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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF NURSING

TIME: 9:15 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

January 22, 2025

State Board of Nursing
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair
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Professional and Occupational Affairs
Donald H. Bucher, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP, Vice
Chair
Kathryn L. Capiotis, MSN, BSN, RN - Absent
Charlene W. Compher, PhD, RD, LDN, FASPEN
Susan Hellier, PhD, DNP, FNP-BC
Brandy Hershberger, DNP, MSN, RN, CEN
Sue E. Hertzler, LPN
Linda A. Kerns, Esquire, Public Member
David Scher, MPH, MSN, RN, CEN
Tina D. Siegel, LPN

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Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and
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T'rese Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor and Board
Prosecution Co-Liaison
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Adrienne E. Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Trista M. Boyd, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
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Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary
Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator

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4 Kori Linn, Chief of Nursing Operations
5 Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor
6 Susan Bolig, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor
7 Kelly Hoffman, MSN, RN, Nursing Education Advisor
8 Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing
9 Education Advisor
10 Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Nursing Education Advisor
11 Tracy Scheirer, PhD, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CNE, Nursing
12 Education Advisor
13 Dulcey Frantz, DNP, RN, RAC-C, Nursing Practice
14 Advisor
15 Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Department of State
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18 ALSO PRESENT:
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20 Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Department Counsel,
21 Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Office of
22 General Counsel
23 Benjamin Lorah, Esquire, Director of Special Funds,
24 Pennsylvania Insurance Department
25 Miles Hazan, Pennsylvania Insurance Department
26 Tammy Allison, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program
27 Director, Laurel Business Institute
28 Margaret Harkins, DNP, MBE, MSN, GNP-BC, RN-BC, Dean,
29 Holy Family University School of Nursing & Health
30 Sciences
31 Denise Vanacore, PhD, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, Vice
32 Dean and Professor, Holy Family University School of
33 Nursing & Health Sciences
34 Jordan Fuhrman, Government Relations Specialist,
35 Pennsylvania State Nurses Association
36 Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic
37 Association of Career Schools
38 Alissa Smethers, PhD, RD, LDN, Consumer Protection
39 Coordinator, Pennsylvania Academy of Nutrition and
40 Dietetics
41 Tiffany Booher, MA, LPC, CAADC, CIP, CCSM, Director,
42 Peer Assistance Monitoring Programs, Foundation of
43 the Pennsylvania Medical Society
44 Misha Patel, Esquire, Government Relations,
45 Pennsylvania Medical Society
46 Tasha Cole, Nurse Manager, Acadia Healthcare
47 Michelle Borland, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, CNE, Nursing
48 Program Director, Laurel College of Technology
49 Peggy Pearl, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
50 Coalition of Nurse Practitioners

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

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6 Heather Haines, BSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program
7 Director, Mifflin County Academy of Science and
8 Technology
9 Janyce Collier, MSN, RN, CNE, JLM Consulting
10 Kathleen Rundquist, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing
11 Program Director, Franklin County Career and
12 Technology Center
13 Marcia Landman, MSN-FNP, BSN, RN, Practical Nursing
14 Program Director, United Career Institute
15 Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional
16 Development, The Hospital and Healthsystem
17 Association of Pennsylvania
18 Jenny Piper, Board Administrator, Board of Private
19 Licensed Schools, Pennsylvania Department of
20 Education
21 Nicole Campbell, Division Chief, Division of Law
22 Enforcement Education and Trade Schools,
23 Pennsylvania Department of Education
24 Stacy Delaney, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program
25 Director, Delaware County Technical School
26 Michelle Davis, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program
27 Director, Lincoln Technical Institute - Allentown
28 Colette Gargiulo, MSN-Ed, RN, Provost, Jersey
29 College
30 Steven B. Litvack, Esquire, President, Jersey College
31 Cheryl Osnayo, MSN, RN, Dean, Jersey College
32 Elizabeth Ann Puckett, Dean of Nursing, Jersey
33 College
34 Renee Gaddis, Practical Nursing Program Director,
35 Penn Commercial Business/Technical School
36 Robert Bazant, President, Penn Commercial
37 Business/Technical School
38 Heather Wilson, MSW, CFRE, Executive Director, Foundation
39 of the Pennsylvania Medical Society
40 Park Smith, III, Director of Institutional
41 Effectiveness, Jersey College
42 Cori Gombocz, RN, Assistant Director of Practical
43 Nursing Program, Lincoln Technical Institute -
44 Allentown
45 Bailey Shafer, Director of Allied Health Programs,
46 Erie County Community College of PA
47 Amy Hendrix, CRNP, Reading Dermatology Center for
48 Healthy Skin
49 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC
50 Sarah P. Moreland, Esquire, Saxton & Stump

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

- Larissa Hutchins McDonnell, DNP, RN, CCRN, CCNS, NEA-BC, MSN, Director of Nursing Professional Development, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Patricia DeLucia, Corporate Director of Nursing, Lincoln Educational Services
- Nicholas Katopol, Orbis Education
- Kadena Smith-Fleming, LPN, Penn Medicine
- Carlene Burgette, Excelsior University graduate
- Jeannie Jordan-White, Excelsior University
- Alyssa Perry, Excelsior University graduate
- Brittany Hadley, Excelsior University graduate
- Brittany Witherspoon, Excelsior University student
- Skylar Irvine, Excelsior University graduate
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- Rachel Wilbur-Adams, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Nursing

3 January 22, 2025

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Nursing was held on Wednesday, January 22,
7 2025. Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair,
8 called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

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10 Introduction of Board Members

11 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair,
12 requested an introduction of Board members. A quorum
13 was present. David Scher, MPH, MSN, RN, CEN, was not
14 present at the commencement of the meeting.]

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16 Introduction of Board Staff

17 [Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary, provided
18 an introduction of Board staff.]

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20 Introduction of Board Prosecution

21 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair,
22 requested an introduction of Board Prosecutors.]

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24 Introduction of Board Counsel

25 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair,

1 requested an introduction of Board Counsel.]

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3 Introduction of In-Person Attendees

4 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, requested an
5 introduction of those attending in person.]

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7 Introduction of Virtual Attendees

8 [Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator, provided an
9 introduction of virtual attendees.]

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11 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
12 advised that the meeting was being recorded and those
13 who continued to participate were giving their
14 consent to be recorded.]

