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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: 9:05 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

October 29, 2024

State Board of Nursing
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of Finance and Procurement
Mercedes Newby, Fiscal Management Specialist, Bureau
of Finance and Procurement

ALSO PRESENT:

Jeffrey Bates, Esquire, Marshall Dennehey
Greg Butcher, PhD, Dean and Vice President for
Academic Affairs, Thiel College
Susan Traverso, PhD, President, Thiel College
Nicole Olshanski, DNP, Nursing Program Administrator,
Thiel College
Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, Dean and Professor,
Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing,
Pennsylvania State University
Beth Ann Puckett, MSN, RN, GERO-BC, Chester County
Intermediate Unit Practical Nursing Program
Misha Patel, Esquire, Pennsylvania Medical Society

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

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6 Tiffany Booher, MA, LPC, CAADC, CIP, CCSM, Director,
7 Peer Assistance Monitoring Programs, Foundation of
8 the Pennsylvania Medical Society
9 Heather Wilson, MSW, CFRE, Executive Director,
10 Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical Society
11 Stephanie Woodruff, DNP, CRNA, CHSE, Nurse Anesthesia
12 Program Director, Ursuline College
13 P. Daniel Altland, Esquire, Pennsylvania Association
14 of Nurse Anesthetists
15 Shauna Boscaccy, Esquire, Government Relations
16 Specialist, One+ Strategies
17 Wayne E. Reich, Jr., MSN, MBA, RN, Chief Executive
18 Officer, Pennsylvania State Nurses Association
19 Jordan Fuhrman, Government Relations Specialist,
20 Pennsylvania State Nurses Association
21 Peggy Pearl, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
22 Coalition of Nurse Practitioners
23 Jessica Poole, DNAP, CRNA, State Government Relations
24 Director, Pennsylvania Association of Nurse
25 Anesthetists
26 Kathleen Rundquist, MSN, RN, CNE, Nurse Administrator
27 and Financial Aid Administrator, Franklin County
28 Practical Nursing Program
29 Marcia Landman, MSN-FNP, BSN, RN, Practical Nursing
30 Assistant Director, United Career Institute
31 Mary O'Connor, PhD, MSN, RN, DNAP, Pennsylvania
32 Organization of Nurse Leaders Legislative Committee
33 Elizabeth Menschner, DNP, MAS, MSN, RN, NEA-BC,
34 Executive Director, Pennsylvania Organization of
35 Nurse Leaders
36 Jennifer (Horn) Gimbel, MBA, Director, Pennsylvania
37 Nursing Workforce Coalition
38 Valerie Bond Waid, MBA, BSN, RN, FACHE, Chief Nurse
39 Executive, Meadville Medical Center
40 Crystal Brest, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing, Sharon
41 Regional SON/Meadville Medical Center SON
42 Alyssa M. Willis, BS, Administrative Assistant to the
43 CNE and CMO, Meadville Medical Center
44 Janet Yontas, Director of Practical Nursing Program,
45 Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County
46 Innocent Onwubiko, RN, Owner/CEO, Successful Aging
47 Career Institute
48 Adanna Izeko, MSN, RN, Nurse Aide Program
49 Instructor/Proposed PN Program Director, Successful
50 Aging Career Institute

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- Roslyn Heyward, RN, Nurse Aide Program
Instructor/Proposed PN Program Clinical and
Simulation Lab Coordinator
- Jonathan Ross, MD, Business Consultant, Successful
Aging Career Institute
- Jessica Whalen, Accounting Manager, Meadville Medical
Center
- Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC
- Jean Marie Truman, DNP, Director of
Assessment/Program Review, Associate Professor of
Nursing, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
- Heather Haines, BSN, RN, Practical Nursing
Coordinator, Mifflin County Academy of Science and
Technology
- Cori Gombocz, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing,
Program, Lincoln Technical Institute - Allentown
- Janyce L. Collier, MSN, RN, CNE, JLM Consulting
- Mindy Guinard, EdD, Interim Director of Nursing &
Health Sciences, Wilson College
- Louise S. Frantz, RN, BSN, MHA, Ed, Coordinator,
Practical Nursing Program, Penn State Berks Campus
- Susan Pastor, ND, RN, CENP
- Molly Smith, Graduate Nursing Student
- Bethany Pierotti, Graduate Nursing Student, Frontier
Nursing University
- Melanie Smith, Student
- Jamie Lawrence
- Lauren Gusherowski, Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Nursing

3 October 29, 2024

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Nursing was held on Tuesday, October 29,
7 2024. Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair,
8 called the meeting to order at 9:05 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.]

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15 Introduction of Board Staff

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

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19 Introduction of Board Counsel

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

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23 Introduction of Board Prosecution

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

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Introduction of In-Person Attendees

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

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[Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
noted the meeting was being recorded and voluntary
participation constituted consent to be recorded.]

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Introduction of Virtual Attendees

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[Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs, provided an
introduction of virtual attendees.]

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Adoption of the Agenda

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CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

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The agenda is before you. Any

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additions or corrections?

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MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

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We have a couple of matters that are

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now tabled. They are reflected in our

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most recent agenda that's posted on the

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Board's website.

