**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING**

250 Washington Street, Room 3C

Boston, MA 02108

And Via Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:00 am | 4 Hours | (GMT-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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##### Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

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| **Board Members Present In Room 3C** | **Board Members Not Present** |
| None |  |
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| **Board Members Present Via Audio Or Video** |  |
| A. Alley, MSN, RN, Chairperson  L. Kelly, DNP, RN, CNP, Vice Chairperson |  |
| K.A. Barnes, JD, RPh |  |
| K. Crowley, DNP, RN  A. Joseph, MD |  |
| L. Keough, PhD, RN, CNP |  |
| J. Monagle, PhD, RN |  |
| D. Nikitas, BSN, RN |  |
| V. Percy, MSN, RN |  |
| R. Reynolds, PhD, MSN, RN |  |
| R. Sesay, ASN, RN  A. Sprague, BS, RN (Arrived at 9:20am)  H. Underwood, LPN |  |

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| **Staff Present In Room 3C** | **Staff Not Present** |
| P. Scott, Licensing Coordinator |  |
| L. Bermudez, Program Coordinator I  S. Gaun, Office Support Specialist 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 |  |
| C. Walsh, MSN, 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  A. Hallowell, 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:**

A. Alley 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., A. Alley, MSN, RN, Chairperson, called the September 11, 2024 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting to order.

**TOPIC:**

## Approval of Agenda

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by K.A. Barnes, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes,

K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:**

Approval of Board Minutes for the July 10, 2024 Meeting of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by K.A. Barnes, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes,

K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to accept the Minutes of the July 10, 2024 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting as presented.

Motion carries.

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

Announcements

**DISCUSSION:**

H. Cambra announced that two (2) new Board Members have been appointed to the Board and welcomed H. Underwood, who holds the LPN Direct Care, Community Health seat, and R. Sesay, who holds the RN Direct Care, Outpatient/Community/Behavioral seat.

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

H. Cambra provided an update on the Nursing Education Sub-Committee meeting and noted that the recommendations and information obtained during the process will be presented to the full Board at the October Board Meeting.

**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.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

**TOPIC:** Education

Nursing Education Staff Report

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Walsh was available for questions.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.03 (2) Out of State Programs

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

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Walsh summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

A. Alley asked what systems have been put in place to prevent this situation from happening again, and K. Hudock stated that she is working the ABSN program and have a timeframe for the clinical rotations and are reviewing the clinical rotations and filling out forms at that time. K. Hudock added that she is ensuring that there is at least 30 days’ time to mail forms and are currently implementing this process.

K. Crowley asked when this process is going into effect, and K. Hudock stated that it is not in place yet but is ready to go pending the Board’s decision. K. Crowley asked if there are any clinical placements in Massachusetts yet, and K. Hudock stated there is not. K. Crowley asked when the target date is for clinicals to begin, and K. Hudock stated October 2024. R. Reynolds asked if the forms for the Fall 2024 semester are ready to mail out, and K. Hudock confirmed. R. Reynolds asked if the program is planning for Spring 2025, and K. Hudock confirmed. K. Crowley asked C. Walsh if this was the third time the program violated the regulation within the last 12 months, and C. Walsh confirmed.

H. Caines Robson asked for approval of student placements for the current cohort.

A. Joseph asked if K. Hudock had a back-up plan in the event that the program does not get approved, and K. Hudock stated there was no backup.

**ACTION:**

Motion by K. Crowley, seconded by R. Reynolds, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes,

K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Determine the program is not in compliance with 244 CMR 6.03 (2).
2. Determine the program warrants full approval status at this time.
3. Determine that Saint Joseph’s Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program warrants approval for clinical experiences conducted in summer of 2024, as outlined in the memo.
4. Direct the Program to provide:
   1. Due October 11, 2024:
      1. A comprehensive plan of action to obtain Board approval of any clinical learning experiences conducted in Massachusetts.

