

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING**

250 Washington Street, Room 3C
Boston, MA 02108

And Via Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, June 12, 2024 9:00 am | 2 Hours 15 Minutes | (GMT-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

Board Members Present In Room 3C

None

Board Members Not Present

J. Monagle, PhD, RN

Board Members Present Via Audio Or Video

L. Kelly, DNP, RN, CNP, Chairperson

A. Alley, MSN, RN, Vice Chairperson

K.A. Barnes, JD, RPh

K. Crowley, DNP, RN

A. Joseph, MD

L. Keough, PhD, RN, CNP

M. McAuliffe, DNP, 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

S. Gaun, Office Support Specialist I

Staff Not Present

L. Bermudez, Program Coordinator I

Staff Present Via Audio Or Video

H. Cambra, JD, BSN, 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
L. Almeida, RN, Nursing Investigations Supervisor
M. Waksmonski, MSN, RN, SARP Coordinator
G. Velez Rivera, MBA, SARP Monitoring Coordinator
E. Conlon, SARP Monitoring Coordinator
L. Ferguson, Paralegal
K. Jones, Probation Compliance Officer

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 9:00 a.m., L. Kelly, DNP, RN, CNP, Chairperson, called the June 12, 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.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, 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 May 8, 2024 Meeting of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by K. Crowley, and voted by roll call with K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to accept the Minutes of the May 8, 2024 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting as presented/as revised.
A. Alley, L. Kelly, and R. Reynolds abstained.
Motion carries.

TOPIC: Reports, Announcements and Administrative Matters

Announcements

DISCUSSION:

H. Cambra reminded Board Members that as of this meeting, there is no Regularly Scheduled August Board Meeting. H. Cambra added that this may change if there are any legal challenges or time-sensitive matters.

H. Cambra reminded Board Members to change their passwords to their state email accounts to avoid being locked out.

H. Cambra welcomed C. Walsh, Nursing Education Coordinator, to the Board of Registration in Nursing.

H. Cambra announced that the Tuesday, June 18th Complaint Committee Meeting was cancelled, but the Thursday, June 20th meeting is still being held.

H. Cambra stated that Board Members should have received communications from L. Hillson regarding the redesign of the newsletter and encouraged Board Members to share headshots if interested to introduce the Board Members to the public.

H. Cambra stated that there are no updates on the recommendation packets that we are sending for new Board Member appointments to the Boards and Commissions Office.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Reports, Announcements and Administrative Matters
Election of FY 2025 Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson**DISCUSSION:**

H. Cambra announced that the accepted nominations for the FY 2025 were A. Alley for Board Chairperson and L. Kelly for Vice Chairperson.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, No Second, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to elect A. Alley as the Board Chairperson for FY 2025.
Motion carries.

Motion by L. Kelly, No Second, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to elect L. Kelly as the Board Vice Chairperson for FY 2025.
Motion carries.

TOPIC: SARP
Activity Report**DISCUSSION:**

M. Waksmonski was available for questions.

M. Waksmonski amended the SARP Activity Report to note that Undergraduate Nursing student from Simmons University's internship arrangement was ceased due to a misalignment in fit in clinical expectations and experience at the Board.

L. Kelly asked for clarification on the September 11, 2024 bullet point on the report, and questioned if it was to be 2023. M. Waksmonski stated that he is anticipating providing the Board with a more structured data analysis by the September 2024 Board Meeting.

L. Kelly asked for clarification on the next URAMP advisory committee, and M. Waksmonski stated that the next meeting is to be held on June 25, 2024.

A. Joseph asked if there was anything the Board can do to support future nursing internships. M. Waksmonski suggested that there may be an opportunity to review clinical objectives from the placing organization and ensure that those objectives are aligning with those at the Board.

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.

