

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

250 Washington Street, Room 3C  
Boston, MA 02108

AND VIA ZOOM

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 9:00 am/ 2 hours/ (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Event address for attendees:

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**Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting**

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

**Board Members Present In Room 3C**

None

**Board Members Not Present**

**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

M. Harty, LPN

A. Joseph, MD

L. Keough, PhD, RN, CNP

M. McAuliffe, DNP, RN

J. Monagle, PhD, RN

D. Nikitas, BSN, RN

C. Norris, LPN

V. Percy, MSN, RN

R. Reynolds, PhD, MSN, RN

A. Sprague, BS, RN

L. Wu, MBA, RN

**Staff Present In Room 3C**

P. Scott, Licensing Coordinator

S. Gaun, Office Support Specialist I

V. Pettigrew, Office Support Specialist I

K. Jones, Probation Compliance Officer

**Staff Not Present**

**Staff Present Via Audio Or Video**

C. MacDonald, DNP, RN, Executive Director

H. Cambra, JD, RN, Deputy Executive Director

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

O. Atueyi, JD, Board Counsel  
M. Jardonnet, JD, Board Counsel  
S. Waite, DNP, RN, Nursing Education Coordinator  
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  
M. Toner, SARP Monitoring Coordinator  
L. Ferguson, Paralegal

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**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 9:02 a.m., L. Kelly, DNP, RN, CNP, Chairperson, called the March 15, 2023 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting to order.

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**TOPIC:**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of the Draft Minutes for the February 8, 2023 Meeting of the Board of Registration in Nursing, Regular Session Via Zoom

**DISCUSSION:**

K. Jones announced a need to defer an item, VI. D. 1. J. Murden, NUR-2020-0028.

H. Robson announced a change to the Education agenda, to VIII. C. 1. Assabet Valley Regional Technical School Practical Nursing Program. This item will be deferred to the April agenda.

R. Reynolds announced that she needs to recuse herself from VIII D. 1. Emmanuel College.

V. Pettigrew announce that the minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup> meeting are being defended.

**ACTION:**

Motion by L. Kelly to accept the agenda as edited and discussed, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, M. Haity, L. Kelly, A. Joseph, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, C. Nonis, V. Percy, and R. Reynolds unanimously in favor to approve the Agenda as presented/as revised. Motion carries.

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**TOPIC:**

Approval of the Board Minutes for the January 11, 2023 Meeting of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

**DISCUSSION:**

None

**ACTION:**

Motion by L. Kelly to accept the minutes, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley (absent), M. Harty, L. Kelly, A. Joseph (abstain), L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, C. Norris, V. Percy, and R. Reynolds in favor to accept the Minutes of the minutes of the January 11, 2023 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. Motion carries.

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**TOPIC:** Reports, Announcements and Administrative Matters

Announcements

**DISCUSSION:**

C. MacDonald announced that Dr. Anthony Joseph is a new Board member who will be sitting in the physician seat and thanked everyone for their flexibility in meeting on the third Wednesday this month and in May. All other meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month and there will be no meeting in August.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

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**TOPIC:** SARP

Activity Report

**DISCUSSION:**

M. Waksmonski was available for questions.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

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**TOPIC:** Probation

Staff Action Report

**DISCUSSION:**

K. Jones was available for questions.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

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**TOPIC:** Probation

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff action report none and no terminations. No requests for notice of violation.

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**TOPIC:** Practice Coordinator Staff Report

**DISCUSSION:**

P. McNamee was available for questions. Continuing to get a lot of prescriptive practice questions and noting more and more coming from out of state where I believe that people are practicing telehealth

getting their license in MA and have questions about our processes and procedures and also schedule 6 which does not require a DEA which is a federal requirement.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

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**TOPIC:** Education

Nursing Education Staff Repmt

**DISCUSSION:**

H. Robson was available for questions.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

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**TOPIC:** Education

Annual Reports

Bunker Hill community College Associates Degree Nursing Program, represented by Jennifer Thompson, Director of Nursing Education and Kristen Wenger, the chair of nursing education at Bunker Hill, present by Zoom audio and video.

**DISCUSSION:**

H. Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. The school was not meeting requirements for in personal practical clinical nursing education. The program reported change in completion rate below the required benchmark of 70 percent and using up to 100 percent simulation for pediatric and maternity clinical experiences.