R. Sesay abstained.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3) (c) Annual Reports

Boston College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Dean K. Gregory, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Walsh summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

**ACTION:**

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

1. Accept the Boston College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program annual report and additional documentation to demonstrate compliance that was provided.
2. Determine the program is compliant with 244 CMR 6.05 3(c).
3. Continue Full Approval Status at this time.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3) (c) Annual Reports

Berkshire Community College Practical Nursing Program – Represented by Director of Nursing

M. Williams, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Walsh summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes,

K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay, A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program’s 244 CMR6.05(3)(c) annual report and 244 CMR 6.07 (3) Program change report for completion rate below requirements.
2. Determine the program is compliant with 244 CMR6.05(3)(c)
3. Continue Full Approval Status at this time.
4. For the effectiveness of the Nursing Education Program, provide to the Board the following:
   1. Due December 11, 2024:
      1. The Programs detailed plan of actual interventions implemented.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3) (c) Annual Reports

Regis College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Program Administrator M.L. Cullen, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Walsh summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay, A. Sprague and

H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program’s 244 CMR6.05(3)(c)
2. Determine the program is compliant with 244 CMR6.05(3)(c)
3. Continue full approval status at this time.
4. Direct the Program to provide to the Board the following to demonstrate correction of the regulatory deficiencies:
   1. Due October 11, 2024:
      1. Table of credit hours and clock hours for each course demonstrating congruence with the published curriculum map and in accordance with generally accepted academic standards including consistent credit-to-contact hour ratios [244 CMR 6.04(4)(b)(2)(4)].
   2. Due December 11, 2024:
      1. Systematic evaluation plan (SEP) and meeting minutes demonstrating evaluation of curriculum [244 CMR 6.04(4) (a)(b)].
5. Failure to correct these regulatory deficiencies by the established due dates will result in the Board’s evaluation of the Program’s approval status [ref 244 CMR 6.08(1)].

K. Crowley recused.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3) (c) Annual Reports

UMass Amherst Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Dean A. Vorderstrasse and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs M.E. Burke, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Walsh summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

R. Reynolds asked what happened with the correction with the preceptors, and C. Walsh stated that there is no plan in place to address that yet. K. Crowley asked what the Program’s current policy is and

A. Vorderstrasse stated that there is only one (1) preceptor out of compliance, and stated the program is working on a system to collect data on preceptors to determine compliance with regulations before the preceptorship starts.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by K. Crowley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes,

K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay,

A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program’s 244 CMR6.05(3)(c) Annual Report
2. Determine the program is compliant with 244 CMR6.05(3)(c)
3. Continue full approval status at this time.
4. Direct the Program to provide to the Board the following to demonstrate correction of the regulatory deficiencies:
   1. Due October 11, 2024:
      1. Table of credit hours and clock hours for each course demonstrating congruence with the published curriculum map and in accordance with generally accepted academic standards including consistent credit-to-contact hour ratios [244 CMR 6.04(4)(b)(2)(4)]
      2. Submit a comprehensive plan of action to verify preceptor qualifications prior to selecting [ref:244 CMR 6.04 (2)(c)(4)].
   2. Due December 11, 2024:
      1. Systematic evaluation plan (SEP) and meeting minutes demonstrating evaluation of curriculum [244 CMR 6.04(4) (a)(b)]; and preceptor qualifications [244 CMR 6.04(2)(c)].
5. Failure to correct these regulatory deficiencies by the established due dates will result in the Board’s evaluation of the Program’s approval status [ref 244 CMR 6.08(1)].

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3) (c) Annual Reports

UMass Boston Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Interim Chair L. Hayman, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Walsh summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

R. Reynolds asked for the program’s plan to address concerns, and L. Hayman stated there are systems in place now for tracking and monitoring, and the preceptors were overseen by clinical faculty. L. Hayman stated that was addressed, and faculty are completing MSN so they can be certified.

K. Crowley asked for clarification on improvements in faculty professional development and what the selection process was and what the program has done to rectify concerns concerning the preceptors. L. Hayman stated that she recently assumed her role of Interim Chair and has been meeting with the Clinical Coordinators to ensure that the selected individuals are appropriately qualified. L. Hayman stated that the individuals who did not meet the criteria are pursuing additional education and teaching certification. A. Alley asked how placement is determined and L. Hayman stated that previously, the program would reach out to the clinical or community setting and noted that there is a more robust database with this information currently. L. Hayman added that the preceptors will be reviewed thoroughly to ensure compliance with the regulations. J. Monagle asked if the program collects a resume from the preceptor to ensure they meet the requirements, and L. Hayman confirmed. A. Alley asked L. Hayman how many precepting students there are for the Fall semester, and L. Hayman was unable to provide an exact number.

