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CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

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3:00 PM

This electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Nursing is being held pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.8(1), which essentially states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only in circumstances where such a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and only if the governmental body complies with paragraphs "a" through "c" of this subsection. This electronic meeting is being held in the conference room of the Iowa Board of Nursing office, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite B, Des Moines, IA. The agenda has been posted on the Board's Website and sent electronically to those individuals subscribing to ListServe.

Board in Attendance

Gwen Suntken, RN, Chairperson
Debra Larson, LPN, Vice Chairperson
Kathryn Dolter, PhD, RN
LeRoy Strohman
Nancy Kramer, RN
Mark Odden, RN

Board Members Excused

Audience

None

Staff

Kathy Weinberg, RN, Executive Director
Laura Hudson, RN, Associate Director CE/Workforce
Jimmy Reyes, RN, Associate Director Practice/Education
Rhonda Ruby, RN, Iowa Nurse Assistance Program Coordinator
Doug Bartels, Associate Director Enforcement
Lucas Bee, Enforcement
Kathleen Beebout, RN, Enforcement
Diane Burkert, RN, Enforcement
Taunya Cunningham, RN, Enforcement
Eric Holsapple, Enforcement
Bill Hansen, Enforcement
Anne Ryan, RN, Enforcement
Kris Watson, RN, Enforcement
Kerry Bell, Clerk Specialist
Laura Steffensmeier, Attorney General

Audience

Gwen Suntken called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to adopt the agenda.

PRACTICE

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board issued order number 2017-01-PR, which approves the petition for waiver of 655 IAC 3.5, Qualifications for License by Endorsement submitted by Lucila Hendricks.

On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the Board issued order number 2017-02-PR, which approves the petition for waiver of 655 IAC 3.5, Qualifications for License by Endorsement submitted by Lynn Spiegel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by LeRoy Strohman with Kathryn Dolter abstaining, the board voted to approve the following Open and Closed minutes.

January 11, 12, 13, Board Meeting

WORKFORCE

On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the board voted to appoint Megan Hartwig, MHA, State Office of Rural Health Coordinator, to represent the Iowa Department of Public Health on the Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce advisory committee, in replacement of Gloria Vermie.

On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the board voted to appoint Zoë Thornton, PhD, Iowa Department of Education Program Consultant, to represent the Iowa Department of Education in a new position on the Iowa Center for Nursing Workforce advisory committee.

ENFORCEMENT

Closed Session

3:07 PM On a motion by Debra Larson, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to move into Closed Session for the following reasons:

INAP Procedure in accordance with Iowa Code §21.5(1)“h” to avoid disclosure of specific law enforcement matters, such as allowable tolerances or criteria for the selection, prosecution, or settlement of cases, which if disclosed would facilitate disregard of requirements imposed by law.

Voluntary Surrenders in accordance with Iowa Code §21.5(1)(f) to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case.

Open Session

3:27 PM On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to move into Open Session.

On a motion by Debra Larson, the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender in the following case:
15-355 Samantha Evanson

On a motion by Debra Larson, the Board voted to approve licensure to the following endorsement applicant in the state of Iowa:
16-745 Zuri Myres

Closed Session

3:31 PM On a motion by Debra Larson, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to move into Closed Session for the following reasons:

Examination Applications pursuant to 21.5(1)(a) to discuss materials required by state or federal law to be kept confidential, specifically protected by 22.7(2) and federal law.)

Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order Combined items, in accordance with 21.5(1)"a" to review complaint files or investigative information required by Iowa Code § 272C.6(4) to be kept confidential and 21.5(1)"d", to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings and § 21.5(1)"f", to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case.

Closures in accordance with 21.5(1)(a) to review complaint files or investigative information required by § 272C.6(4) to be kept confidential and 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings.

Open Session

3:45 PM On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to move into Open Session.

On a motion by Kathryn Dolter, the Board voted to find that the criminal conviction(s) does relate to the practice of nursing. However, the following applicant has shown that sufficient rehabilitation has occurred and may be licensed in the state of Iowa upon successful completion of the NCLEX®.

17-029 Erica Strunk

On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to accept the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order (Combined) for the following cases:

- 15-405 Cynthia McConnell
- 15-614 Brittni Edwards
- 15-729 Gail Foxhoven
- 16-297 Leeann Switzer
- 16-328 Kimberly Benskin
- 16-329 Emily Budahn
- 16-330 Geraldine Gehrke
- 16-692 Kimberly Pittman

On a motion by Debra Larson with Mark Odden abstaining, the board voted to close the following cases for lack of probable cause:

16-687

On a motion by Debra Larson, the board voted to close the following cases for lack of probable cause:

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| 13-219 | 16-143 | 16-452 | 16-648 |
| 15-620 | 16-204 | 16-479 | 16-675 |
| 15-780 | 16-215 | 16-516 | 16-688 |
| 15-799 | 16-252 | 16-549 | 16-697 |
| 15-801 | 16-336 | 16-553 | 16-698 |
| 15-802 | 16-338 | 16-576 | 16-699 |
| 16-024 | 16-339 | 16-595 | 16-735 |
| 16-028 | 16-355 | 16-605 | 16-742 |
| 16-047 | 16-384 | 16-645 | |
| 16-050 | 16-431 | 16-647 | |

Kathryn Dolter leaves the call.

Closed Session

3:48 PM On a motion by Debra Larson, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to move into Closed Session for the following reasons:

Findings of Fact items, in accordance with 21.5(1)"f", to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case.

Open Session

3:51 PM On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to move into Open Session.

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted to accept the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Decision and Order for the following cases:

15-618 Jennifer Bixler
15-663 Julie Ireland
15-447 Stevie Thomas

On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting.