

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN NURSING**
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Boston, MA 02114

And Via WebEx

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:00 am | 1 hour | (UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

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Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Board Members Present In Room 417

L. Kelly, DNP, Chairperson

Board Members Not Present

Board Members Present Via Audio Or Video

L. Keough, CNP, Vice Chairperson (Left at 11:30 a.m.)

(Arrived at 11:59 a.m.)

A. Alley, RN (Left at 1:32 p.m.)

(Arrived at 1:51 p.m.)

K.A. Barnes, JD, RPh (Arrived at 1:21 p.m.)

K. Crowley, DNP

D. Drew, MBA, Public Member (Left at 2:47 p.m.)

G. Gravlin, EdD (Left at 12:42 p.m.)

(Arrived at 12:47 p.m.)

J. Kaneb, MBA, Public Member

C. LaBelle, RN (Left at 3:15 p.m.)

(Arrived at 3:18 p.m.) (Left at 4:45 p.m.)

(Arrived at 4:47 p.m.)

D. Nikitas, RN

E. Pusey-Reid, DNP

L. Wu, RN

Staff Present In Room 417

L. Silva, RN, DNP, Executive Director

C. MacDonald, RN, DNP, Deputy Executive Director

H. Caines Robson, RN, MSN, Nursing Education
Coordinator

S. Waite, RN, DNP, Nursing Education Coordinator

P. McNamee, RN, MS, Nursing Practice Coordinator

Staff Not Present

B. Oldmixon, JD, Board Counsel

C. DeSpirito, RN, JD, Complaint Resolution Coordinator
K. Jones, Probation Compliance Officer
P. Scott, Licensing Coordinator
S. Gaun, Office Support Specialist I
G. Rivera, MBA, Office Support Specialist I

Staff Present Via Audio Or Video

L. Hillson, RN, MSN, PhD, Assistant Director for
Policy and Research
O. Atueyi, JD, Board Counsel
H. Cambra, RN, JD, Interim SARP Coordinator
S. Hall, SARP Monitoring Coordinator
M. Campbell, RN, JD, Nursing Investigations Supervisor
L. Ferguson, Paralegal
L. McKenzie, Temporary Paralegal
R. Dumas, Office Support Specialist I

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 9:12 a.m., L. Kelly, Chairperson, called the February 10, 2021 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting to order.

TOPIC:

Approval of REVISED Agenda

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson stated Agenda Items VIII.D.1. 244 CMR 6.08 Non-Compliance with the Standards for Nursing Education Approval, Becker College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program and VIII.C.1. 244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b) Annual Reports, Becker College Associate Degree Nursing Program will be presented consecutively.

L. Kelly requested the Board Meeting Agenda be approved with the caveat that we will be going out of order and the Sessions will be presented in the order of Regular Session, Adjudicatory Session, Executive Session and Section 65C.

O. Atueyi stated that Agenda Item VI. D.1. Probation, Hearing on Probation Compliance, L. MacLean, RN-07-050, RN228325 will be deferred.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by L. Keough, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to approve the REVISED Agenda as revised.

TOPIC:

Approval of Board Minutes for the January 13, 2021 Meeting of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by L. Keough, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to accept the Minutes of the January 13, 2021 Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting as presented.

TOPIC: Reports, Announcements and Administrative Matters

Announcements

DISCUSSION:

L. Kelly stated that this will be the last Board Meeting for G. Gravlin and she has contributed greatly to the Board. G. Gravlin stated that it is with great ambivalence and with great gratitude she submitted her resignation, she greatly appreciated working with and learning with her fellow Board members, it was her privilege and honor to serve the profession and the Commonwealth. The Board Members thanked G. Gravlin for her service.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: SARP

Staff Activity Report

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Probation

Staff Action Report

DISCUSSION:

K. Jones was available for questions.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC:

Reports, Announcements and Administrative Matters
Proposed Second March 2021 Board Meeting

February 10, 2021 Regular Session Board Meeting Minutes
(to be Approved 03/10/2021)

DISCUSSION:

L. Silva stated the Board staff is attempting to schedule another Board Meeting on March 17, 2021, it will take the place of the Complaint Committee Meeting, several Board members have already signed up, and she needs three (3) more Board members to attend it in order to make quorum. L. Silva asked the Board members to look at their schedules and to respond to her E-Mail Message. L. Silva stated she needs to get this figured out before the end of this Board Meeting.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Probation

Request for Termination of Probation/Stayed Probation

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Probation

Request for Notice of Violation and Further Discipline

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Probation

Hearing on Probation Compliance, L. MacLean, RN-07-050, RN228325

DISCUSSION:

Deferred.

ACTION:

Deferred.

TOPIC: Probation

Petition to Enter into Voluntary Surrender Agreement, M. Thatcher, NUR-2017-0147, RN231925

DISCUSSION:

V. Berg summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. L. Kelly stated that this is an unusual request. V. Berg explained the reasons for the Licensee's request. L. Kelly stated it sounds reasonable. L. Keough stated that it makes sense. K. Crowley stated that she agreed with L. Kelly and L. Keough.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Keough, seconded by K. Crowley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to allow the Licensee to enter into a SUPERCEDING VOLUNTARY SURRENDER AGREEMENT to the Licensee's PROBATION AGREEMENT and that it will supercede the FINAL DECISION AND ORDER.

TOPIC: Practice Coordinator Staff Report

DISCUSSION:

P. McNamee was available for questions.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Education

Nursing Education Staff Report Annual Report to the Board CY 2020

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson was availability for questions. L. Kelly stated to H. Caines Robson and S. Waite that they went through an enormous list and did a phenomenal job. H. Caines Robson and S. Waite stated thank you.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.05 (2) Initial Approval Status, Roxbury Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. There was no discussion.

S. Victoria, Director of Nursing, was present via video. S. Victoria stated she did not want to add anything at this time.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by L. Keough, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Staff Compliance Report.
2. Continue with Initial Approval Status at this time.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.08 Non-Compliance with the Standards for Nursing Education Approval, Becker College
Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

DISCUSSION:

RECUSAL: L. Hillson recused herself from the matter and left the Regular Session Meeting via Webex at 9:31 a.m.

H. Caines Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. L. Kelly asked J. Litchfield several questions.

J. Litchfield, Assistant Dean of Nursing, was present via video. J. Litchfield stated the program has denied the allegations from the Complainant that the program does not offer sufficient resources. J. Litchfield stated the program provided the report on 11/9/2020 that provided evidence of additional hours, library resources and tutoring services, and the program's mission and philosophy are congruent. J. Litchfield stated the program staff has been diligently working to become compliant with the BORN regulations, and the program was taken off of conditions in October 2020 by ACEN, and any feedback or guidance the Board can provide to the program to become compliant the program is open to and support.

In response to L. Kelly, J. Litchfield stated that during the Fall 2020 Semester, the program was completely online due to the fact the program could not obtain clinical sites, but during the Spring 2021 Semester, the program started a conference call and tracing center for the students at Becker College, the program partnered with the Vaccine Core, and the students will be on ground assisting with the vaccination clinics. J. Litchfield stated the priority is for the senior nursing students to attend on ground clinicals and the junior students as well, currently the program has nine (9) clinical sites slated to start on 2/1/2021 at a hospital in Worcester, but the hospital is no longer accepting students until March 2021, and if the students cannot attend the clinicals, they will be attending the vaccination clinics, and they will meet the requirements for on ground clinical.

C. MacDonald asked J. Litchfield if the clinical placements were done through CCP and if the placements were available to the program for the Fall 2020 Semester. In response to C. MacDonald, J. Litchfield stated some placements were available through CCP, but the instructions were not comfortable taking the students on ground, so the program made the decision to go completely online.

C. MacDonald asked J. Litchfield if the program went 100% online, were the students able to do clinicals, because simulations are not clinicals. In response to C. MacDonald, J. Litchfield stated the program purchased a simulation computer software.

L. Silva stated the Board staff has been informed of what other programs are doing creatively and asked J. Litchfield about what the program's plans are for doing clinicals. In response to L. Silva, J. Litchfield stated the program has students which are at several clinical sites at four (4) facilities and sending students to the vaccination clinics and students are taking part in the call center, but they will be transitioned to the vaccination clinics. E. Pusey-Reid asked if the sites available were sufficient to meet learning outcomes. In response to E. Pusey-Reid, J. Litchfield stated the program has the clinical sites and stated the various clinical courses the students are taking.

C. MacDonald reminded J. Litchfield that the discussion was only related to the BSN Program and not the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

L. Kelly stated it would be helpful for the program to submit to the Board a detailed document of the program's plan regarding demonstrating the compliance for the clinical courses. L. Silva asked H. Caines Robson what type of document the Board Education Staff will need. H. Caines Robson stated the Board Education Staff would need a table with the objectives of the program's rotation in line with the course outcome in the document. S. Waite requested that documentation should include a plan if students are unable to complete the identified placement and L. Silva requested that the names of the hospitals should be included.

L. Kelly asked J. Litchfield about the federal financial aid issue and concerns regarding resources. In response to L. Kelly, J. Litchfield stated the program's enrollment has been down, and the program is working to support the students, and the college's Chief Financial Officer is working on obtaining financial resources. J. Litchfield offered to submit the financial plan. H. Caines Robson stated the NCLEX Scores for the program were 78% for 2020 which is below the 80%. J. Litchfield stated the program is trying to address the issues and the concerns. D. Drew stated in its next report, the program will need to state what it is specifically doing to address the deficiencies. K. Crowley stated the financial situation is an issue and there are clinical issues, however they are separate. K. Crowley asked J. Litchfield about the number of students in the 4200 Course and the 3113 Course and about the faculty resources. J. Litchfield answered her questions. A. Alley stated there were challenges regarding Personal Protection Equipment and Social Distancing at hospitals during the Spring, Summer and Fall 2020. A. Alley further stated that hospitals had to cancel clinical hours for students during that time, however, with the decline, hospitals have opened clinical placements for the Spring. A. Alley asked if J. Litchfield reached out to hospitals and stated he does not agree that vaccination clinics are enough for a Med/surg course clinical. In response to A. Alley, J. Litchfield stated the program has secured three (3) other sites and the students will complete the required minimum hours of hands-on experience. E. Pusey-Reid asked J. Litchfield about the number of students who entered the Cohort. J. Litchfield stated 42 students started in the 2020 Cohort that had the 78% Completion Rate. H. Caines Robson stated the percentages of the 2019, 2018, and 2017 Completion Rate.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by D. Drew, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu 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)(d), (1)(e), (3)(a)1, (3)(a)2, (4)(b)(5), and noncompliance with 244 CMR 6.04 (5)(f).
2. Continued Approval with Warning Status.
3. Direct the Program to provide to the Board the following in order to demonstrate correction of the regulatory deficiencies:

A. Due by May 10, 2021:

1. Provide a table outlining the objectives of the Spring 2021 alternative clinical experiences and how they align with the identified course learning outcomes [ref: 244 CMR 6.04 (4)(a) & 244 CMR 6.04 (4)(b)(3) & 244 CMR 6.04 (4)(b)(5)].

2. Provide a comprehensive plan outlining the Spring 2021 in person clinical placements, to include the theoretical component that aligns with the clinical experience, the clinical objectives, the assigned clinical groups and the schedule for the experience including total clinical hours per clinical group [ref: 244 CMR 6.04 (5)(c)].
 3. Complete an internal audit of all clinical affiliation agreements to ensure compliance with Board regulations and provide agreements that include Nursing Program and clinical partner signatures and a statement that agreements are developed and reviewed annually by both program and agency personnel [ref: 244 CMR 6.04 (5)(f)].
 4. Provide a report addressing the financial plan for Becker College to ensure the financial health of the Program [ref: 244 CMR 6.04 (5)(e)].
4. Failure to correct these regulatory deficiencies by the established due dates will result in the Board's evaluation of the Program's approval status.
 5. Direct the Program to provide to the Board the reports which the Board members and staff requested at This Board Meeting within thirty (30) days from February 10, 2021.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b) Annual Reports, Becker College Associate Degree Nursing Program

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. Several Board members discussed their concerns and the Board's options.