P. McNamee highlighted that she has been receiving a lot of questions regarding Aesthetics and Infusion Clinics. P. McNamee stated that there are two (2) Advisory Rulings which were sent in response to the inquiries. P. McNamee noted that there were also questions regarding the business operations, but the Board does not regulate practice settings. P. McNamee added that in the Advisory Rulings there are requirements that state when nurses are practice, the organization must have certain policies in place. P. McNamee stated that for Independent Prescriptive Practice, there are many Nurse Practitioners and Licensed Nurses who are not advanced practice can own their own business but must remain cognizant of requirements and other licenses that may be needed when opening their practice. L. Kelly added that this topic is routinely brought up at the national meetings. P. McNamee stated that nurses are held to a consistent standard in the Commonwealth regardless of setting.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Education

Nursing Education Staff Report

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson was available for questions.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 604 (3)(c) Full Approval Status

Merrimack College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Undergraduate Program Director L. Sheppard, with Associate Dean and Associate Chair T. Albert, 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.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the staff compliance report finding that the Program has provided satisfactory evidence of compliance with the regulations at 244 CMR 6.04 1(a), 1(b)(2), 1(c), 1(d), 1(e), 1(f), 1(g), 1(h), 1(i), 1(j), 1(k), 1(l), 2(a), 3(a), 3(b), 3(c), 3(d), 4(a), 4(b)(1), 4(b)(2), 4(b)(3), 4(b)(4), 5(a), 5(b)(1), 5(b)(2), 5(c)(1), 5(c)(2), 5(d), 5(e), 5(f).
2. Grant the Program Full Approval Status.

Motion carries.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.06 (2) Site Survey Waiver Requests

Middlesex Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Interim Director of Nursing Education S. Lavallee, with Dean of Health K. Townsend, 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, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the staff compliance report finding that Program has provided satisfactory evidence of compliance with the regulations at 244 CMR 6.04(1)(h), (3)(b), (5) (b) (1).
2. Continue Full Approval status at this time.

Motion carries.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.07 Nursing Education Program Changes

Springfield Technical Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Assistant Dean L. Fugiel, 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 for clarification on how the proposed accelerated option will meet the established clock hours. H. Caines Robson stated that this report was due for the May 2024 Board Meeting but was deferred, and since that time, H. Caines Robson has conversed with the Program Administrator who submitted an outline of the clock hours and clock to credit ratios, which all come out evenly and were included in the memo.

K. Crowley stated that the report outlined that faculty would increase per every 15 students and noted that the 2024-2025 admission is about 30 students over. K. Crowley indicated the program has hired one (1) additional faculty and asked if that will be increased to two (2) faculty. L. Fugiel confirmed that one (1) additional faculty member was hired and are searching for a second.

K. Crowley asked that within the required reports, if the program can breakdown admissions for each of the program options so the Board can monitor where the entries are coming from.

ACTION:

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

1. Accept the Program's 244 CMR 6.07(1) (a) Program Change report for the addition of three additional options (evening, weekend, and accelerated) and for 244 CMR 6.07(a)(b) increase in admissions.
2. Determine the Program warrants approval for the addition of an evening option.
3. Determine the Program warrants approval for the addition of a weekend option.
4. Determine the Program warrants approval for the addition of an accelerated options; and

5. Determine the Program warrants an increase in admission as a result of the addition of the options as outlined by the Springfield Technical Community College Associate Degree Nursing program.

A. Joseph recused.

Motion carries.

TOPIC: Requests for License Reinstatement – None

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation

Presentation / Report

Legislative Updates

DISCUSSION:

L. Hillson summarized her previously distributed memorandum to the Board.

H. Cambra clarified that the actual law is on the website and Board staff is currently working on a comprehensive information sheet and Frequently Asked Questions that Board staff have been receiving recently and will be adding this information to the website when it is finalized.

A. Alley added that the Board should be attentive to the current laws that are in place regarding workplace violence, especially against nursing physical assault, and requested a monthly update going forward.

ACTION:

So noted.

Break from 9:47am to 10:03am

TOPIC: Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation

Presentation / Report

Out of State Applicants for Licensure That Do Not Meet Licensure Requirements

DISCUSSION:

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

K. Crowley asked if the May 26, 2023 promulgation was just for Out-of-State inclusion for accreditation, and H. Caines Robson stated that the individuals in question graduated prior to the promulgation of the regulations.