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16 Adoption of the Agenda

17 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

18 The agenda is before you. Are there
19 any additions or corrections?

20 May I have a motion for approval?

21 MS. HERTZLER:

22 So moved.

23 DR. BUCHER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

1 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Adoption of the Minutes

5 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

6 The minutes of the December 12, 2024
7 meeting are before you.

8 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

9 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

10 Could we get a motion for approval with
11 changes?

12 DR. COMPHER:

13 So moved.

14 MS. SIEGEL:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

17 All those in favor? Opposed?

18 Abstentions?

19 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Bucher
20 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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22 Report of Prosecutorial Division

23 [Chair Hunsberger noted VRP Consent Agreement items 2
24 through 6.]

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1 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Doll's item 7.]

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3 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Evancho's item 8.]

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5 [Chair Hunsberger noted Mr. Fogal's item 9.]

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7 [Chair Hunsberger noted Mr. Schertz's items 10 and
8 11.]

9 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC,
10 Counsel for the Respondent, was present concerning
11 item 11.]

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13 [Chair Hunsberger noted Mr. Sniscak's item 12.]

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15 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Bellfy's item 51.]

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17 Appointment - Prosecution Data/Information for
18 FY24-25

19 [Carlton Smith, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
20 Prosecution Division, presented the 2024 Annual
21 Prosecution Report. He reported 348,367 active
22 licensees for the State Board of Nursing. He noted
23 2,808 cases were opened in 2024, which is an increase
24 from 2023 by about 150 cases. He reported 2,097
25 cases are currently open, and 2,646 cases were

1 closed. He mentioned the average age to close a case
2 was 274 days in 2024, noting the goal is to close
3 cases within a year.

4 Mr. Smith reported 17 Automatic Suspensions, 15
5 Fines, 2 Citations under Act 48, 11 cases where Costs
6 were imposed, 79 Probations, 121 Suspensions, 49
7 Stayed Suspensions, 19 Voluntary Surrenders, and 122
8 Reinstatement Granted cases for 2024.

9 Mr. Smith reported 940 Z02-Prosecution Not
10 Warranted cases. He noted Prosecution reviews the
11 strength of the evidence, documents, witnesses, and
12 expert testimony. He noted 87 Z05-Complaint
13 Withdrawn cases.

14 Mr. Smith addressed 607 Z-18-Warning Letters,
15 where Prosecution also reviews items mentioned under
16 Prosecution Not Warranted, along with disciplinary
17 history and significance of the violation.

18 Mr. Smith reported 204 P-Stop cases for licensees
19 who have been charged with a crime but have not had
20 an active license for years, so it may not be worth
21 the time and expense to the Board to prosecute
22 because the person is not practicing; a notation is
23 made in the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS) so
24 Prosecution would be notified and move forward with
25 charges if the inactive licensee tries to reactivate

1 the license.

2 Mr. Smith also reported 66 Z28-Unit 1 VRP cases,
3 and 73 VRP Completed/Discharged cases.]

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5 Appointment - Holy Family University's Proposal for a
6 Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Certified
7 Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) MSN and Post-
8 Master's Certificate Program

9 [Denise Vanacore, PhD, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, Vice
10 Dean and Professor, and Margaret Harkins, DNP, MBE,
11 GNP-BC, RN-BC, Dean, presented on behalf of Holy
12 Family University.

13 Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
14 informed Holy Family University that the Board
15 received their materials. She requested that they
16 highlight particular parts of the new
17 Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Proposal. She
18 mentioned the Board already approved a prelicensure
19 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Family
20 Across the Lifespan BSN-DNP program for Holy Family.

21 Dr. Vanacore explained that the program was
22 developed because of interest from students for a
23 program permitting them to complete their MSN and
24 have their Family Nurse Practitioner at the end, or
25 to allow students to return to the University with a

1 previous master's from another university where they
2 did not receive a Family Nurse Practitioner degree,
3 to complete their Family Nurse Practitioner degree,
4 or if the individual has a BSN from an accredited
5 program, to receive a master's with a Family Nurse
6 Practitioner (FNP) if they do not want to get the
7 doctorate.

8 Ms. Pachter Schulder requested that Holy Family
9 University highlight the components that are
10 different between the current DNP program and the
11 MSN/Post-MSN program.

12 Dr. Vanacore explained that the current BSN-DNP
13 program starts with the student completing a generic
14 master's program and then transitions into the DNP
15 program where they take the Family Nurse Practitioner
16 courses that are in the DNP program, which are
17 completely separate than the new program, and then
18 complete their DNP in Organizational Leadership.

19 Dr. Vanacore stated the students finish their
20 FNP, complete their DNP in Organizational Leadership,
21 and then graduate with a DNP Family Nurse
22 Practitioner in Organizational Leadership.

23 Dr. Vanacore explained in the new program and the
24 master's program that they come in with their
25 bachelor's degree the same way they would in the DNP

1 program but take their master's program and their FNP
2 program at the same time and graduate with a master's
3 as an FNP and do not receive the Doctor of Nursing
4 Practice. She provided an overview of the four core
5 courses: the pathophysiology, physical assessment,
6 pharmacology, and specialty courses.

7 Ms. Pacher Schulder questioned whether their
8 clinical placements are different from the previously
9 approved DNP programs. Dr. Vanacore addressed how
10 students will receive experience, noting a number of
11 clinical sites are in support of a program that
12 allows a student to choose between the master's or
13 the DNP and will continue to host their students. She
14 also noted additional clinical sites have been added.

15 Dr. Bucher commented that students may be asking
16 for a master's but asked why they want to go
17 backwards if the Consensus Model implemented in other
18 universities is moving towards entry-level being a
19 doctorate.

20 Dr. Vanacore explained wanting to let the
21 students enter their DNP program with their master's
22 and being able to practice as an FNP, which can
23 provide additional support for them in their DNP
24 program because they would be earning a higher salary
25 and have the additional skills from their FNP

1 program.

2 Dr. Bucher commented that the philosophy behind
3 moving it to entry-level doctorate is to better
4 prepare the students for clinical practice. He noted
5 Organizational Leadership is a little different but
6 is still a clinical doctorate.

7 Dr. Vanacore stated the goal is for the students
8 to easily transition into their DNP program where
9 they can stay with them and continue their education
10 for the additional doctoral-level coursework but also
11 have the ability to practice as an FNP and utilize
12 their skills as an FNP in their DNP coursework.