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Those are number 53, 54, 55, 64, 65

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and 66, and 57 is withdrawn. There is

1 an additional recusal, number 44, and
2 that is also added.

3 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

4 Do we have a motion for approval?

5 DR. BUCHER:

6 So moved.

7 MS. HERTZLER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 Adoption of the Minutes

15 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

16 The minutes for the July 12, 2024, and
17 the May 2024 meeting are before you.

18 Are there any additions or corrections?

19 Motion to approve those minutes.

20 DR. COMPHER:

21 So moved.

22 DR. BUCHER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

25 All those in favor? Opposed?

1 Abstentions? Members Scher, Hellier,
2 and Capiotis abstained from voting on
3 the motion involving the May minutes.

4 [The motion carried.]

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6 Report of Prosecutorial Division

7 [Chair Hunsberger noted VRP Consent Agreement items 2
8 through 9.]

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10 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Boyd's items 10 and 11.]

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12 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Doll's items 12 through
13 14.]

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15 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Evancho's items 15
16 through 17.]

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18 [Chair Hunsberger noted Mr. Fogal's items 18 and 19.
19 Mr. Fogal introduced Jeffrey Bates, Esquire, who was
20 present on behalf of the Respondent for item 18.]

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22 [Chair Hunsberger noted Mr. Rine's item 20.]

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24 [Chair Hunsberger noted Mr. Sniscak's items 21
25 through 25.]

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2 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Tucker's items 26 and
3 27.]

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5 Appointment - Annual Budget Presentation

6 [Amanda Richards, Fiscal Management Supervisor,
7 Bureau of Finance and Procurement, Department of
8 State, presented the annual budget. Other members of
9 the Bureau of Finance and Procurement present
10 virtually included Jennifer Papula, Fiscal Management
11 Chief; Tamie Laudenslager, Jennifer Jumper, and
12 Mercedes Newby, Fiscal Management Specialists.

13 Ms. Richards pointed out the licensed population
14 coming into the Board. She noted the top portion
15 provides a seven-year history of the licenses for the
16 Nurse Board. The bottom portion breaks it out by
17 class. Two license classes coming in the future—
18 certified registered nurse anesthetists and
19 multistate licenses—are not listed.

20 License classes are listed out for fiscal years
21 and are broken out by annual renewals to see what the
22 average biennial license total is for a renewal
23 cycle.

24 In the prior renewal cycle, there were a little
25 over 333,000 licenses, and the current renewal cycle

1 is nearly 343,000, or a 2.9 percent increase from the
2 previous renewal cycle.

3 There was an inquiry regarding whether these are
4 active licenses who are currently actively practicing
5 or is that something that cannot be measured right
6 now. It was noted that work force data is not
7 tracked, and that information is done by the Bureau
8 of Health Planning. The Board tracks the number of
9 licensees who renewed their licenses.

10 Ms. Richards referred to information regarding
11 license cost for each license class. No fee
12 increases are in place for the next three biennial
13 renewals as of right now. The last Board fee
14 increase was approved in 2019.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted that at the time, the
16 Board made the decision that it would not charge the
17 same application fee for RNs and PNs due to the
18 disparity in salary and that obtaining a CNS or CRNP
19 certification is in addition to the fee paid as a
20 registered nurse.

21 Ms. Richards noted the revenue coming into the
22 Board broken out by renewal revenue sources.
23 Biennial revenue for this Board is a little over \$44
24 million, and of that amount, 93.9 percent comes from
25 licenses and renewals. Revenue from other categories

1 is not a consistent form of revenue and cannot be
2 counted when figuring fees. Ms. Pachter Schulder
3 noted being told by the Nurse Licensure Compact to
4 expect that maybe over 80 percent of the existing
5 registered nurse and licensed practical nurse
6 licensees may become multistate licensees, but to
7 figure out how many of those licensees hold
8 multistate licenses from other states or who are
9 going to have their primary state of residence in
10 Pennsylvania is difficult to calculate in advance.

11 Ms. Richards noted the expenses coming into the
12 Board. She indicated three main ways expenses hit
13 the Board - one is direct charge which includes a
14 stenographer or expert witness, timesheet based, and
15 license population which means all costs are split
16 amongst the Board based on their license population.

17 There was a breakdown of administrative and legal
18 costs. Expenses for the previous two fiscal years,
19 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 were noted with a biennial
20 cost of nearly \$35.6 million in expenses. Expenses
21 were included for the current fiscal year, 2024. The
22 proposed 2025-2026 budget was included. \$46.1 million
23 is proposed in expenses for this current fiscal year
24 and the next.

25 The last page of the report shows expenses and

1 revenue together and whether expenses are exceeding
2 revenue. Ms. Richards indicated that for the last
3 fiscal biennial period, the Board had a surplus of
4 \$8.5 million, which brought the restricted balance to
5 a little over \$28 million. The current fiscal year
6 and the next fiscal year, or the next biennial
7 period, expenses are starting to exceed revenue,
8 meaning that deficit will start eating into the
9 balance. The overall balance starts to decrease and
10 by fiscal years 2030-2031 and 2031-2032, down to
11 approximately \$10.4 million.