L. Kelly asked J. Litchfield about the Change Report increasing the additional students and if the program has the financial resources and support to expand the program. H. Caines Robson stated the program provided evidence of the increase in faculty and the allotted time for clinical staff to support the program.

J. Litchfield, Assistant Dean of Nursing, was present via video. In response to L. Kelly, J. Litchfield stated the specific faculty members who were hired, the tutorial services the program provides for the students, the program has received funding for the Simulation Lab, and the program has ordered equipment for the Pediatric Simulator.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by G. Gravlin, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program's 244 CMR 6.07 (3) Program Change reports for (1) Addition of a New Program Option and (2) Increase in admission of 10 or more students and that the program has provided evidence of sufficient resources.
2. Find the program is in compliance with 244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b).
3. Continue Full Approval Status at this time.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b) Annual Reports, Bunker Hill Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program

DISCUSSION:

RECUSAL: L. Keough recused herself from the matter and left the Board Meeting via Webex at 10:19 a.m. during the deliberation and vote. S. Waite summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. K. Crowley stated the program may want to identify which specific Semester might be at higher risk of losing students.

L. Kelly stated that L. Hillson returned to the Board Meeting via Webex at 10:21 a.m.

E. Tobin, Director of Nursing, was present via video. E. Tobin stated the program implemented the new test plan, the program offered a Fellowship to conduct research on why the program's completion rate was so low and the program staff is alleviating the students' stress with the use of technology.

E. Pusey-Reid asked E. Tobin when the boot camp started. In response to E. Pusey-Reid, E. Tobin stated it was started two (2) years ago, the Tech Day started in the Fall 2020, and the program will look at the admission standards and the criteria to make the students successful.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by K. Crowley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program's 244 CMR 6.07 (3) Program Change report for program completion rate that details a plan to address the identified reasons for the current completion rate.
2. Find the program is in compliance with 244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b).
3. Continue Full Approval Status at this time.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b) Annual Reports, Curry College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

DISCUSSION:

S. Waite summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board.

S. Waite stated the 2020 Annual Report the program submitted included Program Change Reports for (1) Revised Curriculum, (2) Change of Program location and (3) Admissions of ten (10) or more additional students. The Change of Program Location stated the consolidation of Plymouth, MA Satellite Campus to one (1) site and the plan for completed construction of Nursing Suite, including faculty offices, classrooms, simulation and skill labs by Spring 2021. There was no discussion.

L. Kelly stated that L. Hillson arrived back at the Board Meeting via Webex at 10:37 a.m.

D. Hensel, Dean of Nursing, was present via video. D. Hensel stated the location at Cordage Park in Plymouth, MA is an excellent opportunity, and the program hopes the Nursing Laboratory which is being constructed there will be state of the art, the program will start in the Spring 2021 and will go into the

Summer 2021 before the Laboratory is completed. D. Hansel stated there is no change in the program outcome.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by K. Crowley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program's 244 CMR 6.07 (3) Program Change reports for (1) Revised Curriculum, (2) Change of Program location and (3) Admissions of 10 or more additional students and that the program has provided evidence that there are sufficient resources to support the increase.
2. Find the program is in compliance with 244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b).
3. Continue Full Approval Status at this time.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b) Annual Reports, Greenfield Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program

DISCUSSION:

S. Waite summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. There was no discussion.

K. Skiathitis, Assistant Dean of Greenfield Community College, was present via video. K. Skiathitis stated the proposed curriculum change was put forth on 9/27/2018, the curriculum changed in the Fall 2020 because the previous curriculum was confusing for the students to have a pass / fail course and a numerically graded course in one (1) course. K. Skiathitis stated the courses have been separated.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by L. Keough, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program's 244 CMR 6.07 (3) Program Change report for revised Curriculum that details a comprehensive plan to address the identified reasons for the current completion rate.
2. Determine compliance with 244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b).
3. Continue Full Approval Status at this time.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b) Annual Reports, Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing Program

DISCUSSION:

S. Waite summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. There was no discussion.

S. Alves, Director of the Practical Nursing Program, was present via video. S. Alves stated he did not have anything to say.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by L. Keough, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program's 244 CMR 6.07 (3) Program Change report for increase admissions and that the program has provided evidence that there are sufficient resources to support the increase.
2. Find the program is in compliance with 244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b).
3. Continue Full Approval Status at this time.