**ACTION:**

Motion by K. Crowley, seconded by R. Reynolds, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes,

K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, A. Sprague and

H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program’s 244 CMR6.05(3)(c) Annual Report
2. Determine the program is not in compliance with 244 CMR6.05(3)(c).
3. Continue full approval status at this time.
4. Direct the Program to provide to the Board the following in order to demonstrate correction of the regulatory deficiencies:
   1. Due October 11, 2024:
      1. Submit a comprehensive plan of action to verify faculty qualifications prior to hire and preceptor qualifications prior to selecting [ref:244 CMR 6.04 (2)(b)(3)(4) and (2)(c)(4)]
      2. List of amount of students in preceptorship and list of preceptors for the Fall 2024Semester
   2. Due December 11, 2024:
      1. Systematic evaluation plan (SEP) and meeting minutes demonstrating evaluation of instructor and preceptor qualifications [244 CMR 6.04(2) (a)(b)(c)] and [244 CMR 6.04 (3)(c)].
      2. What the preceptor experience is going to be for Spring 2025.
5. Failure to correct these regulatory deficiencies by the established due dates will result in the Board’s evaluation of the Program’s approval status [ref 244 CMR 6.08(1)].

L. Keough and R. Sesay abstained.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3) (c) Annual Reports

UMass Lowell Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Chair H. Fantasia, Clinical Professor L. Soroken, and Associate Chair M. El Ghaziri, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Walsh summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

R. Reynolds asked if the program has provided a corrected credit to clock hour table, and C. Walsh stated they have not. R. Reynolds asked the program their plan to correct the differences in completed hours, and L. Soroken stated that students do complete 270 hours, and 216 hours are completed in direct patient care experience and a weekly two (2) hour seminar, in which students submit case studies.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by J. Monagle, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes,

A. Joseph, L. Kelly, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program’s 244 CMR6.05(3)(c) Annual Report
2. Determine Compliance with 244 CMR6.05(3)(c)
3. Continue full approval status at this time
4. Direct the Program to provide to the Board the following to demonstrate correction of the regulatory deficiencies:
   1. Due October 11, 2024:
      1. Submit a comprehensive plan of action to verify faculty qualifications prior to hire and preceptor qualifications prior to selecting [ref:244 CMR 6.04 (2)(b) and (2)(c)(2)(4)]
      2. Table of credit hours and clock hours for each course demonstrating congruence with the published curriculum map and in accordance with generally accepted academic standards including consistent credit-to-contact hour ratios [244 CMR 6.04(4)(b)(2)(4)]
   2. Due December 11, 2024:
      1. Systematic evaluation plan (SEP) and meeting minutes demonstrating evaluation of the curriculum [244 CMR 6.04(4) (a)(b)(c)] and demonstrating evaluation of instructor and preceptor qualifications [244 CMR 6.04(2) (a)(b)(c)].
5. Failure to correct these regulatory deficiencies by the established due dates will result in the Board’s evaluation of the Program’s approval status [ref 244 CMR 6.08(1)].

K. Crowley and L. Keough recused.

R. Sesay abstained.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3) (c) Annual Reports

Worcester State Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Associate Dean C. Thomas with Department Chair W. Chadbourne, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

C. Walsh summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by K. Crowley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes,

K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay,

A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program’s 244 CMR6.05(3)(c) Annual Report.
2. Determine the program is compliant with 244 CMR6.05(3)(c).
3. Continue full approval status at this time.
4. Direct the Program to provide to the Board the following to demonstrate correction of the regulatory deficiencies:
   1. Due October 11, 2024:
      1. Table of credit hours and clock hours for each course demonstrating congruence with the published curriculum map and in accordance with generally accepted academic standards including consistent credit-to-contact hour ratios [244 CMR 6.04(4)(b)(3)(4)].
      2. Submit a comprehensive plan of action to verify preceptor qualifications prior to selecting [ref:244 CMR 6.04 (2)(b) and (2)(c)(4)].
   2. Due December 11, 2024:
      1. Systematic evaluation plan (SEP) and meeting minutes demonstrating evaluation of curriculum [244 CMR 6.04(4) (a)(b)] and evaluation of preceptor qualifications [244 CMR 6.04(3)(c)].
5. Failure to correct these regulatory deficiencies by the established due dates will result in the Board’s evaluation of the Program’s approval status [ref 244 CMR 6.08(1)].