R. Reynolds asked what happened around the clinical experiences and what is the plan moving forward. Responded that they have medical-surgical is embedded in those courses and 100 percent of the medical-surgical portion is patient facing and we are actively working on moving the pedi and maternity simulation to give them at least 50 percent patient focused and implement that by Fall 2023. Actively looking at placements.

L. Kelly asked for any additional information about the completion rate.

Responded that this continues to be their struggle based on their student population.

**ACTION:**

Motion by L. Kelly to accept the recommendations and to accept the program's change report and to continue with full approval and direct the program to provide the Board with the plan moving forward for the clinical experiences for Pediatrics and Maternity as indicated in our report by June 15, 2023, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, M. Harty, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, C. Nonis, V. Percy, and R. Reynolds voted unanimously in favor to accept the motion.

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**TOPIC:** Education

Annual Reports

Brockton Hospital School of Nursing Diploma Program, represented by Jean Gouveia, present by zoom audio and video..

**DISCUSSION:**

H. Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. The annual report had a change in admissions to a 86.5 percent increase. The school included increases in resources. No concerns with clinical placements.

**ACTION:**

Motion by L. Kelly to accept the recommendations, to accept the change report, and to continue with full approval at this time, seconded by A. Alley and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, M. Harty, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, C. Norris, V. Percy, and R. Reynolds voted unanimously in favor to accept the motion.

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**TOPIC:** Education

Waiver of Regularly Scheduled Site Survey

UMASS Boston Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program, represented by Dr. Pricilla Gazarian, program administrator and interim department chair, participating by zoom audio and video.

**DISCUSSION:**

S. Waite summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. The program submitted a waiver for their annual report. The highlighted deficiencies are actively being worked on. Last site survey in 2017.

D. Nikitas stated that she wanted to note that the pass rates went down and inquired if it is on their radar. Responded that it is on their radar and are actively working on plans to assess faculty practices, student resources, and really taking a comprehensive look.

**ACTION:**

Motion by J. Monagle for a site visit and includes all of the recommendations in the report, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, M. Harty, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, C. Norris, V. Percy, and R. Reynolds voted unanimously in favor to accept the motion.

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**TOPIC:** Education

Approval of Specific Nursing Education Program Changes

Emanuel College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program, Represented by Dr. Carol Femia, present by Zoom audio and video.

**DISCUSSION:**

S. Waite summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. Program change in admissions represents a 53 percent increase. This program has initial approval status. There is a process in place to review all components of the program.

The program has an ongoing evaluation of resources to meet the needs of regulations and of their student communities.

**ACTION:**

Motion by **J. Monagle** to accept the report, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, M. Harty, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, C. Norris, and V. Percy voted unanimously in favor to accept the motion.

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**TOPIC:** Requests for License Reinstatement

None

**DISCUSSION:**

None

**ACTION:**

None

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**TOPIC:** Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation

Presentation/Report

**DISCUSSION:**

L. Hillson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. The process of legislation was summarized in order to inform the board of current legislation moving forward. There are pending Bills for Veterans and EMTs to be able to sit NCLEX exam without graduating from a Board approved nursing program. Also, there are pending Bills in for MA to join the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC).

**ACTION:**

As noted.

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**TOPIC:** Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation

Presentation/Report

Proposed Advisory Ruling 23-01: The Role of the Nurse Assisting with Peripheral Nerve Block Placement

**DISCUSSION:**

P. McNamee summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. Discussion of the role of a nurse in assisting the Anesthesia provider in providing anesthetic. Multiple State Boards of Nursing that have advisory opinions along with criteria on this practice. The advisory ruling would allow nurses to assist Anesthesia providers in the operating room.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley to accept the advisory ruling, seconded by D. Nikitas, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, M. Harty, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, C. Non-is, V. Percy, and R. Reynolds voted unanimously in favor to accept the motion.

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**TOPIC:** Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation

Presentation/Report

Proposed Advisory Ruling 23-02: Educational Requirements for Licensure

**DISCUSSION:**

H. Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.  
Discussion of educational requirements for licensure.

L. Kelly stated these advisory rulings are for clarification. There are no changes in the regulations.

**ACTION:**

Motion by L. Kelly to accept the proposed advisory ruling for educational requirements for licensure for applicants educated outside the state, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, M. Harty, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, M. McAuliffe, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, C. Norris, V. Percy, and R. Reynolds voted unanimously in favor to accept the motion.

