

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING**
250 Washington Street, Room 3C
Boston, MA 02108

And Via Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, April 10, 2024 9:00 am | 1 Hour 15 Minutes | (GMT-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Event address for attendees:

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Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Board Members Present In Room 3C

None

Board Members Not Present

K.A. Barnes, JD, RPh

L. Wu, MBA, RN

Board Members Present Via Audio Or Video

L. Kelly, DNP, RN, CNP, Chairperson

A. Alley, MSN, RN, Vice Chairperson

K. Crowley, DNP, RN

A. Joseph, MD

L. Keough, PhD, RN, CNP

M. McAuliffe, DNP, RN

J. Monagle, PhD, RN

D. Nikitas, BSN, RN

V. Percy, MSN, RN

R. Reynolds, PhD, MSN, RN

A. Sprague, BS, RN

Staff Present In Room 3C

P. Scott, Licensing Coordinator

L. Bermudez, Program Coordinator I

S. Gaun, Office Support Specialist I

Staff Not Present

G. Velez Rivera, MBA, SARP Monitoring Coordinator

E. Conlon, SARP Monitoring Coordinator

K. Jones, Probation Compliance Officer

Staff Present Via Audio Or Video

H. Cambra, JD, RN, Executive Director

L. Hillson, PhD, MSN, RN, Assistant Director for Policy and Research

H. Engman, JD, Chief Board Counsel

R. Barros, JD, Board Counsel

M. Bresnahan, JD, Board Counsel

H. Caines Robson, MSN, RN, Nursing Education
Coordinator
P. McNamee, MS, RN, Nursing Practice Coordinator
C. DeSpirito, JD, BSN, RN, Complaint Resolution
Coordinator
A. Hallowell, BSN, RN, Complaint Resolution
Coordinator
L. Almeida, RN, Nursing Investigations Supervisor
M. Waksmonski, MSN, RN, SARP Coordinator
L. Ferguson, Paralegal

TOPIC:

Call to Order & Determination of Quorum

DISCUSSION:

L. Kelly confirmed by roll call that a quorum of the Board members was present and announced that the meeting was being recorded.

ACTION:

At 9:04 a.m., L. Kelly, DNP, RN, CNP, Chairperson, called the April 10, 2024 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting to order.

TOPIC:

Approval of Agenda

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion carries.

TOPIC:

Approval of Board Minutes for the March 13, 2024 Meeting of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to accept the Minutes of the March 13, 2024 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting as presented.
K. Crowley and L. Keough abstained.
Motion carries.

TOPIC: Reports, Announcements and Administrative Matters
Announcements

DISCUSSION:

H. Cambra announced that nominations for the Board Chair and Vice Chair will be collected next month ahead of the June ballot.

H. Cambra reminded Board Members to sign up for Complaint Committee meetings if they are able to.

H. Cambra reminded Board Members to ensure that they reset their Microsoft Outlook passwords every 90 days before it expires to avoid being locked out. H. Cambra added that NCSBN is working to update Board Members' Passport accounts.

H. Cambra announced that the Deputy Executive Director position has been posted.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: SARP
Activity Report

DISCUSSION:

M. Waksmonski was available for questions.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Probation
Staff Action Report – None

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Probation
Request for Termination of Probation/Stayed Probation – None

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Probation

Request for Notice of Violation and Further Discipline – None

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Practice Coordinator Staff Report

DISCUSSION:

P. McNamee was available for questions.

L. Kelly asked P. McNamee to elaborate on the increase in prescriptive practice questions, and P. McNamee stated that questions about Collaborative Agreements have been increasing from out of state APRNs. P. McNamee added that Massachusetts has different guidelines than other states, including independent practice.