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.07 Program Changes

Northeastern University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Dean A. Choflet and Director of Quality and Compliance S. Waite, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

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

**ACTION:**

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

1. Accept the Program’s 244 CMR 6.07(1) (a) Program Change report for the addition of a new option with two tracks to the ABSN program and (1)(c) Addition of a new location for the proposed option to the ABSN program.
2. Determine the Program warrants approval for the addition of the new option with the two tracks.
3. Determine the Program warrants approval for the addition of the new location.

K.A. Barnes and J. Monagle recused.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.07 Program Changes

Quincy College Associate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Dean of Nursing D. Gillis, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

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

K. Crowley asked for clarification on where the three (3) credits are coming from, and D. Gillis stated that the credit hours were taken from semesters two (2), three (3) and four (4), and listed the relevant courses.

**ACTION:**

Motion by K. Crowley, seconded by A. Alley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley,

A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay, A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program’s 244 CMR 6.07(1) (e) Program Change report for the Change in the Sequence of Curriculum.
2. Determine the Program warrants approval for the Change in the Sequence of Curriculum with an addition of a new course.

K.A. Barnes not present.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.08 Noncompliance with Standards

MCPHS Boston Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Dean T. Gravel and

D. McManus, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

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

**ACTION:**

Motion by K. Crowley, seconded by L. Keough, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley,

A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay, A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program’s submission and find that the Program has provided satisfactory evidence of compliance with the regulations at 244 CMR 6.04 (1) (f) (1) (h), (4) (b) (2), (5) (b).
2. Continue Full Approval status at this time.

K.A. Barnes recused.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

244 CMR 6.08 Noncompliance with Standards

MCPHS Worcester Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program – Represented by Dean T. Gravel and

BSN Program Administrator P. Murray, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

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

**ACTION:**

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

H. Underwood unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program’s submission and find that the Program has provided satisfactory evidence of compliance with the regulations at 244 CMR 6.04 (1) (f) (1) (h), (4) (b) (2), (5) (b).
2. Continue Full Approval status at this time.

K.A. Barnes recused.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:** Education

Board Notification

Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School – Represented by Director P. Illsley, present via Zoom Audio and Video

**DISCUSSION:**

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

H. Cambra asked H. Caines Robson if the Program is required to reengage the Board to notify the Board when the Program is up and running, and H. Caines Robson stated that the program would need to submit a change report. H. Caines Robson stated that she could request an update from the Program regarding the resources, recruitment, and hiring of a new faculty member.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

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

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

None.

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

Presentation / Report

Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP)

**DISCUSSION:**

J. Dillon summarized his previously distributed presentation and attached exhibits to the Board.

A. Alley expressed support for the program.

A. Joseph stated that one issue that that frequently arises during rehabilitation is the potential for issues relating to the prescription of psychiatric medications. A. Joseph added that there is a tendency to see disability as driven by diagnosis, but patients may share the same diagnosis but have a range of functional ability. M. Waksmonski stated that there is typically a robust debate on the allowance of these prescription medications when reviewing SARP matters. M. Waksmonski added that the following agenda matter addresses the proposed modification of the SARP Staff Action Policy and addresses the medication concerns. M. Waksmonski added that a Psychiatrist and Clinical Psychologist will be conducting evaluations to determine current functioning and how disability affects functioning and what treatment might be needed for the individual’s participation. M. Waksmonski stated the Board could consider conditions of practice with regard to a participant’s level of functioning.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

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

Presentation / Report

Modification of the SARP Staff Action Policy, 19-01

**DISCUSSION:**

M. Waksmonski summarized his previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay, A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to accept the modifications to the policy.