13 Dr. Hellier asked whether students have a choice
14 of finding their own preceptor, using a service, or
15 whether Holy Family places the students.

16 Dr. Vanacore addressed clinical site preceptors,
17 affiliation agreements, and working with students
18 herself, along with the director of the DNP program
19 or one of the faculty members. She noted placement
20 services are utilized as a last resort. She
21 discussed orientation to clinical, the role of their
22 faculty advisor to help students through the process,
23 and the coordinator to assist with clinical
24 paperwork.

25 Dr. Hellier asked whether the preceptor service

1 fees should be disclosed in the listed \$906 fee. She
2 mentioned their book list on the syllabuses is quite
3 robust and questioned whether that would be covered
4 by the \$906 fee.

5 Dr. Hellier asked whether it would be possible
6 for a BSN-DNP and master's student to be in the same
7 class at the same time.

8 Dr. Vanacore stated they would not be in the
9 same class.

10 Dr. Hellier asked how the school will ensure
11 clinical competence above a preceptor's evaluation of
12 their student for the online master's students doing
13 clinical placement.

14 Dr. Vanacore stated they could add something into
15 the catalog that includes the disclosure of the fees.
16 She noted the \$906 fee includes pieces of the
17 curriculum, not necessarily textbooks, because most
18 students get a textbook bundle through VitalSource.

19 Dr. Vanacore also mentioned textbooks from past
20 students that can be loaned or donated to students at
21 their Newtown Campus Library, along with an agreement
22 with one of the publishers that provides a 40%
23 discount coupon for students purchasing textbooks.

24 Dr. Hellier mentioned that their submission
25 includes books in the \$906 fee and suggested the

1 students be aware that some of the donated books may
2 be an older edition.

3 Dr. Hellier mentioned that she teaches in the
4 western side of Pennsylvania and chose to keep their
5 DNP program and change the curriculum. She also
6 asked how they ensure clinical confidence of the
7 online students besides the preceptor's evaluation.

8 Dr. Vanacore mentioned looking to refresh the DNP
9 curriculum in the summer with the faculty and
10 coordinators. She explained that there are virtual
11 site visits to see the student's interaction with the
12 patient, but the preceptors do not come on campus.
13 She also noted utilizing vSim for virtual simulation
14 and using Objective Structured Clinical Examination
15 (OSCE) as cases to determine the confidence of the
16 student as well. She reported the current
17 certification pass rate is 100%.

18 Chair Hunsberger asked whether there were issues
19 with sites charging a fee for preceptors. He
20 explained that some health systems are charging
21 universities for preceptors for FNP programs.

22 Dr. Vanacore noted the school was not having an
23 issue but believed there may be a time when they may
24 face that bridge. She mentioned working with health
25 systems to recruit their students. She also noted

1 looking into partnering with health systems with a
2 health system discount, where they take the student
3 with a preceptor, can recruit their nurses to come to
4 their program, but then have them go back there for
5 clinical sites without charge.

6 Dr. Hellier asked whether the money filters down
7 to the actual preceptor when the health system
8 charges the money to the program to provide
9 preceptors.

10 Dr. Bucher explained that it does not, and the
11 money is to cover the cost of the decreased patient
12 load that the preceptor would need.

13 Dr. Hellier stated UPMC charges to register that
14 student in the system and does not know anyone who is
15 getting a decreased patient load. She mentioned that
16 another university received a grant to pay
17 preceptors, and they are directly paid. She asked
18 how often Holy Family University has to use paid
19 preceptor services for students.

20 Dr. Vanacore explained the school never has had
21 to use paid preceptor service but keeps it on the
22 back burner as a last resort.

23 Chair Hunsberger asked whether a current DNP
24 student would be permitted to jump over there if this
25 is approved. Dr. Vanacore noted students would not

1 be able to do that because they have to finish out
2 what they are doing. She explained that if the
3 student is in their Organizational Leadership DNP and
4 wanted to do the post-master's, that would be
5 permissible afterwards.

6 Dr. Hellier asked whether the school was
7 committed to keeping their BSN-DNP program.

8 Dr. Vanacore stated they were considering a
9 curriculum change for that program and beginning that
10 process probably in the summer once they get through
11 this and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing
12 Education (CCNE).

13 Chair Hunsberger commented that it is opening the
14 door for somebody like him with an MS in Executive
15 Nursing and a DNP in Health Systems Leadership to
16 become a nurse practitioner.

17 Dr. Vanacore explained that they would do a gap
18 analysis, looking at previous coursework and what is
19 missing for the degree. She explained that it has to
20 be equivalent, where each particular course has to
21 meet the objectives of their course.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that the Board
23 will deliberate during Executive Session. She
24 welcomed them to continue to attend the meeting or
25 listen virtually but noted they would also receive a

1 letter with the results.]

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3 [David Scher, MPH, MSN, RN, CEN, entered the meeting
4 virtually at 9:47 a.m.]

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6 Appointment - Follow-up from Jersey College in
7 Response to the Board's 09/27/24 Letter Re:
8 Establishment of a Prelicensure Practical Nursing
9 Program in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

10 [Colette Gargiulo, MSN-Ed, RN, Provost, and Steven
11 Litvack, Esquire, President, presented on behalf of
12 Jersey College.

13 Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
14 noted the Board tabled the application from Jersey
15 College to establish a prelicensure Practical Nursing
16 Program in Jenkintown at the September meeting.

17 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained it was tabled due
18 to the lack of sufficient clinical agencies enabling
19 students to obtain direct care experiences in acute care,
20 including the perioperative setting, obstetrics, and
21 pediatrics, including the care of children with different
22 degrees of illness and those who are unstable, and the
23 desire for specific licensed practical nurse (LPN)
24 scope of practice scenarios. She also noted a
25 request for additional information regarding the

1 testing policy allowing a student to miss a midterm
2 or test and take a subsequent test.

3 Ms. Gargiulo explained that they have been
4 working diligently on their clinical sites,
5 specifically acute care, for their practical nurse
6 (PN) program. She noted they currently have Crozer-
7 Chester Medical Center, Holy Redeemer Hospital,
8 Taylor Hospital, and Coatesville VA Medical Center
9 for their clinical sites.