H. Cambra highlighted the mitigating factors in the memo, an encouraged Board Members to discuss.

A. Joseph asked for clarification if this policy is to prevent these individuals from the retroactive application of new regulations in application for licensure, and H. Engman confirmed.

L. Kelly stated that the accreditation was eye-opening to surrounding states, as applicants that applied prior were licensed, and after May 26, 2023, out-of-state applicants that attended non-accredited schools were denied licensure. L. Kelly added that this policy recommends approving applicants that went to non-accredited programs but meet all other eligibility requirements and who graduated prior to the regulation promulgation on May 26, 2023. L. Kelly stated that it needs to be clear that the policy only applies to those who graduated prior to May 26, 2023.

D. Nikitas asked if there are a lot of non-accredited schools, and H. Cambra stated that the Commonwealth only has jurisdiction over the programs within the state, and states may treat accreditation differently. H. Cambra stated that there are a fair number of applicants applying with out-of-state nursing education. L. Kelly and A. Alley stated that applicants will still need to meet the requirements.

K. Crowley asked if the recommendation to elect to have full or partial substitution with virtual and other learning options if the program did not meet the direct patient clinical experiences in adult medical-surgical, pediatric, obstetrics, and/or mental health as defined by NCSBN guidelines will be available to Massachusetts nursing students as well and noted that it could be a conflict if out-of-state applicants have a different criterion. H. Cambra stated that staff will be researching substitutions of clinical, given the NCSBN guidelines, and that out-of-state nursing programs are prioritizing medical-surgical clinicals and not requiring other sorts of inpatient specialty care. H. Cambra stated that the pattern of “training generalists” has been emerging outside of Massachusetts and staff will be collecting data on trends and patterns on out-of-state applicants. K. Crowley stated that inconsistent application of regulations can cause future discussion and recommended separating the generalist component and substituting clinical with alternative options.

A. Joseph asked for clarification on if the out-of-state applicants don’t need to meet the training requirements, and if the applicants have compensatory factors, the Board will recommend the applicant be granted licensure. H. Caines Robson confirmed and stated that the request is to have staff action authority to review each individual applicant case-by-case to determine if they have acceptable alternative means to the 50% direct patient care requirement. A. Joseph asked if there is adequate amount of Board staff to review the applicants. H. Cambra stated that if the Board accepts the recommendation, the Board provides acceptable criteria for Board staff to follow. H. Cambra added that hopefully PCS staff can be trained to follow the criteria set by the Board to reduce the caseload of Board staff.

K.A. Barnes recommended deferring eligibility determination for anyone that falls into the category of Clinical Requirements. K.A. Barnes stated that further research needs to be done in order to vote on authorizing staff action authority. K. Crowley reiterated the need for consistency between in-state and out-of-state applicants. H. Engman stated that some challenges that were discussed were the fact that other states are not a direct comparison to Massachusetts in relation to the number of programs and available clinical sites. M. McAuliffe agreed with K.A. Barnes’ recommendation and reiterated that consistency is important and what out-of-state applicants’ practice standards are coming into Massachusetts. L. Kelly noted that all applicants have passed the NCELX and have met the national standard, and some in-state nurses don’t have specialty education, and it is not just specific to out-of-state nurses. L. Kelly added that it is also preventing nurses who have practiced in other states from obtaining licensure in Massachusetts because they do not meet the educational requirements, and Board staff having staff action authority can review and move those applicants through the process. H. Cambra added that a majority of these

applicants are reciprocal applicants and those that have been granted conditional licensure and are ineligible for permanent licensure due to the educational requirements.

K.A. Barnes asked how to move forward, and recommended a working group of Board Members to come together and draft a guidance document that can be brought before the full Board.

K. Crowley emphasized that there is a crisis within certain specialty care settings, many of which are limited within nursing programs. K. Crowley recommended looking at current regulations to ensure that patients are safe in their care within all different specialties. L. Kelly added that NCSBN is collecting data on education simulation and alternative education, and this issue is a national one.

