetings start at 8:30 AM
JANUARY 19, 2011 – (HEARINGS)	Department of Public Health Complex 410 Capitol Avenue, Room 470-C Hartford, Connecticut School Instructors – parking/shuttle service not available
FEBRUARY 2, 2011 - (BUSINESS)	61 Woodland Street, Room B-39 Hartford, Connecticut
MARCH 2, 2011 - (BUSINESS) MARCH 9, 2011 - (HEARINGS)	61 Woodland Street, Room B-39 Hartford, Connecticut
APRIL 6, 2011 - (BUSINESS)	61 Woodland Street, Room B-39 Hartford, Connecticut
APRIL 20, 2011 – (HEARINGS)	Department of Public Health Complex 410 Capitol Avenue, Room 470-C Hartford, Connecticut School Instructors – parking/shuttle service not available
MAY 4, 2011 - (BUSINESS) MAY 25, 2011 – (HEARINGS)	61 Woodland Street, Room B-39 Hartford, Connecticut
JUNE 1, 2011 - (BUSINESS)	61 Woodland Street, Room B-39 Hartford, Connecticut
JUNE 15, 2011 - (HEARINGS)	Legislative Office Building 300 Capitol Avenue, Room 1-A Hartford, Connecticut
JULY 20, 2011 - (HEARINGS)	Legislative Office Building 300 Capitol Avenue, Room 1-A Hartford, Connecticut

AUGUST 17, 2011 - (HEARINGS)	Legislative Office Building 300 Capitol Avenue, Room 1-A Hartford, Connecticut
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011 - (BUSINESS) SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 - (HEARINGS)	Legislative Office Building 300 Capitol Avenue, Room 1-A Hartford, Connecticut
OCTOBER 5, 2011 - (BUSINESS) OCTOBER 19, 2011 - (HEARINGS)	Legislative Office Building 300 Capitol Avenue, Room 1-A Hartford, Connecticut
NOVEMBER 2, 2011 - (BUSINESS) NOVEMBER 16, 2011 - (HEARINGS)	Legislative Office Building 300 Capitol Avenue, Room 1-A Hartford, Connecticut
DECEMBER 7, 2011 - (HEARINGS) DECEMBER 21, 2011 - (BUSINESS)	Legislative Office Building 300 Capitol Avenue, Room 1-A Hartford, Connecticut

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2010

Mary Brown moved and Donna Roberts seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Patricia Bouffard and Heidi Darling who abstained.

OCTOBER 20, 2010

Jennifer Long moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor with the exception of Danielle O'Connell.

Break 9:40 AM – 9:55 AM

MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – MATTHEW DALLACHIE, LPN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Mr. Dallachie. Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to extend Mr. Dallachie's probation to November 1, 2012. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – CARLA COLLINS, RN

Legal Office Attorney Linda Fazzina presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Carla Collins. Ms. Collins was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Her attorney, Frederick Paoletti who was not in attendance at today's meeting, provided the Board Office with a faxed objection to the Motion for Summary Suspension which the Board reviewed. Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – RYAN TEAGUE, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Teague was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided. Attorney Antonetti made a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Donna Roberts, to grant the Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Mr. Teague be found on all charges as the Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted was granted. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Donna Roberts seconded that Mr. Teague's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – MICHELLE LEONARD, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Leonard was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided. Attorney Shanley made a Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Mary Brown moved, seconded by Jennifer Long, to grant the Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Leonard be found on all charges as the Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted as granted. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved, seconded by Heidi Darling, to revoke Ms. Leonard's license. The motion passed unanimously.

HEARING – DAVID ZABOROWSKI, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Diane Wilan was present representing the Department of Public Health. Mr. Zaborowski was present with counsel, Attorney Ellen Costello. Testimony was provided by Zenaida Acevedo, RN. During Ms. Acevedo's testimony the Board recessed for lunch from 12:55 PM to 1:30 PM at which time Ms. Acevedo's testimony continued. Testimony was also provided by Marjory Palladino, RN during which time Heidi Darling left for the day. Testimony was also provided by Pam Pelletier, RN, Department of Public Health.

In the documents provided, there are instances where it states that the patient is a 70-year-old man and it also states that the patient is a 77-year-old man. The Department will research the patient's date of birth and if needed, amend the Statement of Charges.

This hearing will be rescheduled for March 9, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 2:55 PM.