10 Ms. Gargiulo mentioned also being in
11 conversations with Cooper Hospital, which is a Level
12 1 Trauma Center with 660 beds. She reported the
13 addition of another long-term care facility Pine Run
14 Village and DaVita.

15 Dr. Hellier referred to the agency agreements
16 included with the proposal between Jersey College and
17 Belvedere, Chapel Manor, Hillcrest, Hopkins, and
18 Norriton signed by a vice president of nursing from
19 Workforce Development on June 21 and then again in
20 November 2023, where the same person signed for
21 Huntingdon Valley. She requested information
22 regarding Workforce Development and asked how one
23 person could sign for six different clinical sites.
24 She mentioned that all of those were marked for LPN
25 and registered nurse (RN) programs and asked whether

1 they were planning to have an LPN program in 2021 and
2 how they are marked with both now if they were signed
3 in 2021.

4 Mr. Litvack explained that it is an umbrella
5 institution and under one ownership, where the
6 individual has the authority to sign for all of the
7 different entities. He stated they have been offering
8 the PN program at Jersey College for 20 years,
9 including in New Jersey.

10 Mr. Litvack commented that to the extent they had
11 the agreements, they also usually put in there both
12 PN and RN with anticipation that they might have used
13 them for the New Jersey Ewing Campus, in addition to
14 their goal to expand and add it for the Pennsylvania
15 campuses as they go forward. He stated they are not
16 using it in Ewing and will only be dedicated to the
17 Jenkintown campus as we go forward.

18 Dr. Hellier referred to Taylor Hospital, noting
19 it was signed in October 2024 to be there for mental
20 health, med-surg, and obstetrics and gynecology
21 (OB/GYN). She requested confirmation as to whether
22 the OR was closed in September 2024. She also asked
23 whether they deliver babies because she did not
24 believe they have an OB unit.

25 Mr. Litvack was not aware at this time but

1 offered to follow up on that. He noted being told
2 that they have the ability to offer different aspects
3 of it but did not know whether it is actual delivery.

4 Ms. Gargiulo addressed OB sites, including Holy
5 Redeemer Hospital, Taylor Hospital, and Crozer-
6 Chester Medical Center. She noted clinical sites on
7 the pediatric side include Holy Redeemer Hospital,
8 Taylor Hospital, and Crozer-Chester Medical Center.
9 She also noted having Jenkintown Day Nursery for
10 normal growth and development learning, along with
11 screenings at some of the school districts.

12 Ms. Gargiulo noted med-surg clinical sites are
13 Crozer-Chester Medical Center, Holy Redeemer
14 Hospital, Taylor Hospital, Coatesville Veterans
15 Affairs Medical Center, and they are currently
16 working with Cooper Hospital.

17 Chair Hunsberger requested confirmation that each
18 student would end up in an inpatient OB unit that
19 delivers, noting Taylor Hospital has been removed as
20 an OB service. He asked whether the number of
21 students admitted would be limited if they end up
22 with limited clinical size.

23 Ms. Gargiulo noted they could utilize Holy
24 Redeemer Hospital and would rotate the students
25 through different opportunities for them to get a

1 little bit of everything depending upon what is
2 available. She explained that they are in constant
3 contact with their sites prior to starting a new
4 cohort as far as the number of students they allow
5 and the volume of patients within the area to be able
6 to make the appropriate changes.

7 Mr. Litvack addressed the scope of practice of an
8 LPN in the state of Pennsylvania, noting it is in all
9 of their syllabi on the practicum side and is being
10 taught through any simulation or anything done in the
11 lab.

12 Ms. Gargiulo mentioned that they had originally
13 submitted New Jersey syllabi but provided an updated
14 version showing what syllabi would look like with
15 that disclosure in each one of their syllabi.

16 Dr. Hellier referred to assignment versus
17 delegation and asked whether LPNs will be taught
18 delegation because the Board does not have statutory
19 authority to enable delegation.

20 Ms. Gargiulo explained that the information is
21 shared with students so practical nursing students
22 can understand the full scope of responsibility and
23 function and how the RN would delegate down to them.

24 Ms. Pachter Schuler asked whether there have been
25 any changes to the testing policy.

1 Mr. Litvack provided an overview of the
2 curriculum at the Teterboro campus in New Jersey. He
3 reported maintaining an NCLEX® pass rate above 85%
4 over the last 20 years. He addressed Jersey
5 College's make-up exam policy. Mr. Litvack explained
6 that students can miss only one exam and would have
7 to repeat the course if they miss more than one exam
8 due to an excused or unexcused reason. He provided a
9 definition of avoidable and not avoidable excuses.

10 Mr. Litvack explained that anyone who misses exam
11 1, then exam 2 will be their make-up exam for exam 1.
12 He noted that if it was avoidable, they would lose 10
13 points in that exam. He noted if it was unavoidable
14 that it would be 90 for both exams.

15 Mr. Litvack stated their exams build upon each
16 other, where exam 2 includes material from exam 1,
17 exam 3 includes material from exam 1 and 2, and then
18 the final exam under exam 4 includes all the material
19 for the course. He explained that the make-up policy
20 has worked very well, noting they have about 3,000
21 students overall in the RN and PN programs.

22 Mr. Litvack noted there are penalties associated
23 with missing an exam, and the policy is in place to
24 make sure they are being fair and objective to
25 students. He mentioned that creating an individual

1 make-up exam was not reliable because there was not
2 enough data behind it.

3 Mr. Litvack mentioned that the exam given at one
4 campus is usually given at all of the campuses to
5 ensure the exam is always viable, which leads to good
6 graduation and NCLEX rates.

7 Chair Hunsberger expressed concern because a
8 typical nursing program test session is about 50 to
9 80 questions and then the final exam covers all of
10 the content.

11 Mr. Litvack believed that does not work as well
12 because sometimes students are learning just for the
13 little pieces, and they can pass exam 1, pass exam 2,
14 pass exam 3; and on the final do not do well but got
15 high enough grades in exam 1, 2, and 3 to pass the
16 course.

17 Mr. Litvack explained that continuing to build
18 upon everything has shown that it works well because
19 students do have the knowledge at the end and have
20 been tested in all the different areas.

21 Chair Hunsberger commented that he is struggling
22 to see why they could not take a make-up exam on the
23 next available date. He mentioned that with a
24 university of their size, they must have mass amounts
25 of test banks to maintain the NCLEX® pass rates. He

1 pointed out that they would still have the ability to
2 create an alternative exam on the content missed,
3 whether avoidable or unavoidable.