TOPIC: Education

244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b) Annual Reports, Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing Program

DISCUSSION:

S. Waite summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. There was no discussion.

J. Pelletier, Director of the Practical Nursing Program, was present via video. J. Pelletier stated this is a stable enrollment in the program, the enrollment numbers have stayed the same, and the program has had the same faculty for the past seven (7) years.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by L. Keough, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to:

1. Accept the Program's 244 CMR 6.07 (3) Program Change report for increase admissions and that the program has provided evidence that there are sufficient resources to support the increase.
2. Determine Compliance with 244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b).
3. Continue Full Approval Status at this time.

TOPIC: Education

2020 NCLEX Performance Statistical Reports

1. Explanation of NCLEX DATA Reports
2. 2020 Q4 NCLEX Summary of MA Graduates Regardless of State of Licensure
3. 2020 Q4 MA Licensure Candidates Regardless of State of Education
4. NCLEX Performance by BRN-Approved Programs
 - a. NCLEX RN Performance
 - b. NCLEX PN Performance

DISCUSSION:

H. Caines Robson summarized her previously distributed memorandum and attached exhibits to the Board. There was no discussion.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Requests for License Reinstatement

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

TOPIC: Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation
Workplace Violence Resources

DISCUSSION:

L. Hillson was available for questions.

ACTION:

So noted.

TOPIC: Strategic Development, Planning and Evaluation
Legislative Update: APRN Independent Practice

DISCUSSION:

L. Hillson summarized the legislation orally. L. Hillson stated that on 1/1/2021, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker signed State Senate Bill Number 2984 "An Act Promoting A Resilient Healthcare System That Puts Patients First" into law which is now listed in the Massachusetts Chapter 260 of the Acts of 2020. L. Hillson stated the following: (1) This new law makes changes in the scope of practice for Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNP), Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists (PCNS) and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), (2) The changes do not affect Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs) or Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) as CNMs already have independent practice and the CNSs do not have prescriptive authority, (3) The changes include establishing independent prescriptive practice by CNPs, PCNSs and CRNAs with at least two (2) years of supervised practice experience, (4) It also expands supervising providers to include both physicians and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) with independent practice authority, (5) This Act directs the Board to promulgate regulations and the Board is currently in the process of completing that work, (6) In the interim, a significant part of the changes in this new Act are already in effect pursuant to the Emergency Executive Order that allows APRNs to practice independently which was signed by Governor Charlie Baker on 3/26/2020. The Emergency Executive Order and guidance can be found on the Board's website under the Recent News and Announcements and will remain in effect until either Governor Charlie Baker terminates the COVID-19 State of Emergency or the Emergency Executive Order is rescinded by the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH).

ACTION:

So noted.

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

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

None.

Break from 11:00 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.

TOPIC:

Adjudicatory Session

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by L. Keough, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to convene the Adjudicatory Session at 11:14 a.m. to deliberate on proposed final decisions and orders, and rulings on pending adjudicatory matters.

Adjudicatory Session 11:14 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

Break from 12:20 p.m. to 12:42 p.m.

TOPIC:

G.L. c.30A, §21 Executive Session

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by L. Keough, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K. Crowley, D. Drew, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to convene the Executive Session at 12:42 p.m. as per Purpose One of G.L. c.30A, §21 (a)(1).

G.L. c. 30A, § 21 Executive Session 12:42 p.m. to 3:01 p.m.

Break from 3:01 p.m. to 3:12 p.m.