A. Joseph stated that there should be a distinction in new applicants from out-of-state versus reciprocal applicants applying for licensure in Massachusetts. A. Joseph added that reciprocal applicants may have workforce experience that would exceed a new graduate's training. A. Joseph described an analogy in which he concluded that nurses should be able to demonstrate work, life, or training experience to be able to work within a specialty but needn't prove that they are a nurse. H. Cambra added that there is flexibility to research and recommend educational substitutions that are evidence-based and reflect the current state of public health.

L. Kelly recommended that the Board vote on the creation of the working group to include Board Members and Board staff, have a working document with monthly reports to examine the numbers between reciprocal applicants and new applicants from out-of-state, modify the objective criteria so as not to slow down the process for permanent licensure for Licensees who obtained Conditional licensure, and have the working group create and recommend criteria for new out-of-state applicants and reciprocal applicants. H. Engman added that the current regulations are broad, and if Board Members have specific parameters for Board staff to look at, Board staff can create more concrete proposal or staff action policy for approval. H. Engman added that conditional licensure approval is based on meeting the underlying eligibility requirements and is unsure if the Board will be able to separate those that had a conditional license versus those that did not.

L. Kelly asked H. Caines Robson what would be acceptable versus not acceptable to meet the criteria that has been seen, such as on a resume or simulations taken by the applicant, for clarification. H. Caines Robson states that some reciprocal applicants have practiced in other jurisdictions for at least five (5) to 20 years, and the Board has received requests to utilize their working experience in various areas as alternatives to the curriculum requirements. L. Kelly added that healthcare institutions are recruiting these Licensees based on their experience. L. Kelly asked if Board staff is looking for criteria such as practicing for X number of years, licensed in another jurisdiction, have a license in good standing, practice within the area that they do not meet the educational requirements, and H. Cambra encouraged the Board to give guidance surrounding learning modalities that are being used, and cautioned using work experience in replacement of education. L. Kelly added that some nurses may have additional certifications.

A. Alley asked why the date of the May 11, 2023 date was used in the Clinical Requirements Part 2 when clinicals resumed in 2022, and H. Caines Robson and H. Engman clarified that was the date when the state and federal State of Emergency was lifted.

K. Crowley asked H. Caines Robson if the LPN accreditation regulation the same as the RN regulation listed on the memo, and H. Caines Robson clarified that the individuals would be those that fall outside the promulgation date or completed non-accredited programs. H. Caines Robson stated that there is an

existing policy that allows Board staff to review the clock hours of the non-accredited LPN program to determine eligibility, and the ask of this proposal refer to if the clock hours were affected by COVID. K. Crowley asked if the Board requires LPN programs to be accredited, and H. Caines Robson confirmed as of May 2023, and K. Crowley asked why that language is not included in this recommendation. H. Caines Robson stated there was a staff action policy regarding accreditation brought before the Board previously that allows Board staff to review the program's clock hours for eligibility.

L. Kelly asked H. Caines Robson if Board staff would have record of closed nursing programs, and H. Caines Robson clarified these would be out-of-state programs.

K.A. Barnes asked for clarification on the attestation contents, and H. Caines Robson stated that at least a transcript would be required alongside the attestation. H. Cambra stated that this surrounds the Certificate of Graduation, and the Holder of Records have no knowledge of the curriculum from that program, so the attestation confirms the minimum of Board approval and institutional accreditation, and to provide any underlying documentation that is available. K. Crowley asked if a staff recommendation can be added for any future non-accredited schools that closed after May 26, 2023 to be excluded from the earlier recommendation regarding out-of-state non-accredited programs. K. Crowley asked for clarification regarding that this recommendation is only including parent institutions, and voiced concerns regarding the future tracking of non-accredited RN schools. K. Crowley recommended adding language that clarifies and creates consistency with both LPN and RN out-of-state program accreditation.

H. Caines Robson requested the addition of an official reference for the NCSBN Simulation Study to be added to the memo.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by K.A. Barnes, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, and R. Reynolds in favor to accept the recommendation to approve applicants, who otherwise meet eligibility requirements, and completed their non-accredited nursing education programs prior to May 26, 2023.

A. Sprague not present.

Motion carries.