4 Mr. Litvack explained that it does not work as
5 well because they have no data for reliability of the
6 questions when creating ad hoc exams for one or two
7 students. He stated their exam testing policy works
8 well for individuals in extenuating circumstances.
9 He noted they are very strict with the policy and
10 require documentation of an unavoidable condition,
11 such as a hospitalization, and will have discussions
12 with individuals taking advantage. He mentioned they
13 also utilize quizzes and PrepU.

14 Chair Hunsberger noted the importance of ensuring
15 schools are adequately preparing students prior to
16 them reaching NCLEX® because they just saw a large
17 number of students who made it through a school that
18 was not doing that.

19 Mr. Litvack stated Jersey College desires high
20 standards and was instrumental in reporting the
21 Operation Nightingale Programs to the FBI over eight
22 years ago. He believed what happened was absolutely
23 unacceptable.

24 Chair Hunsberger noted the importance of schools
25 adequately testing students and again expressed

1 concern with the missing examination.

2 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Jersey College that
3 the Board will deliberate during Executive Session
4 and welcomed them to stay but noted they will also
5 receive a letter from the Board.]

6 ***

7 [The Board recessed from 10:34 a.m. till 10:47 a.m.]

8 ***

9 Regulation Update - 16A-5139 - Volunteer License
10 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
11 noted 16A-5139 regarding the Volunteer License
12 regulation is being done as a package for the entire
13 Bureau. She noted the Board issues Volunteer
14 Licenses and complies with the statute.]

15 ***

16 Regulation Update - 16A-5141 - Nursing Education
17 Programs

18 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
19 referred to 16A-5141 regarding the Nursing Education
20 Programs, noting it will be published as proposed in
21 the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* on Saturday having been
22 delivered to the Independent Regulatory Review
23 Commission and the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. She
24 informed everyone that the regulation will be
25 available for review and a 30-day comment period on

1 the Independent Regulatory Review Commission's
2 webpage, and a link will be provided on the Board's
3 webpage.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder recommended everyone read
5 the regulation package for any changes, noting the
6 Board will also be discussing all of the comments
7 received. She again mentioned it was a sine die year
8 and the remaining delivery to the House and Senate
9 Committees once the designations are published in the
10 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.]

11 ***

12 Regulation Update - 16A-5143 - Continued Competency
13 and Licensure by Endorsement under 63 Pa.C.S. 6311
14 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
15 noted that 16A-5143 concerning Continued Competency
16 and Licensure by Endorsement under Act 41 as a
17 pathway to licensure has completed the regulatory
18 review process and is fully in effect.]

19 ***

20 Regulation Update - 16A-5145 - CRNA Licensure
21 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
22 noted 16A-5145 regarding CRNA Licensure is with
23 Regulatory Counsel. She referred to 16A-5148, noting
24 the temporary Compact regulations and advised that
25 she will be working with Regulatory Counsel on the

1 NLC temporary regulations and then the CRNA Licensure
2 regulations.]

3

4 Regulation Update - 16A-5146 - Opioid Prescription
5 and Education and Organ Donation Education
6 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
7 addressed 16A-5146 regarding the Opioid Prescription
8 and Education and Organ Donation Education
9 regulation. She explained that the Board is set to
10 publish this regulation as final, but the Board is
11 waiting for Regulatory Counsel to complete a similar
12 package for the Medical Board and Osteopathic
13 Medicine Board. She noted that CRNPs are required to
14 obtain opioid education in order to have prescriptive
15 authority regardless of publication of the
16 regulation.

17 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed item 53, Opioid
18 Continuing Education Programs, that Dr. Bucher
19 requested be placed on the agenda. She noted CRNPs
20 are required to obtain opioid education, and
21 initially, after the law was passed, the Board
22 received a list from the Pennsylvania Medical
23 Society. She stated the online education series is
24 accredited for the American Medical Association (AMA)
25 Physician's Recognition Award (PRA) Category 1

1 Credit, noting it was developed in collaboration with
2 several organizations.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to a list
4 containing the breakdown of names of opioid courses.
5 She noted that for initial prescriptive authority, if
6 the Verification of Opioid Education form does not
7 indicate completion of 2 hours of education in pain
8 management or the identification of addiction and 2
9 hours of education in the practices of prescribing or
10 dispensing of opioids, the applicant must provide the
11 certificates of completion. If the certificate
12 indicates pain management or something regarding
13 addiction, it is acceptable. The same is true for a
14 certification that mentions prescribing of opioids.
15 If "opioid" is not mentioned, it is not known if that
16 program includes that specific education. The Board
17 does not accept statements from the applicant to
18 confirm this information. For renewal applications,
19 there is a question that asks if the licensee has
20 completed the opioid education requirement. In past
21 renewals, if the licensee responded "No," the
22 licensee had to upload the certificates. That
23 question has now been changed to align with other
24 Boards that also require opioid education. The
25 question regarding completion of the opioid education

1 requirement is still asked, but if the licensee
2 responds "No," a second question appears asking if
3 they have a DEA number or use another provider's DEA
4 number. If the licensee responds "No," the renewal
5 will process, as they are not required to have the
6 opioid education. If they answer "Yes" to the second
7 question, a hold will be put on the renewal
8 application, and the licensee will need to upload
9 certificates as proof of completion.

10 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated Dr. Bucher raised the
11 issue about whether there is a better way, if it is
12 not in the title, to not have to ask licensees to
13 provide that documentation if the courses are well-
14 known opioid courses.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder asked CRNPs on the Board
16 with prescriptive authority to help put together a
17 full list of courses that would qualify for the
18 opioid education that do not have opioid or pain
19 management in the title to make is easier on staff
20 for approval. She suggested having a copy of the
21 curriculum on file.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder also mentioned Dr. Bucher is
23 willing to be asked about whether other courses
24 submitted should be credited and asked whether other
25 CRNPs with prescriptive authority would also be

1 willing to be asked whether courses are accepted, and
2 Board members agreed.]

3

4 Regulation Update - 16A-5148 - Nurse Licensure
5 Compact (NLC)

6 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
7 referred to the Annex for 16A-5148 regarding the
8 Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) regulation. She
9 reported on moving on the temporary regulations. She
10 noted the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
11 background check contracts with a vendor to be able
12 to receive that criminal background check information
13 is still ongoing.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated the Board's
15 applications are ready to go should the Compact be
16 implemented. She mentioned having conversations with
17 NCSBN concerning the need to be able to interface the
18 NCSBN system through Nursys and the Board system
19 through the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS).