Motion carries.

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

Topics for Next Agenda

**DISCUSSION:**

L. Kelly asked L. Hillson for a legislative update to be brought before the Board next month.

**ACTION:**

So noted.

**TOPIC:**

Adjournment of Regular Session

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay, A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to adjourn the Regular Session at 11:02 a.m.

Motion carries.

**TOPIC:**

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

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay, A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to convene the G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session at 11:02 a.m.

Motion carries.

**G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session 11:38 a.m. to 1:26 p.m.**

**TOPIC:**

## Adjudicatory Session

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

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

**Adjudicatory Session 11:24 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.**

**TOPIC:**

G.L. c.30A, §21 Executive Session

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, L. Keough, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, R. Sesay, A. Sprague and H. Underwood unanimously in favor to convene the Executive Session at 1:58 p.m. as per Purpose One of G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(1).

Motion carries.

## **G.L. c. 30A, § 21 Executive Session 1:58 p.m. to 5:11 p.m.**

**TOPIC:**

Adjournment

**DISCUSSION:**

None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by A. Alley, seconded by L. Kelly, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes,

K. Crowley, A. Joseph, L. Kelly, J. Monagle, D. Nikitas, V. Percy, R. Reynolds, and R. Sesay unanimously in favor to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

Motion carries.

Minutes of the Board’s September 11, 2024, Regularly Scheduled Meeting were approved by the Board on October 9, 2024.

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## Anthony Alley, MSN, RN

Chairperson

## Board of Registration in Nursing

Agenda with exhibits list attached.

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**Board of Registration in Nursing**

**REVISED Notice of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting**

**Regular Session**

250 Washington Street

Conference Room 3C

Boston, Massachusetts 02108

And Via Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:00 am | 4 Hours | (GMT-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA AS OF 09/05/2024 11:05am**

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| **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**   1. Draft Minutes for the July 10, 2024 Meeting of the Board of Registration in Nursing, Regular Session Via Zoom | Minutes |  |
|  | **IV.** | **REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**   1. Announcements | Oral / Memo | HC |
|  | **V.** | **SARP**   1. SARP Activity Report | Report | MW |
|  | **VI.** | **PROBATION - None**   1. Probation Staff Action Report - None 2. Termination of Probation / Stayed Probation - None 3. Request for Notice of Violation and Further Discipline - None |  |  |
|  | **VII.** | **PRACTICE**  A. Practice Coordinator Staff Report | Report | PM |

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|  | **VIII.** | **EDUCATION**   1. Nursing Education Staff Report 2. 244 CMR 6.03 (2) Out of State Programs 3. Saint Joseph’s College   C. 244 CMR 6.05 (3) (c) Annual Reports   1. Boston College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program 2. Berkshire Community College Practical Nursing Program 3. Regis College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program 4. UMass Amherst Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program 5. UMass Boston Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program 6. UMass Lowell Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program 7. Worcester State Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program   D. 244 CMR 6.07 Program Changes   1. Northeastern University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program 2. Quincy College Associate Degree Nursing Program   E. 244 CMR 6.08 Noncompliance with Standards   1. MCPHS Boston Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program 2. MCPHS Worcester Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program   F. Board Notification   1. Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School | Report  Memo  Memo  Memo  Memo  Memo  Memo  Memo  Memo  Memo  Memo  Memo  Memo | CW  CW  CW  CW  CW  CW  CW  CW  CW  HCR  HCR  HCR  HCR  HCR |
|  | **IX.** | **REQUESTS FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT - None** |  |  |
|  | **X.** | **STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND EVALUATION**   1. Unified Recovery and Monitoring Program (URAMP) 2. Modification of the SARP Staff Action Policy, 19-01 3. Topics for Next Agenda | Presentation  Presentation, Memo, & Policy | JD  MW |

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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.   1. 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.   1. 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.   1. 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.   1. Approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance   with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22(f) for sessions held during the  July 10, 2024 meeting. | CLOSED SESSION | |
| 5:00 p.m. | **XIV.** | **ADJOURNMENT** |  |  |

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