12 Ms. Richards noted one-time expenses that affect
13 the overall budget include the new PALS modernization
14 project, and if those costs are removed from the
15 projected expenses, the 2028-2029. She explained
16 that from the last time the Board had a fee increase
17 in 2019 until present, the number of staff has more
18 than doubled for the Nurse Board. The new call
19 center in Pittsburgh is also causing an increase in
20 expenses.

21 Ms. Richards noted that as it stands right now,
22 with all the information known, and without knowing
23 the effects of the new licensure class on the budget,
24 BFO would typically want to look at a fee increase
25 package. Because none of that information is known,

1 they will hold off and see what the revenue that
2 comes in for the new license population is and how
3 the expenses start to go.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder commented that process could
5 be lengthy and could take up to two years to get the
6 new fee in place. She can provide fees but does not
7 have numbers to provide.

8 Ms. Richards explained the meaning of restricted
9 funds and indicated it is money that the Board brings
10 in.

11 Ms. Pachter Schulder further explained that money
12 that comes in from paying licensure fees goes into a
13 separate account, and the interest on that money goes
14 into the general fund. The fees paid by licensees
15 stay in a Bureau fund, and within the Bureau fund
16 there is a tab for each of the licensing Boards. That
17 money is not used for the general fund.

18 An inquiry was made as to whether there may be
19 additional unknown fees with the PALS replacement
20 system. Ms. Richards explained that one-time costs
21 are known, but there could be additional costs for
22 additional server fees or staff to help create the
23 system. That is not known at this point.

24 Acting Commissioner Claggett noted a new vendor,
25 Systems Automation, has been selected for the PALS

1 replacement and is on schedule to have the system
2 fully implemented at the end of 2025.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder offered further explanation
4 regarding a reasonable amount of restricted funds to
5 have on hand. She explained expenses and biennial
6 fees have to match during the biennial period. She
7 noted that the Nurse Board has a constant renewal
8 cycle, and with so many licensees, an attempt is made
9 to balance those out. She stated that the Nurse
10 Board running out of money would be catastrophic and
11 that smaller boards could borrow from other boards.
12 She explained that there are so many licensees, and
13 there is no one else to provide the money. There is
14 no minimum amount of restricted funds that the Board
15 must have, but it must make sure expenses and income
16 are balancing out, which is why projection is done in
17 advance.

18 She further explained there have been
19 administrations that have taken the position that a
20 fee increase, even though based on an actual cost is
21 a tax, and some administrations have not allowed any
22 license or application fee increases. There was an
23 audit done in 2019 of all the fees charged by the
24 Board to make sure they were the actual costs, some
25 of which hadn't been done since the 1980s. The fee

1 increase in 2019 was not done by way of biennial
2 renewal increase alone, but all application costs
3 were increased.

4 Member Scher asked whether the money the Board
5 has is put into annuities or a high yield savings
6 account or just a flat bond. Ms. Richards responded
7 money in a restricted account is just the amount of
8 money that the Board brings in.]

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10 Pennsylvania Regulation Update

11 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
12 noted that several regulations are moving. 16A-5139,
13 the Volunteer License regulation, is being drafted by
14 Regulatory Counsel for all affected boards to conform
15 to recent amendments to the Volunteer Health Services
16 Act (Acts 29 of 2007 and 58 of 2002).

17 Ms. Pachter Schulder announced that 16A-5141, the
18 Nurse Education Programs regulation, was approved by
19 the Office of Policy and sent to the Office of
20 Attorney General on October 2, 2024. She noted that
21 once the Office of Attorney General approves, the
22 package will be delivered to the House Professional
23 Licensure Committee, the Senate Consumer Protection
24 and Professional Licensure Committee, and to the
25 Independent Regulatory Review Commission and the

1 Pennsylvania Bulletin, after which public
2 commentators will have a 30-day public comment
3 period. Comments will be organized and categorized
4 and reviewed by the Board to see if there are any
5 changes it wants to make in regulations as a result
6 of those comments by way of a new annex and preamble
7 and regulatory analysis form for final package.

8 16A-5143, the Continued Competency and Licensure
9 by Endorsement regulation, further explains what it
10 means to practice "at some time during the last two
11 of the last five years" to demonstrate continued
12 competence. The new regulations will delineate the
13 period as 3,600 hours over five years. Ms. Pachter
14 Schulder explained that the experience cannot be
15 obtained in less than two years, preventing an
16 applicant/licensee from obtaining all of the hours by
17 combining full-time work with overtime and fulfilling
18 the requirement in one year. This final regulation
19 package was approved by the Independent Regulatory
20 Review Commission on October 24, 2024. In the final
21 regulatory process, once the Office of Attorney
22 General approves, it will be published in the
23 Pennsylvania Bulletin and hopefully by the end of
24 December that regulation will become final.

25 16A-5145, the CRNA Licensure regulation,

1 amendments were sent back to Regulatory Counsel on
2 October 1, 2024.

3 16A-5146, the Opioid Prescription and Education
4 and Organ Donation Education regulation, is ready to
5 be sent back to the Pennsylvania Bulletin for
6 publication; however, it is being held at the request
7 of the Acting Commissioner because the Medical Board
8 and Osteo Board have similar requirements, and it
9 made sense to implement all three Boards at the same
10 time. Drafts have been provided to those Boards.