20 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed criminal
21 background checks, noting a law passed in the last
22 legislative session that an applicant who is a health
23 care provider, including nurses, is required to get a
24 federal criminal background check.

25 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the Bureau is

1 currently accepting FBI Voluntary applications until
2 official applications are received that would
3 incorporate PSP, the FBI, and a vendor so that the
4 Board has the information to make the licensure
5 determinations.

6 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that all
7 applicants who are health care providers are required
8 to have a federal criminal background check and no
9 longer the state criminal background check.

10 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that licensees of
11 other business professions within the Bureau will
12 still provide the state criminal background check.
13 She stated the Board has the ability to ask
14 applicants to provide the volunteer FBI criminal
15 background check, but it is not the one required
16 under the Nurse Licensure Compact.

17 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the turnaround time
18 for the FBI check will be longer than the state
19 criminal background check, and no one could get a
20 multistate license without the federal background
21 check. She mentioned that the legislature did not
22 want there to be a situation where some nurse
23 applicants were being asked for a state background
24 check and some being asked for a federal background
25 check.

1 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that it is the
2 same for all of the boards that have Compacts. She
3 mentioned that no health care practitioner applicant
4 will provide the voluntary one in the future, and
5 they are just accepting those now to start to
6 implement that additional law.

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder believed all licensees of
8 the State Board of Nursing, including licensed
9 dietitian nutritionists (LDNs), fall within the
10 definition of health care practitioner but offered to
11 review the law again.

12 Dr. Bucher asked whether they are bidding out to
13 find a vendor. Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that
14 the Pennsylvania State Police currently have a
15 contract with a vendor for other areas within the
16 state that require the background checks and are
17 investigating piggybacking on those contracts but
18 there may be a different process for the Compacts
19 that will be reviewed by the Department's Contracts
20 Office.

21 Dr. Bucher asked whether they would be moving to
22 utilizing the NCSBN for verification moving forward.
23 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained the Bureau would be
24 using NCSBN for verification when they are fully
25 implemented for a multistate license.

1 Ms. Wendy Miller commented that once they are
2 fully implemented, that any license verification for
3 an RN or PN will be through the NCSBN just like all
4 other Compact states.]

5

6 Regulation Update - Regulation 16A-5150 - CRNP

7 Prescribing and Dispensing Parameters

8 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
9 advised that the Board did not receive any pre-draft
10 comments for 16A-5150 regarding the CRNP Prescribing
11 and Dispensing regulation. She reviewed the Annex
12 and requested that the Board adopt the Annex in
13 proposed form and start moving it through the
14 regulatory process. She reminded everyone that it
15 follows federal law regarding outpatient treatment
16 programs and includes the additional piece about pain
17 pumps.]

18 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

19 You may make a motion if you'd like to
20 adopt 16A-5150 CRNP Prescribing and
21 Dispensing in proposed form.

22 DR. BUCHER:

23 So moved.

24 DR. HERSHBERGER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

5 ***

6 Regulation Update - Regulation 16A-5151 - LPN

7 Pronouncement of Death

8 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
9 noted prior Board discussion for 16A-5151 regarding
10 LPN Pronouncement of Death, and Board members were
11 going to search for additional information.

12 Ms. Siegel addressed a private hospice called
13 SarahCare in her area, noting they do not use very
14 many LPNs but do use RNs to pronounce residents when
15 they pass. She reported that the local Clarion
16 Forest Visiting Nurse Association nurses do not go
17 in, and their medical provider just signs a death
18 certificate.

19 Dr. Hershberger checked with Home Health and
20 Hospice within her health system, noting the LPN
21 calls the physician and the coroner and does the
22 legwork, including being with the patient pronouncing
23 death. She offered to provide documentation for the
24 Board's review.

25 Ms. Pachter Schulder suggested placing it back on

1 the agenda after they receive more information and
2 offered to contact the Legislative Office for more
3 information and possibly schedule a presentation to
4 the Board.]

5

6 Regulation Update - Regulation 16A-5152 - Permanent
7 Nurse Licensure Compact Regulations

8 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
9 stated 16A-5152 will be the permanent Nurse Licensure
10 Compact Regulations. She noted 16A-5148 is only a
11 temporary regulation that will be good for 3 years.
12 She noted that a copy of 16A-5148 was provided to
13 NCSBN.]

14

15 Pennsylvania Legislative Update - Legislation
16 Affecting Nurses/Nursing

17 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
18 informed Board members that two bills were introduced
19 as of Friday. She noted House Bill 86 concerns the
20 composition of the Board and would decrease Board
21 member terms from six years to four years but did not
22 pass through the legislature last time so it was re-
23 introduced.

24

25 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted House Bill 150 is a
rural health care grant mostly for RNs, LPNs, and

1 midwives concerning reproductive care.]

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3 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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5 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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7 Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening
8 Committee

9 [Sue E. Hertzler, LPN, noted the Probable Cause
10 Screening Committee moved on 1 Petition for
11 Appropriate Relief, 22 Petitions for Mental and
12 Physical Examinations, and 1 Immediate Temporary
13 Suspension issued today.]

14 ***

15 Report of Committees - Application Review Committee
16 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, noted
17 the Application Review Committee met multiple times
18 and moved those applications forward.]

19 ***

20 Report of Committees - Advanced Practice (Education,
21 Regulation, & Application)

22 [Donald H. Bucher, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP,
23 Vice Chair, mentioned that the Advanced Practice
24 Committee discussed the opioid regulation. He noted
25 they also discussed termination of prescriptive

1 authority, where nurse practitioners who do not
2 terminate their prescriptive authority and their
3 license is inactive will continue to show in PALS
4 that there continues to an agreement with a
5 physician.

6 Dr. Bucher also noted discussion of terminating
7 that agreement with a paper form to be sent to the
8 Board to disassociate them in PALS. He explained
9 that a physician or the CRNP can fill out the paper
10 form and send it to the Board, so when anybody signs
11 in, they could see that has been terminated.]

