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CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
March 6, 2019
3:00 PM

This electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Nursing was held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8. The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. An in-person meeting of the Board to handle this limited agenda was impractical due to the schedules of the Board members and the resources of the Board. This electronic meeting originated in the conference room of the Iowa Board of Nursing office, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite B, Des Moines, IA, and public access to the meeting was provided at this location. The agenda was posted on the Board's Website and sent electronically to those individuals subscribing to GovDelivery.

Board in Attendance

Gwen Suntken, RN, Chairperson
Nancy Kramer, RN, Vice Chairperson
Kathryn Dolter, RN, PhD
Sue Putnam, LPN
B.J. Hoffman
Patrick Mooney

Board Members Excused

Mark Odden, ARNP

Staff

Kathy Weinberg, RN, Executive Director
Laura Hudson, RN, Associate Director CE/Workforce
Jimmy Reyes, RN, Associate Director Education/Practice
Doug Bartels, Associate Director Enforcement
Lucas Bee, Enforcement
Kathleen Beebout, Enforcement
Diane Burkert, RN, Enforcement
Taunya Cunningham, RN, Enforcement
Bill Hansen, Enforcement
Eric Holsapple, Enforcement
Anne Ryan, RN, Enforcement
Kris Watson, RN, Enforcement
Rhonda Ruby, INAP Coordinator
Michele Royer, INAP Case Manager
Tessa Register, Assistant Attorney General
Kelley Reece, Secretary

Gwen Suntken called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

On a motion by B.J. Hoffman, the Board voted to adopt the agenda.

The Board discussed HF 212. Kathy Weinberg informed the Board that the bill had been assigned to the House Human Resources Committee. There was a subcommittee meeting for the bill on February 7, 2019, where public comment was received. The original language of HF 212 moved the operations and licensing of the Board of Nursing to the Department of Public Health and the investigations and enforcement of the Board to the Department of Inspections and Appeals. The supervision of the Executive Director would be under the Director of Public Health. This bill also applied to the Boards of Pharmacy, Medicine, and Dental. On February 27, 2019, an amendment was filed to replace the original language and addresses only the supervision, hiring and termination of the four executive directors of the Boards of Nursing, Pharmacy, Medicine, and Dental. The amendment provides the Director of Public Health with the authority to hire, terminate, and supervise those four executive directors. The four directors did submit language to Representative Fry on Friday, March 1, 2019, which would protect the Board's authority in rule making, legislation, enforcement, etc. To date, there has not been further amendments. Kathy informed the Board that they may speak to their individual legislators as private citizens, but they may not speak on behalf of the entire Board.

On a motion by Patrick Mooney, with Kathryn Dolter abstaining, the Board voted to adopt the open and closed minutes from the January 9 and 10 board meeting and the February 6 conference call.

On a motion by Patrick Mooney, the Board voted to approve the endorsement application with Consent Order of 18-575 Tiffany De La Pena.

ENFORCEMENT

Closed Session

3:32 p.m. On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review of discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings; and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A.

Open Session

4:05 PM The Board returned to Open Session.

On a motion by Patrick Mooney, the Board voted to approve licensure to examination applicant 19-009 Mackenzie Kissell.

On a motion by Patrick Mooney, the Board voted to approve a voluntary surrender of licensure on case 07-0230 Holly Mooney.

On a motion by Patrick Mooney, with Sue Putnam abstaining, the Board voted to approve the Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Orders for case 18-332 Emily Hemphill.

On a motion by Patrick Mooney, the Board voted to approve the Combined Statement of Charges,

Settlement Agreement, and Final Orders on the following cases:

17-428 Valerie Knedler
17-499 Patrice Green
17-500 Lea Tirevold
18-223 Patrick Geasland
18-253 Ann Ter Horst
18-411 Alexis Reynolds
18-477 Sharla Peterson

On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the board voted to close the following cases:

18-263	18-501	18-572
19-036	16-441	18-248
18-324	18-211	18-213
18-214	18-218	18-385
18-391	18-393	18-394
18-607	18-238	18-451
19-027	17-496	18-123
18-479	16-420	17-377
17-504	17-580	17-584
17-713	18-183	18-346
18-537		

At 4:08 p.m., Kathryn Dolter, B.J. Hoffman, Assistant Attorney General Tessa Register, and all staff members, except Kathy Weinberg and Kelley Reece left the call.

Closed Session

4:09 p.m. On a motion by Patrick Mooney, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to move into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review of discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential; Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings; and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A.

4:13 p.m. The Board returned to open session.

On a motion by Patrick Mooney, the Board voted to issue the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order for the following cases:

17-225 Nicole Huffman
17-613 Melanie Jondal
17-648 "Jane Doe"
17-670 Diane Logan
17-681 Tonya Ott
17-800 Leah Breeman
18-271 Nicole Cook
18-311 Kendall Baugh
18-384 Ragan Victor

4:13 p.m. On a motion by Patrick Mooney, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.