11 Regarding 16A-5148, the Nurse Licensure Compact
12 temporary regulations, the Board authorized sending
13 it out for predraft input on September 11, 2024. Not
14 many comments have been returned but those received
15 will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for
16 further discussion. The legislation authorizing the
17 temporary regulations has been passed and signed by
18 the Governor. At next month's meeting the Board, if
19 it desires, will approve that Annex, and if any
20 changes are made, start moving it through the system.
21 Once in place, the Board will separately promulgate a
22 permanent regulation since the temporary regulation
23 expires three years from publication.

24 Regarding 16A-66, the BPOA Regulation—Crimes
25 Directly Related to the Profession, Ms. Pachter

1 Schulder explained that the list of crimes that was
2 pared down as was discussed previously, and that the
3 final regulation was published in the Pennsylvania
4 Bulletin on October 19, 2024. Therefore, 16A-66 will
5 no longer be listed on the Board's agenda.

6 Finally, 16A-5150, the Outpatient Treatment
7 Provider regulation, has been approved by the Board
8 to be sent to stakeholders last month.]

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10 Legislation Update

11 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
12 noted two bills. HB2381 enabling temporary
13 regulatory authority was presented to the Governor on
14 October 23, 2024, for signature. She explained the
15 bill is different from last month in three places:
16 the Boards have a year to write temporary regulations
17 from when the Compact is actually enacted; two,
18 Boards only get one time to write temporary
19 regulations per enactment; and three, it adds a
20 provision that says after three years those temporary
21 regulations expire.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder advised that SB668 regarding
23 Certified Medication Aides was signed by the Governor
24 and is Act 109 of 2024. She pointed out that the
25 Department of Health and Human Services is required

1 to consult with the Board to "determine if a number
2 of hours completed in the Medication Aide training
3 program may be credited to a student in a practical
4 nursing education program." Ms. Pachter Schulder
5 explained the desire of the legislature was to
6 provide some kind of a funnel so that if someone took
7 the Certified Nurse Medication Aide training, some of
8 that education could be accepted towards the 1500
9 hours that are needed for a practical nurse license.
10 Although the Board approves programs and establishes
11 curriculum requirements, it does not write the
12 programs or tell them that they must accept those
13 credits. Those decisions are made by the programs.

14 The legislature is asking the Board to look at
15 that training program for a Certified Medication Aide
16 and let the providers and programs know that the
17 Board believes that X amount may or may not or should
18 maybe be considered to be part of their program.
19 This may result in programs who accept the credits to
20 have two separate tracks—one for RNs, PNs, students
21 who are not medication aides and a different track
22 for those who are.

23 Supervisory language remained unchanged from the
24 version that the Board viewed at the September
25 meeting.

1 She noted the last day of the Legislative session
2 is November 14, 2024, but that more days could be
3 added to the calendar. Every bill not passed at the
4 end of this session must be reintroduced.]

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6 [Donald H. Bucher, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP, Vice
7 Chair, exited the meeting at 10:05 a.m. for recusal
8 purposes.]

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10 Appointment

11 Meadville Medical Center's Proposal for a Registered
12 Nursing Diploma Program

13 [Crystal Brest, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing, Sharon
14 Regional School of Nursing/Meadville Medical Center
15 School of Nursing; Valerie Bond Waid, MBA, BSN, RN,
16 FACHE, Chief Nurse Executive, Meadville Medical
17 Center; Alyssa M. Willis, BS, Administrative
18 Assistant to the CNE and CMO; and Jessica Whalen,
19 Accounting Manager, Meadville Medical Center,
20 presented on behalf of Meadville Medical Center's
21 proposal for a registered nursing diploma program.

22 Ms. Brest provided a summary of her professional
23 background. She explained that the idea for a
24 registered nursing program at Meadville Medical
25 Center came about due to the Sharon Regional School

1 of Nursing closing. She noted over 100 applicants
2 applied to Meadville, and that as a result of
3 Sharon's program closing, new places for those
4 applicants had to be found.

5 Ms. Brest noted the Sharon program served the
6 Mercer County area, Shenango Valley, for over 100
7 years providing for traditional and nontraditional
8 students to receive an entry-level nursing education
9 not available in that community.

10 Ms. Brest noted Meadville Medical Center is
11 located in a rural area with an obligation to serve
12 the population that cannot financially afford to
13 travel to other areas. By adding to the nurses in
14 the area, Meadville will be able to offer additional
15 service lines to serve the population and do so in a
16 way that's financially responsible.

17 With the 2024 graduating class from Sharon, the
18 hospital was able to hire over 20 graduate nurses,
19 and Ms. Brest is hopeful to do the same with the
20 proposed program at Meadville. A nursing education
21 program would train people in the community to care
22 for patients within the community and use that
23 training to invest in the hospital and to provide for
24 the health and wellbeing of the population.

25 Areas of Sharon's curriculum that were weak

1 include basic care and comfort and fundamentals, so
2 changes implemented in the Meadville program would
3 address those areas of weakness.

4 Trends with clinical sites such as maternal
5 newborn, mental health nursing, and pediatrics were
6 reviewed, and a curriculum was designed to ensure
7 students would have opportunities in clinical sites.
8 Ms. Best pointed out that the Meadville Medical
9 Center and local facilities have already committed to
10 offering both inpatient and outpatient experiences in
11 those areas.