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13 Report of Committees - RN/PN Practice, Education, &
14 Regulation - No Report

15 ***

16 Report of Committees - Dietitian-Nutritionist
17 Committee - No Report

18 ***

19 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on
20 Behalf of the Board

21 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair,
22 mentioned Dr. Bucher accepted a position to represent
23 Pennsylvania on the NCSBN Finance Committee.

24 Dr. Bucher reported finances are in order.
25 Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Nursing Education

1 Advisor, noted attending a Leadership Succession
2 Committee meeting in Chicago last week. She noted
3 the treasurer position is available, along with Area
4 1, 2, 3, and 4 Directors.]

5 ***

6 Report of Executive Secretary

7 [Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary, noted
8 the 2023-2024 Annual Report for both CRNPs and
9 prelicensure closed on December 13. She stated
10 Practice and Education Advisors are reviewing those
11 reports and assisting programs that have yet to
12 complete their report.

13 Ms. Miller reminded everyone that the April 30
14 renewal for RN, CRNPs, CNSs, and Prescriptive
15 Authority will open 60 days prior to the April 30
16 renewal deadline. She encouraged everyone to
17 complete their CE ahead of time, especially mandatory
18 Child Abuse CE because the documentation needs to
19 come from the Child Abuse CE provider and will not be
20 accepted from the licensee.

21 Ms. Miller also reminded everyone that CRNPs and
22 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) can now renew with
23 a multistate license from another Compact state,
24 where someone who is a resident of another Compact
25 state renewing their PA CRNP or CNS certificate can

1 use a RN multistate license to renew rather than
2 renewing the Pennsylvania RN license.

3 Ms. Miller reiterated that RNs and PNs with
4 multistate licenses from another state have been
5 authorized to practice in Pennsylvania as of
6 September 5, 2023. She explained that anyone who
7 moved to Pennsylvania and changed their primary state
8 of residence from that Compact state to Pennsylvania,
9 according to the Compact rules, would have 60 days to
10 apply to Pennsylvania for a license, and the
11 multistate license would be deactivated from the
12 "old" Compact state.

13 Ms. Miller noted the licensee who moved to PA
14 would be issued a single state license. She noted
15 the licensees are only eligible for a multistate
16 license in the state in which they reside, so anyone
17 who moves to Pennsylvania would have to apply to
18 Pennsylvania for a license. She also mentioned that
19 licensees who move can start the application prior to
20 actually moving to Pennsylvania.

21 Ms. Miller further explained that individuals
22 have to attest that the state they have the
23 multistate license in is their primary state of
24 residence, and if they followed the rules and applied
25 to Pennsylvania but do not have their Pennsylvania

1 license yet, the state in which they have their
2 multistate license may give them a grace period to
3 get that license. She mentioned that it is up to the
4 individual state because nobody wants to see somebody
5 who is following the rules short of an authorization
6 to practice; however, multistate licensees have to be
7 proactive and cannot wait until their multistate
8 license is about to expire and must follow the 60-day
9 rule.]

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11 Old Business - OET ELP Test Passing Standard - TABLED

12

13 New Business - 2025 NCSBN NLC Midyear Meeting and
14 2025 NCSBN Midyear Meeting

15 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, noted
16 the 2025 NCSBN NLC Midyear Meeting on March 10, and
17 the NCSBN Midyear Meeting March 11-13 in Pittsburgh.]

18 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

19 We can send four Board members, the
20 Advisors, and the Executive Secretary.

21 Do we have a motion?

22 DR. COMPHER:

23 So moved.

24 MR. SCHER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

5 The Board announced that members Hunsberger and Bucher
6 will be the voting members with member Hershberger to
7 be the alternate. Other members will check their
8 schedules.]

9 ***

10 Public Comment

11 [Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic
12 Association of Career Schools, representing the
13 career and tech college sector in Pennsylvania and
14 several bordering states. He requested confirmation
15 that the Nursing Education regulation package is
16 scheduled to be published on January 25, 2025, with
17 the public comment period expiring on February 24,
18 2025, and reiterated his association's previous
19 position that these programs should be able to
20 provide professional nursing education.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted addressing that report
22 previously and confirmed Mr. Shenck's understanding
23 of the publication and comment period dates. She
24 further explained that the regulations will be on the
25 Independent Regulatory Review Commission's website,

1 and the Board will either have them on its website or
2 a link to the Independent Regulatory Review
3 Commission's website or a link to the *Pennsylvania*
4 *Bulletin*.

5 Mr. Shenck noted the Mid-Atlantic Association of
6 Career Schools will be making formal comments. He
7 mentioned that a number of LPN schools have contacted
8 the Bureau still concerned about the prerequisite
9 requirements made in the rulemaking. He noted the
10 LPN Association did a survey and believed one-third
11 to one-half of existing students will not meet the
12 minimum math and science requirement.

13 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated the requirement is
14 for the math and science prior to commencing a
15 nursing education program rather than admission to
16 the program.

17 Mr. Shenck expressed concern around some of their
18 schools that have an associate's degree in technology
19 still not being able to offer registered nurse
20 programs in Pennsylvania. He again noted that
21 schools offer registered nurse programs in bordering
22 states with good success and have facilities in
23 Pennsylvania asking to do RN programs but cannot
24 offer those the way the rule is written.

25 Mr. Shenck also expressed concern with schools

1 not approving credit transfers, and they are terminal
2 degrees in the regulation, and that is not accurate
3 because they are not terminal degrees and do offer
4 credit transfers.

5 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Mr. Shenck that the
6 Board will discuss all comments received in public
7 session.]

8

9 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
10 at 11:29 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
11 Session with Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board
12 Counsel; Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel;
13 Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel; and Cathy
14 Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of
15 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on the Report
16 of Prosecutorial Division, Report of Board Counsel,
17 and Appointments under Section 708(a)(5) of the
18 Sunshine Act. The Board returned to Open Session at
19 12:55 p.m.]

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21 [David Scher, MPH, MSN, RN, CEN, exited the meeting
22 at 12:02 p.m. during Executive Session.]

23

24 MOTIONS

25 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

1 010674, and Case No. 24-51-013633?

2 DR. BUCHER:

3 So moved.

4 DR. COMPHER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
10 name at Case No. 24-51-002382 is Melissa Pearl
11 Harvey, LPN; Case No. 24-51-013549, Margaret Anne
12 Seltzer, RN; Case No. 24-51-010674, Stephanie Lynn
13 Leggett, RN; and Case No. 24-51-013633, Muriel C.
14 Prucnal, RN, LPN.]