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

**DISCUSSION:**

A. Alley discussed need for those educated outside the US territory and what is the compatibility with our standards.

**ACTION:**

Will be bringing forward a policy for those educated outside the US.

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**G.L. c. 30A, § 21 Executive Session <> a.111. to <> p.m.**

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**TOPIC:**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by <>, seconded by <>, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, A. Sprague and L. Wu unanimously in favor to convene the G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session at <> p.m.

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**G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session <> p.m. to <> p.111.**

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**TOPIC:**

Adjudicatory Session

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by <>, seconded by <>, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, A. Sprague and L. Wu unanimously in favor to convene the Adjudicatory Session at <> p.111. to deliberate on proposed final decisions and orders, and rulings on pending adjudicatory matters.

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Adjudicatory Session < p.m. to < p.m.

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**TOPIC:**

Adjournment

**DISCUSSION:**

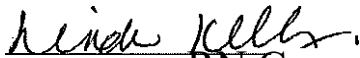
None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by<, seconded by<, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, A. Sprague and L. Wu unanimously in favor to adjourn the meeting at < p.m.

Agenda with exhibits list attached.

Minutes of the Board's March 15, 2023, Regularly Scheduled Meeting were approved by the Board on October 11, 2023.



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, March 15, 2023**

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA AS OF 03/2/23 4:45pm**

	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Presented by</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>I.</b>	<b>CALL TO ORDER &amp; DETERMINATION OF QUORUM</b>	None	
	<b>II.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	Agenda	
	<b>III.</b>	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> A. Revised Draft Minutes for the January 11, 2023 Meeting of the Board of Registration in Nursing, Regular Session Via Zoom B. Draft Minutes for the February 8, 2023 Meeting of the Board of Registration in Nursing, Regular Session Via Zoom	Minutes Minutes	
	<b>IV.</b>	<b>REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</b> A. Announcements	Oral	
	<b>V.</b>	<b>SARP</b> A. SARP Activity Report	Report	MW

	<b>VI.</b>	<b>PROBATION</b> A. Probation Staff Action Report - None B. Termination of Probation/ Stayed Probation - None 1. Name, Complaint Number, License Types/ Numbers - None C. Request for Notice of Violation and Further Discipline - None D. Request for Modification of Consent Agreement 1. Murden, J, NUR-2020-0028, LN61921	None None None Memo	Kj
	<b>VII.</b>	<b>PRACTICE</b> A. Practice Coordinator Staff Report	Report	PM
	<b>VII</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b> A. Nursing Education Staff Report 1. Staff Action Report B. 244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b) Annual Reports 1. Bunker Hill Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program. 2. Brockton Hospital School of Nursing Diploma Program C.. 244 CMR 6.06 (2) Waiver of 244 CMR 6.06 (1)(a) Regularly Scheduled Site Survey 1. Assabet Valley Regional Technical School Practical Nursing Program. 2. UMass Boston Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program D. 244 CMR 6.07 Board Approval of Specific Nursing Education Program Changes 1. Emmanuel College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program	Report Memo Memo Report Report Memo	HCR HCR/SW HCR/SW HCR SW SW
	<b>IX.</b>	<b>REQUESTS FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT - None</b> A. Name, Complaint Number, License Types / Numbers	None	
	<b>X.</b>	<b>STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND EVALUATION</b> A. Quarterly Legislative Updates B. Proposed Advisory Ruling 23-01: the Role of the Nurse Assisting with Peripheral Nerve Block Placement. C. Proposed Advisory Ruling 23-02: Educational Requirements for Licensure D. Topics For Next Agenda	Memo & Tracking Tool Memo & Proposed Advisory Ruling Memo & Proposed Advisory Ruling	LH PM HR

	<b>XI.</b>	<b>M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C SESSION</b>	CLOSED SESSION
	<b>XII.</b>	<b>M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18 ADJUDICATORY SESSION</b>	CLOSED SESSION
	<b>XIII.</b>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b></p> <p>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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22(1) for sessions held during the January 11, 2023 meeting.</li> <li>Approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22(1) for sessions held during the February 8, 2023 meeting.</li> </ol>	CLOSED SESSION
5:00 p.m.	<b>XIV.</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	

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