12 Nearly all of the Sharon faculty was brought to
13 the Meadville program—all of whom have advanced
14 degrees, all of whom have teaching experience,
15 clinical experience in the areas of medical/surgical,
16 emergency nursing, community, mental health, and
17 maternal/newborn. She pointed out that faculty that
18 teach in classroom also teach on clinical.

19 Ms. Brest noted working with the Accreditation
20 Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) regarding
21 accreditation, which ACEN would process as a change
22 of ownership.

23 She discussed goals for the new program include
24 starting as early as January 2025 to prevent students
25 who were not placed in other programs from having

1 additional expenses or additional time added to their
2 degree and to hopefully get them working by 2026 as
3 nurses.

4 Ms. Brest noted Sharon's pass rate last year was
5 93 percent and the year before it was 100; it was
6 noted 2022 was 95, and 2021 was 90.

7 The name of the school would be Sharon School of
8 Nursing at Meadville Medical Center Institute for
9 Healthcare Professionals, keeping some of the
10 historical background. Existing Sharon students
11 continue to be taught to complete graduation in May.

12 Ms. Brest explained the ten hours of simulation
13 would replace direct patient care hours. Simulation
14 would include a rapid assessment team model in the
15 medical/surgical section of the training, code blue
16 simulation and post partem hemorrhage, shoulder
17 dystocia, and breech birth. Added to the curriculum
18 last year based on ACEN's recommendation was a senior
19 module where seniors work in teams confronting
20 different situations while caring for patients. The
21 faculty development chair leads the simulation
22 working together with another faculty member.

23 Ms. Brest indicated the curriculum plan of study
24 has 70 semester credits which is the same that was in
25 the Sharon program. She noted Health Assessment was

1 once taught by Penn State, which seemed to consume a
2 lot of credit time but was very important. After
3 reviewing other programs, it was decided that the
4 Fundamentals of Nursing course would include health
5 assessment. Merging pharmacology into the classes
6 was another change in the curriculum.

7 Ms. Brest noted the school is renting classroom
8 space at Crawford Business Park until another home is
9 found for both the practical nursing program and the
10 RN school to share. She noted the importance of
11 keeping Sharon's name in the title of the program due
12 to its reputation for the past 100 years.

13 Ms. Pachter Schulder advised that the Board will
14 deliberate on this proposal during Executive Session
15 and would announce the results at the end of the
16 meeting.]

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18 [Donald H. Bucher, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP, Vice
19 Chair, re-entered the meeting at 10:15 a.m.]

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21 Appointment

22 Successful Aging Career Institute's Proposal for a
23 Practical Nursing Program

24 [Innocent Onwubiko, RN, Owner/CEO; Adanna Izeko, MSN,
25 RN, Nurse Aide Program Instructor/Proposed PN Program

1 Director; Roslyn Heyward, RN, Nurse Aide Program
2 Instructor/Proposed PN Program Clinical and
3 Simulation Lab Coordinator; and Jonathan Ross, MD,
4 Business Consultant, presented on behalf of
5 Successful Aging Career Institute's Proposal for a
6 Practical Nursing Program.

7 Mr. Onwubiko provided a brief summary of his
8 educational background and experience with a nurse
9 aide training program since 2007. Mr. Onwubiko noted
10 that graduates had shown an interest in the LPN
11 program. He noted looking into employment data and
12 the 3,000-plus positions open in Delaware County.

13 Dr. Ross addressed different areas of the
14 curriculum and clinical sites. He explained that the
15 program begins with the basic sciences, anatomy and
16 physiology, and growth and development, slowly
17 progressing in complexity term to term. Students
18 learn the fundamentals of nursing care doing clinical
19 rotations at a nursing home for experience in basic
20 nursing care and basic nursing procedures. Term two
21 involves more specialized instruction such as
22 medical/surgical nursing.

23 Term three involves more complex situations.
24 Crozer-Chester Medical Center will accept the
25 students for medical/surgical and maternity training.

1 A pediatric daycare site offers rotation for students
2 and provides an introduction of normal milestones of
3 child development.

4 Other subjects in the curriculum include
5 pharmacology. Clinically, Demo Dose® would be
6 utilized so students get a real hands-on feeling and
7 become comfortable with counting out pills, looking
8 at dosage labels, and understanding and identifying
9 proper patients. Dr. Ross opined this is a good,
10 solid comprehensive program that will adequately
11 prepare students for practical nursing or the NCLEX®
12 test.

13 Dr. Ross noted the main objective of the program
14 is to prepare students to take the NCLEX®-PN exam and
15 to imbue in students the critical thinking,
16 compassion, and different aspects that go into being
17 a competent caring nurse, as well as the year for
18 students to accomplish their clinical, professional,
19 and personal skills as a practical nurse.

20 In terms of psychiatric mental health, Dr. Ross
21 noted many opportunities to observe patients with
22 various emotional and psychiatric issues when in a
23 nursing home or hospital setting. Mental Health
24 would be introduced in the beginning of Medical-
25 Surgical I in the Mental Health section of the

1 hospital.