15 ***

16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

17 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent
18 Agreement at item 9, Case Nos. 24-51-
19 005633 & 24-51-005658, for which
20 members Hertzler and Kerns are recused?

21 DR. BUCHER:

22 So moved.

23 DR. COMPHER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns
4 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
5 the motion. The Respondent's name is Jasmine S.
6 Boldin, LPN.]

7 ***

8 VICE CHAIR BUCHER ASSUMED THE CHAIR

9 ***

10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent
12 Agreement at item 10, Case No. 23-51-
13 000654, for which members Hertzler,
14 Kerns, and Hunsberger are recused?

15 DR. COMPHER:

16 So moved.

17 DR. HERSHBERGER:

18 Second.

19 VICE CHAIR BUCHER:

20 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and
22 Hunsberger recused themselves from deliberations and
23 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is
24 Danielle Krysta Grossman, RN.]

25 ***

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER RESUMED THE CHAIR

2 ***

3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent
5 Agreement at item 12, Case No. 22-51-
6 010206, for which members Hertzler,
7 Kerns, and Bucher are recused?

8 MS. SIEGEL:

9 So moved.

10 DR. HERSHBERGER:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

13 All those in favor? Opposed?
14 Abstentions?

15 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and
16 Bucher recused themselves from deliberations and
17 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is
18 Heather Margaret Williamson, LPN.]

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20 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

21 Is there a motion to grant
22 reinstatement to Aliyah Bennett, Case
23 No. 25-51-00007?

24 DR. HERSHBERGER:

25 So moved.

1 DR. BUCHER:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

7 ***

8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel
10 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in
11 the matter of Scott E. Kemah, Case No.
12 24-51-011535?

13 DR. COMPHER:

14 So moved.

15 MS. HERTZLER:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

21 ***

22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23 Item 33, Stephen D. Pinkerton, has been
24 withdrawn.

25 ***

1 authorize Counsel to prepare an
2 Adjudication and Order in the matter of
3 Robert Charles Long, III, RN, Case No.
4 23-51-014885, for which members
5 Hertzler, Kerns, and Bucher are
6 recused?

7 DR. HERSHBERGER:

8 So moved.

9 DR. COMPHER:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

12 All those in favor? Opposed?

13 Abstentions?

14 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and
15 Bucher recused themselves from deliberations and
16 voting on the motion.]

17 ***

18 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

19 Item 40 is a Draft Adjudication and
20 Order, so that's now item 52.

21 ***

22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23 Is there a motion at item 41, the
24 Hearing Examiner's Proposal for Erica
25 Sophia Stine, RN, Case No. Case No. 24-

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and
5 Bucher recused themselves from deliberations and
6 voting on the motion.]

7 ***

8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9 Is there a motion to adopt the
10 following Draft Adjudications and
11 Orders, for which there are no
12 recusals: Dana Lynn Phillips, LPN,
13 a/k/a Bashore, Case No. 24-51-002637;
14 Mariann Sue Youngberg, RN, Case No. 24-
15 51-013770; and Victor Joel Jones, Jr.,
16 LPN, Case No. 19-51-003379?

17 DR. COMPHER:

18 So moved.

19 DR. HERSHBERGER:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

25 ***

1 inclusion of the faculty's role in the
2 evaluation of students in their
3 handbook based upon the discussion with
4 the Board today about the virtual
5 evaluation?

6 DR. BUCHER:

7 So moved.

8 DR. COMPHER:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

14 ***

15 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

16 In the matter of the request of Jersey
17 College for establishment of a
18 prelicensure Practical Nursing Program
19 in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, is there a
20 motion to approve based on the
21 supplemental information?

22 DR. HERSHBERGER:

23 So moved.

24 DR. BUCHER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried. Member Hunsberger opposed the
5 motion.]

6 ***

7 Public Comment

8 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
9 noted that Tammy Allison added to the Teams chat that
10 she would like to send comments regarding the Nursing
11 Education Programs regulation to address issues
12 surrounding LPN programs.

13 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that the Nursing
14 Education Programs regulation is being published in
15 the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, which provides information
16 regarding the address to the regulation account of
17 where to send comments. She noted it will also be on
18 the Board's website and Independent Regulatory Review
19 Commission's website. She stated the Board will
20 consider all comments submitted.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed a comment from
22 Alyssa Perry wanting to know if anyone is available
23 to discuss pending applications from Excelsior
24 University's ADN Program.

25 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Ms. Perry that the

1 Board is currently reviewing her application, along
2 with other applicants' documentation received from
3 Excelsior and other information provided. She
4 suggested contacting Wendy Miller about the
5 particulars of an application. She explained that
6 there is not a timeline but that the Board
7 understands she wants her application ruled on as
8 quickly as possible.]

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10 Adjournment

11 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

12 Do I have a motion to adjourn?

13 DR. BUCHER:

14 So moved.

15 DR. HERSHBERGER:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

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21 [There being no further business, the State Board of
22 Nursing Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Nursing meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Nursing meeting.



Rachel Wilbur-Adams,

Minute Clerk

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9	9:15	Official Call to Order
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11	9:16	Introduction of Board Members
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13	9:16	Introduction of Attendees
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15	9:21	Adoption of Agenda
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17	9:21	Approval of Minutes
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19	9:23	Report of Prosecutorial Division
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21	9:29	Appointment- Prosecution
22		Data/Information for FY24-25
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24	9:39	Appointment - Holy Family University's
25		Proposal for a Family/Individual
26		Across the Lifespan Certified
27		Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)
28		MSN and Post-Master's Certificate
29		Program
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31	10:06	Appointment - Follow-up from Jersey
32		College in Response to the Board's
33		9/27/24 Letter Re:
34		Establishment of a Prelicensure
35		Practical Nursing Program in
36		Jenkintown, Pennsylvania
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38	10:34	Recess
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40	10:47	Return to Open Session
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42	10:48	Regulation Update
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44	11:12	Pennsylvania Legislative Update
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46	11:13	Report of Committees
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48	11:16	Report of Executive Secretary
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TIME	AGENDA
11:22	New Business
11:26	Public Comment
11:29	Executive Session
12:40	Return to Open Session
12:40	Motions
12:51	Public Comment (Cont.)
12:55	Adjournment