A. Joseph added that there is confusion between Collaborative Agreements and Guidelines, and if there are opportunities to educate the facilities on the distinction. P. McNamee stated that she receives inquiries regarding this topic mostly from Out of State entities, and there are 2 webpages that go in depth on Prescriptive Practices in Massachusetts that can be referred. P. McNamee added that she will be attending a credentialing speaking engagement in which prescriptive and scope of practice for APRNs will be discussed.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Education

Nursing Education Staff Report – None

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.05(3) Annual Report

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Assistant Dean K. Barnett, present via Zoom Audio and Video

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

K. Crowley asked H. Caines Robson if this was the Accelerated BSN program at the school, and H. Caines Robson confirmed.

K. Crowley asked K. Barnett about the part-time faculty positions for the Accelerated BSN program, and K. Barnett stated that there is a combination of part-time and adjunct faculty for the Accelerated BSN program. K. Crowley asked if the part-time faculty are full-time staff teaching in both the Accelerated and Traditional Baccalaureate programs, and K. Barnett confirmed.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by J. Monagle, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program's 244 CMR 6.07(3) Program Change report for Increased in Admissions and that the Program has provided sufficient evidence of resources to support the increase.
2. Find the Program in Compliance with 244 CMR6.05(3)(c).
3. Continue Full Approval Status at this time.

M. McAuliffe abstained.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.03 Out of State Nursing Education Programs

Emory University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Program Director A. Haynes-Ferere, present via Zoom Audio and Video

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

J. Monagle asked for clarification if the program is an Accelerated BSN program, and A. Haynes-Ferere confirmed it is.

K. Crowley asked H. Caines Robson if the requests were submitted according to the guidelines, and if the program submitted them after the completion of the clinical experience, and H. Caines Robson confirmed the reports were received after the completion of the clinical experience in Massachusetts. K. Crowley asked if the program has made similar errors in the past, and H. Caines Robson stated there has not. K. Crowley emphasized to the program the importance of notifying the Board in advance as required.

L. Kelly asked H. Caines Robson if it is possible to clarify the regulations for Out of State programs on the website, and H. Caines Robson stated she will review it to see if it can be emphasized.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by R. Reynolds, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Emory University application (Form A and Form B enclosed) for approval of out of state clinical experience conducted in Massachusetts.
2. Grant approval of the Emory University School of Nursing's clinical experiences as outlined in Form B.

Motion carries.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.03 Out of State Nursing Education Programs

Saint Joseph's College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Chair of Nursing Department K. Hudock, present via Zoom Audio and Video

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by K. Crowley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Saint Joseph College's application (Form A and Form B enclosed) for approval of out of state clinical experience conducted in Massachusetts.
2. Grant approval for the Saint Joseph College of Maine School of Nursing Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program's clinical experiences as outlined in Form B.

Motion carries.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.08 Noncompliance with the Standard of Nursing Education Programs

Curry College Baccalaureate Nursing Program – Represented by Dean M. McMahon, present via Zoom Audio and Video

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by J. Monagle, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Curry College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program's submitted SEP.
2. For the effectiveness of the nursing education program: Ensure that all Program estimated level of achievements (ELAs) are measurable.

R. Reynolds recused.

Motion carries.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.08 Noncompliance with the Standard of Nursing Education Programs

Regis College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Associate Dean for Prelicensure Nursing M. Cullen, present via Zoom Audio and Video

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by R. Reynolds, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Regis College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program's submitted SEP.
2. For the effectiveness of the nursing education program: Ensure that all Program estimated level of achievements (ELAs) are measurable.

K. Crowley recused.

Motion carries.

TOPIC: Education

2024 Q1 NCLEX Performance Statistical Reports

Explanation of NCLEX DATA Reports

2024 Q1 NCLEX Summary of MA Graduates Regardless of State of Licensure

2024 Q1 MA Licensure Candidates Regardless of State of Education

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson was available for questions.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Requests for License Reinstatement – None**DISCUSSION:**

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation

Presentation / Report

Legislative Update

DISCUSSION:

L. Hillson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

L. Kelly asked L. Hillson about the status of the NLC, and L. Hillson stated there have not been any updates. L. Hillson added that as soon as there is movement with the bills, she will prepare an update for the Board. L. Hillson added that many nurses showed up to the hearing this past fall, but the bills are still pending. L. Kelly asked if it is possible to work with NCSBN to gather data from Massachusetts nurses on whether they are in favor of the NLC. L. Hillson stated that NCSBN attending the hearing that previously took place, along with nurses, and H. Cambra added that the MA Legislative website has

recordings of the hearing available for view. H. Cambra stated that NCSBN reported an independent survey was conducted with nurses in Massachusetts, and it resulted in a 90% approval rate for Licensees wanting to enter into the Compact.