2 Ms. Pachter Schulder inquired about experience
3 with a sick child at a daycare which is the program's
4 planned clinical site. Mr. Onwubiko explained that a
5 child with a fever is permitted to stay at daycare
6 and can be administered a fever suppressant with the
7 parents' permission. Ms. Pachter Schulder inquired
8 whether students would see immunizations or other
9 places with acute illnesses. It was noted that
10 experience would be provided in the simulation lab.

11 Ms. Heyward explained that simulation experiences
12 would occur with the acutely sick or ill child with
13 fever or asthma, and involve immunizations, vaginal
14 birth, hemorrhaging and Gynecology. Mental
15 Health/Psych would be incorporated within the other
16 sites. Ms. Heyward indicated scenarios involving
17 acutely ill as far as mental health is concerned
18 could be included within the classroom simulation.

19 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred the program to
20 regulations that require clinical experience on the
21 care of all different age groups with all different
22 kinds of medical conditions and inquired where those
23 would be found within the Institute's proposal.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder questioned the type of
25 facility Wesley Enhanced Living is. Ms. Izeko

1 explained that it is a skilled post-operative rehab
2 facility for approximately 100 patients who have had
3 surgery. There is a different section for memory
4 care.

5 Dr. Bucher noted that Crozer has a patient
6 population that would provide great experience to its
7 students. He stated the memory care would help with
8 the mental health component.

9 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the program lists 571
10 clinical hours in addition to the 99 clinical
11 simulation hours augmenting didactic education. She
12 suggested that additional information would be needed
13 to clarify the clinical hours for the Board's
14 approval. Dr. Ross pointed out that the simulations
15 are approximately 15 percent of the total clinical
16 hours, which provides for additional simulation
17 exercises in lieu of clinical hours.

18 Ms. Pachter Schulder mentioned that while
19 mannikins are lifelike, they are still not a real
20 person. Dr. Ross noted additional simulation
21 scenarios and clinical sites have been added since
22 Ms. Heyward was hired and after the proposal was
23 submitted to the Board for approval.

24 Ms. Heyward outlined the plan for ATI and faculty
25 development. She discussed the questions on the

1 examinations will come from ATI's test bank. Ms.
2 Pachter Schulder requested additional information
3 about and the standards that were used to develop the
4 program and curriculum. She noted the proposal only
5 lists the NCLEX® Test Plan but would need to include
6 all aspects for Board approval.

7 In terms of Psychiatric/Mental Health faculty
8 experience, Dr. Ross noted the background of Marcia
9 Davis in mental health as well as the CVs of the
10 staff members included in the proposal for the
11 Board's review.

12 Ms. Pachter Schulder advised the Board will
13 deliberate on this proposal during Executive Session
14 and would announce the results at the end of the
15 meeting.]

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17 [The Board recessed from 11:00 a.m. until 11:05 a.m.]

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19 [Donald H. Bucher, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP, Vice
20 Chair, and Susan Hellier, PhD, DNP, FNP-BC, exited
21 the meeting at 11:05 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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23 Appointment

24 Thiel College's Proposal for a full-time,
25 Prelicensure Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing

1 (BSN) Program

2 [Susan Traverso, PhD, College President; Greg
3 Butcher, PhD, Dean and Vice President for Academic
4 Affairs; and Nicole Olshanski, DNP, Nursing Program
5 Administrator, presented on behalf of Thiel College.

6 Dr. Traverso provided a summary of the history of
7 Thiel College. She noted Thiel's long commitment to
8 workforce development in the region, along with a
9 deep commitment to liberal arts and professional
10 training. In the past eight years, graduate programs
11 for physician assistant and speech-language pathology
12 have been developed. At the request of Sharon
13 Regional Medical Center, a nursing program began to
14 move ahead. The decision was then made to seek
15 approval for a prelicensure BSN program, hence the
16 proposal before the Board.

17 Dr. Traverso discussed the need for commitment to
18 provide education for workforce development for
19 nursing in the area.

20 Dr. Butcher outlined the faculty and their
21 experiences for the program. There is a plan to
22 expand the faculty. The initial step would be for
23 administrative support and a clinical coordinator.
24 An ad was posted with and anticipated hire in
25 December or January 2025. Faculty lines will then be

1 added starting in the summer to get to the estimated
2 faculty of 5 full-time equivalents with the full 40
3 student cohort. That will be phased in over at least
4 three years.

5 Ms. Pachter Schulder asked about the sites for
6 clinical placements. Dr. Butcher and Ms. Olshanski
7 discussed Thiel's relationships with the local
8 hospitals and facilities, such as St. Elizabeth,
9 Youngstown Boardman Hospital, Ohio; St. Paul's
10 Greenville; and UPMC Horizon.

11 Ms. Olshanski detailed the mental health aspect
12 of the training. The ATI program will be used for
13 test questions initially, but she has experience in
14 writing questions.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated the Board will
16 deliberate on this proposal during Executive Session
17 and would announce the results at the end of the
18 meeting.]