Motion by K. Crowley, seconded by K.A. Barnes, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague in favor to accept the recommendation to defer the Clinical Requirements Part I, establish a working group and come back with a proposal of the recommendation including what Board Members would expect the staff actions to be based off of, to be completed by September 2024.

Motion carries.

Motion by K. Crowley, seconded by K.A. Barnes, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague in favor to accept the recommendation to establish a subcommittee consisting of at least three (3) Board Members, so quorum would be three (3), and the Committee will review nursing education clinical requirements and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

L. Keough abstained.

Motion carries.

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and

A. Sprague in favor to accept the recommendation, for RN Program Clinical Requirements, to approve *all* applicants whose nursing education can demonstrate that it did not include clinical experiences due to COVID, occurring between March 2020 to May 11, 2023, and who otherwise meet eligibility requirements.

Motion carries.

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by K.A. Barnes, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague in favor to accept the recommendation for LPN Program Clinical Requirements:

1. that non-accredited LPN nursing programs can be reviewed in accordance with the existing policy.
2. to approve LPN applicants whose nursing education did not include clinical experiences due to COVID, occurring between March 2020 to May 11, 2023, and who otherwise meet eligibility requirements.

Motion carries.

Motion by K. Crowley, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague in favor to accept the recommendation for Closed Nursing Education Programs to:

1. Eliminate the requirement for a Certificate of Graduation (COG)
2. Require the completion of an attestation by the Holder of Record which demonstrates Board approval and parent institution accreditation.
3. For RN Programs that close after June 12, 2024, must also read the Nursing Program Accreditation from May 26, 2023 on and follow current LPN program review process within the Board's existing policy.

Motion carries.

TOPIC: Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation

Topics for Next Agenda

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC:

Adjournment of Regular Session

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to adjourn the Regular Session at 11:14 a.m.

Motion carries.

TOPIC:

Adjudicatory Session

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to convene the Adjudicatory Session at 11:30 a.m. to deliberate on proposed final decisions and orders, and rulings on pending adjudicatory matters.

Motion carries.

Adjudicatory Session 11:30 a.m. to 11:52 a.m.

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.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, and A. Sprague unanimously in favor to convene the G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session at 12:16 p.m.

Motion carries.

G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session 12:16 p.m. to 3:09 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.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, and V. Percy unanimously in favor to convene the Executive Session at 3:15 p.m. as per Purpose One of G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(1).

Motion carries.

G.L. c. 30A, § 21 Executive Session 3:15 p.m. to 3:52 p.m.

TOPIC:

Adjournment

DISCUSSION:

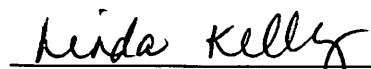
None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, D. Nikitas, and V. Percy unanimously in favor to adjourn the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Motion carries.

Minutes of the Board's June 12, 2024, Regularly Scheduled Meeting were approved by the Board on July 10, 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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PRELIMINARY AGENDA AS OF 5/30/24 1:10pm

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 May 8, 2024 Meeting of the Board of Registration in Nursing, Regular Session Via Zoom	Minutes	
	IV.	REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS A. Announcements B. Election of FY 2025 Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson	Oral / Memo Oral / Memo	HC HC
	V.	SARP A. SARP Activity Report	Report	MW
	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
	VIII.	EDUCATION A. Nursing Education Staff Report B. 244 CMR 604 (3)(c) Full Approval Status 1. Merrimack College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program C. 244 CMR 6.06 (2) Site Survey Waiver Requests 1. Middlesex Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program D. 244 CMR 6.07 Nursing Education Program Changes 1. Springfield Technical Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program	Report Report Report Memo	HCR HCR HCR HCR
	IX.	REQUESTS FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT – None		
	X.	STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND EVALUATION A. Legislative Updates B. Out of State Applicants for Licensure That Do Not Meet Licensure Requirements C. Topics For Next Agenda	Memo/Tracking Tool Memo	LH HCR

		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 April 10, 2024 meeting. 	CLOSED SESSION
5:00 p.m.	XIV.	ADJOURNMENT	

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