K. Crowley added that there is an APRN compact in motion as well, and H. Cambra stated there are no bills in motion yet in Massachusetts for an APRN compact. L. Hillson stated that the states that adopted the NLC have adopted the APRN compact as a second step.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation
Topics for Next Agenda

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC:

G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to convene the G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session at 10:17 a.m.

Motion carries.

G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session 10:17 a.m. to 12:03 p.m.

TOPIC:

Adjudicatory Session

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to convene the Adjudicatory Session at 12:06 p.m. to deliberate on proposed final decisions and orders, and rulings on pending adjudicatory matters.

Motion carries.

Adjudicatory Session 12:06 p.m. to 12:11 p.m.

TOPIC:

G.L. c.30A, §21 Executive Session

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to convene the Executive Session at 12:40 p.m. as per Purpose One of G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(1).

Motion carries.

G.L. c. 30A, § 21 Executive Session 12:40 p.m. to 4:59 p.m.

TOPIC:

Adjournment

DISCUSSION:

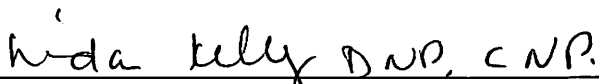
None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, L. Kelly, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to adjourn the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

Motion carries.

Minutes of the Board's April 10, 2024, Regularly Scheduled Meeting were approved by the Board on May 8, 2024.



Linda Kelly, DNP, RN, CNP

Chairperson

Board of Registration in Nursing

Agenda with exhibits list attached.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Registration in Nursing**

Notice of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Regular Session

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024

PRELIMINARY AGENDA AS OF 04/01/24 4:00pm

| Estimated Time | Item # | Item | Exhibit | Presented by |
|-----------------------|---------------|---|----------------|---------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. | I. | CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM | None | |
| | II. | APPROVAL OF AGENDA | Agenda | |
| | III. | APPROVAL OF MINUTES A. Draft Minutes for the March 13, 2024 Meeting of the Board of Registration in Nursing, Regular Session Via Zoom | Minutes | |
| | IV. | REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS A. Announcements | Oral / Memo | HC |
| | V. | SARP A. SARP Activity Report | Report | MW |

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| | VI. | PROBATION A. Probation Staff Action Report - None B. Termination of Probation / Stayed Probation - None C. Request for Notice of Violation and Further Discipline - None | | |
| | VII. | PRACTICE A. Practice Coordinator Staff Report | Report | PM |

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| | VIII. | EDUCATION A. Nursing Education Staff Report B. 244 CMR 6.05(3) Annual Report 1. University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program C. 244 CMR 6.03 Out of State Nursing Education Programs 1. Emory University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program 2. Saint Joseph's College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program D. 244 CMR 6.08 Noncompliance with the Standard of Nursing Education Programs 1. Curry College Baccalaureate Nursing Program 2. Regis College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program E. 2024 Q1 NCLEX Performance Statistical Reports 1. Explanation of NCLEX DATA Reports 2. 2024 Q1 NCLEX Summary of MA Graduates Regardless of State of Licensure 3. 2024 Q1 MA Licensure Candidates Regardless of State of Education | Report Memo Memo Memo Memo Memo Memo Report Report | HCR HCR HCR HCR HCR HCR HCR HCR HCR |
| | IX. | REQUESTS FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT – None | | |
| | X. | STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND EVALUATION A. Legislative Update B. Topics For Next Agenda | Memo/Tracking Report | LH |

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| | | LUNCH BREAK | |
| | XI. | M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C SESSION | CLOSED SESSION |
| | XII. | M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18 ADJUDICATORY SESSION | CLOSED SESSION |
| | XIII. | EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board will meet in Executive Session as authorized pursuant to M.G.L. c.30A, § 21(a)(1) for the purpose of discussing the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the Good Moral Character and Massachusetts Department of Children and Families Cases as required for registration for pending applicants. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of licensees relevant to their petitions for license status change. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of licensees relevant to their compliance with the term of monitored licensed practice or participation in the Board's Substance Addiction Recovery Program. Approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22(f) for sessions held during the February 14, 2024 meeting. | CLOSED SESSION |
| 5:00 p.m. | XIV. | ADJOURNMENT | |

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