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20 Committee Meetings

21 RN/PN Practice, Education & Regulation/Advanced
22 Practice - Pennsylvania Nurse Associations' Updates
23 on Legislative Efforts

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25 Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists

1 [Jessica Poole, DNAP, CRNA, State Government
2 Relations Director, Pennsylvania Association of Nurse
3 Anesthetists, updated the Board on issues impacting
4 the approximately 4,000 practicing CRNAs and student
5 registered nurse anesthetists in Pennsylvania. She
6 discussed Senate Bill 899, which was introduced by
7 Senator Judy Ward in 2023. This bill is a scope of
8 practice bill for nurse anesthetists and would remove
9 all unnecessary restrictions to the way that CRNAs
10 practice in the Commonwealth, both from a regulatory
11 and statutory perspective. This would allow CRNAs
12 prescriptive authority, most importantly throughout
13 the perioperative period, which is something that is
14 not permitted, making it very challenging for CRNAs
15 to order necessary tests for patients to make sure
16 that their health status is optimized before surgery.
17 She discussed the current workforce shortage of CRNAs
18 in Pennsylvania.

19 Dr. Poole discussed House Bill 2246, which was
20 introduced by Representative Mullin in 2024. PANA
21 joined the coalition with the nurse practitioners and
22 the clinical nurse specialists to introduce the APRN
23 bill. This bill would allow advanced practice
24 registered nurses to refer to themselves as advanced
25 practice registered nurses and be recognized as such

1 in the Nurse Practice Act. This was presented a
2 couple years ago when certified anesthesiologist
3 assistant legislation was seen for the first time in
4 Pennsylvania. A hearing was held in front of the
5 House Professional Licensure Committee in April of
6 2022. The determination was made at that time to not
7 move that bill out of committee.

8 Anesthesiologists then pursued delegatory
9 authority in Pennsylvania. They would delegate the
10 task of administering anesthesia to anesthesiologist
11 assistants, who are not required to have any
12 healthcare background, experience, or training. Dr.
13 Poole discussed the shortage of physician
14 anesthesiologists in the area making it impossible for
15 anesthesiology assistants to practice.

16 Both bills are anticipated to be reintroduced the
17 beginning of the next session.]

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19 Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners
20 [Peggy Pearl, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
21 Coalition of Nurse Practitioners will submit a
22 written report due to IT issues.]

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24 Pennsylvania Nursing Workforce Coalition
25 [Jennifer (Horn) Gimbel, MBA, Director, Pennsylvania

1 Coalition of Nurse Practitioners, provided an update
2 of the newly renamed Pennsylvania Nursing Workforce
3 Coalition. The Pennsylvania Action Coalition was
4 established in 2011 to implement the recommendations
5 of the National Academy of Medicine's Future of
6 Nursing reports in Pennsylvania. One of the many
7 action coalitions across the country is still a part
8 of the Future of Nursing Campaign for Action, which
9 is the national initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson
10 Foundation, AARP, and the AARP Foundation. By
11 fostering relationships across sectors including
12 academia, government, healthcare, and both national
13 nonprofit and for-profit organizations, the Coalition
14 built a strong foundation to support its goals.

15 Ms. Gimbel discussed the development of a
16 strategic plan that included several in-person and
17 virtual engagements across the state, including
18 stakeholder survey, visioning sessions, and focus
19 groups to guide the Coalition through the next five
20 years. A launch event was part of the Pennsylvania
21 Organization of Nurse Leaders annual conference. The
22 three main initiatives are reimagining public policy
23 through data, fostering nursing workforce pathways,
24 and embracing diversity through equitable solution,
25 including the creation of learning communities for

1 nurses and healthcare partners through in person and
2 virtual engagements.

3 Ms. Gimbel noted the new mission and vision
4 statement. The development of a new committee is
5 being planned to expand data access across
6 Pennsylvania. She looked forward to addressing
7 immediate and long-term workforce needs by delivering
8 comprehensive educational, mentorship and networking
9 programs across various career pathways. The
10 programs, including the Clinical Faculty and Preceptor
11 Academy, and the Nurse Residency Collaborative and
12 Mentorship program, are designed to broaden career
13 opportunities and enhance mobility, making
14 Pennsylvania a more attractive place for nursing
15 professionals.

16 Ms. Gimbel provided an update on The Clinical
17 Faculty and Preceptor Academy Program, developed by
18 Geisinger in partnership with the Coalition. It is
19 available for enrollment. This program was created
20 with funds awarded by HRSA as part of the Nursing
21 Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention,
22 Clinical Faculty and Preceptor Academies Grant. The
23 grant would specifically create the program for HHS
24 Region 3, which includes Pennsylvania, Maryland, D.C.,
25 Virginia, Delaware, and West Virginia. The course

1 participants may apply for up to 10 CEUs for \$15, but
2 anyone may take the course and not pursue credit. The
3 course is designed specifically for clinical faculty
4 and preceptors working with undergraduate students.]

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6 Pennsylvania State Nurses Association

7 [Wayne E. Reich, Jr., MSN, MBA, RN, CEO of the
8 Pennsylvania State Nurses Association, and Jordan
9 Fuhrman, Government Affairs Specialist, presented
10 before the Board. Mr. Reich discussed House Bill 2247
11 presented by Representative Krueger on workplace
12 violence. The bill establishes violence prevention
13 committees in healthcare facilities and violence
14 reporting requirements. It protects employees from
15 retaliation and requires annual risk assessment,
16 quarterly review of violence. The bill was submitted
17 on the House floor.