TOPIC:

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

DISCUSSION:

None.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by K.A. Barnes, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to convene the G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session at 3:15 p.m.

G.L. c. 112, s. 65C Session 3:15 p.m. to 5:05 p.m.

TOPIC:

Adjournment


DISCUSSION:

L. Kelly and L. Silva stated to the Board members that three (3) of them are still needed to have the 3/17/2021 Additional Board Meeting and asked if any of them can do it. One (1) Board member stated she will do it.

ACTION:

Motion by L. Kelly, seconded by K. Crowley, and voted by roll call with A. Alley, K.A. Barnes, K. Crowley, G. Gravlin, J. Kaneb, L. Kelly, L. Keough, C. LaBelle, D. Nikitas, E. Pusey-Reid and L. Wu unanimously in favor to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes of the Board's February 10, 2021, Regularly Scheduled Meeting were approved by the Board on March 10, 2021.



Linda Kelly, DNP
Chairperson
Board of Registration in Nursing

Agenda with exhibits list attached.

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REVISED Notice of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting

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Wednesday, February 10, 2021

PRELIMINARY AGENDA AS OF 2/2/21 9:50am

Estimated Time	Item #	Item	Exhibit	Presented by
9:00 a.m.	I.	CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM	None	
	II.	APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA	Agenda	
	III.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES A. Draft Minutes for the January 13, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Registration in Nursing, Regular Session Via WebEx	Minutes	
	IV.	REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS A. Announcements	Oral/Memo	LS
	V.	SARP A. SARP Activity Report - NONE	None	

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	VI.	PROBATION A. Probation Staff Action Report B. Termination of Probation/Stayed Probation - NONE C. Request for Notice of Violation and Further Discipline – NONE D. Hearing on Probation Compliance, in the matter of: 1. L. MacLean, RN-07-050, RN228325 E. Petition to Enter into Voluntary Surrender Agreement, in the matter of: 1. M. Thatcher, NUR-2017-0147, RN231925	Report None None Hearing Notice Memo	KJ OA VPB
	VII.	PRACTICE A. Practice Coordinator Staff Report	Report	PM
	VIII.	EDUCATION A. Nursing Education Staff Report 1. Nursing Education Staff Report Annual Report to the Board CY 2020 B. 244 CMR 6.05 (2) Initial Approval Status 1. Roxbury Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program C. 244 CMR 6.05 (3)(b) Annual Reports 1. Becker College Associate Degree Nursing Program 2. Bunker Hill Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program 3. Curry College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program 4. Greenfield Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program 5. Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing Program 6. Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School Practical Nursing Program D. 244 CMR 6.08 Non-Compliance with the Standards for Nursing Education Approval 1. Becker College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program E. 2020 NCLEX Performance Statistical Reports 1. Explanation of NCLEX DATA Reports 2. 2020 Q4 NCLEX Summary of MA Graduates Regardless of State of Licensure 3. 2020 Q4 MA Licensure Candidates Regardless of State of Education 4. NCLEX Performance by BRN-Approved Programs a. NCLEX RN Performance b. NCLEX PN Performance	Report Report Report Report Report Report Report Memo Report Report Report Report Report	HCR HCR HCR SW SW SW SW SW HCR HCR HCR HCR HCR HCR
	IX.	REQUESTS FOR LICENSE REINSTATEMENT - NONE	None	

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	X.	STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND EVALUATION A. Workplace Violence Resources B. Legislative Update: APRN Independent Practice C. Topics for Next Agenda	List Oral	LH LH
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	XI.	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"> 1. Specifically, the Board will discuss and evaluate the Good Moral Character as required for registration for pending applicants. 2. 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. 3. 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 Abuse Rehabilitation Program. 4. Approval of prior executive session minutes in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, § 22(f) for sessions held during the January 13, 2021 meeting. 	CLOSED SESSION
	XII.	M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C SESSION	CLOSED SESSION
	XIII.	M.G.L. c. 30A, § 18 ADJUDICATORY SESSION	CLOSED SESSION
5:00 p.m.	XIV.	ADJOURNMENT	

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