18 House Bill 106 was introduced by Representative
19 Mehaffie. That is the Patient Safety Act, which would
20 require scientifically backed staffing ratios in
21 hospitals. This bill made it to the Senate Health
22 Committee.

23 Senate Bill 25 was introduced by Senator
24 Bartolotta, which will open a pathway for APRNs to
25 practice without collaborative agreements. The final

1 version of the bill was a compromise pilot for
2 underserved counties based on square mile
3 citizenship. The bill has moved out of the
4 committee. Mr. Reich anticipated the Bill will be
5 reintroduced the next session.

6 Senate Bill 1080 which was introduced by Senator
7 Lynda Schlegel Culver will permit LPNs to pronounce
8 death in hospice settings. The Bill was presented to
9 the Governor on October 21, 2024. Senate Bill 1150,
10 "Grow PA," was introduced by Senator Scott Martin,
11 which ended up being Act 89 as signed by the
12 Governor. It provides \$5,000 per year in
13 scholarships to skilled workers, which includes
14 nurses, who agree to reside in Pennsylvania after
15 graduation and must work in Pennsylvania for 15
16 months per each year of accepting the grant.]

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18 Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders
19 [Mary O'Connor, PhD, MSN, RN, Professor of Nursing
20 Emeritus, PennWest University/Adjunct Professor, DNAP
21 & DNP Programs, La Roche University; and Elizabeth
22 Menschner, DNP, MAS, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Pennsylvania
23 Organization of Nurse Leaders (PONL) Executive
24 Director, were present to provide an update on the
25 legislation being supported by the Pennsylvania

1 Organization of Nurse Leaders, which has 818 members
2 across the State of Pennsylvania in a variety of
3 leadership roles. There are five regions within the
4 organization.

5 Dr. O'Connor reported on the PONL website, noting
6 the Violence in the Workplace, Baccalaureate as Entry
7 to Practice, and Nursing Staffing Practices and Ratio
8 Statement position statements. Infographics and key
9 talking points have been developed for nurses to
10 communicate with their legislators either by phone,
11 email, or text. Working relations and personal
12 visits with the legislators are encouraged.

13 PONL does not support HB 106, Patient Safety Act,
14 or ratios. The act is too prescriptive, too costly,
15 and it prohibits the organizations from developing
16 creative ideas and ways to staff the units.

17 Several places in Pennsylvania are successfully
18 using virtual nursing. Dr. O'Connor updated the Board
19 on virtual nursing. She noted Rosa Hickey, CNO,
20 WellSpan Health, implemented virtual nursing. A
21 patient may have a virtual connection to a nurse,
22 either on the premises or working from home, who will
23 participate in patient care, such as admission
24 assessment, patient teaching, record on the chart, or
25 monitor the patient. Other hospitals in Pennsylvania

1 and across the country utilize virtual nursing.

2 Dr. O'Connor explained the ability of the virtual
3 nursing camera to view the patient. AI is also a
4 part of virtual nursing and other areas, such as
5 radiography.

6 Dr. Menschner mentioned that virtual nursing is a
7 way to support licensed practice, not a way to
8 decrease FTEs.

9 Dr. O'Connor discussed the support of SB 25. Dr.
10 Menschner and Ms. Hickey are involved with the CARE
11 for PA Steering Committee advocating for full
12 practice authority and their efforts. Several PONL
13 members and members of the Legislative Committee
14 participated in the HAP Ambassador program and
15 advocated for legislation. She noted being members
16 of Nurse Leaders and Advocacy Program and also
17 attended the AONL Advocacy Days in Washington, DC.
18 An open exchange is maintained between other states
19 with their nurse leader organizations to discuss
20 comparable legislation, one of which related to nurse
21 ratios with other nurse leader organizations who were
22 members of AONL. Members are encouraged to review
23 PONL physician statements. Hot topics newsletters or
24 emails are distributed to encourage members to talk
25 with their legislators.

1 At the federal level, PONL has advocated strongly
2 for HR 2584, Safety from Violence for Healthcare
3 Employees, the SAVE Act, which is co-sponsored by a
4 Pennsylvania Representative Madeleine Dean. Two
5 members from PONL attended a panel presentation on
6 that legislation. HR 2584 has taken off in this
7 legislative session, and it is anticipated that will
8 be reintroduced in January. It has 123 co-sponsors
9 nationally at the Senate level as Bill 2768, co-
10 sponsored by Senator Manchin. PONL does not support
11 workplace violence bills that duplicate the Joint
12 Commission's workplace violence prevention standard
13 that was implemented in January of 2022. The OSHA
14 mandate duplicates the Joint Commission's standard.

15 Chair Hunsberger questioned whether PONL conducts
16 research to back not supporting safe staffing ratios.
17 Dr. O'Connor stated the organization does not sponsor
18 research. A literature review is conducted to
19 critically look at the published research. The
20 Massachusetts Health Policy Commission in 2018 did an
21 analysis of the potential cost impact or mandated
22 nurse to patient staffing ratios and found it cost
23 providers an estimated \$676 to \$949 million in
24 increased costs yet had minimal savings or impact on
25 quality. Based on their analysis and their educating

1 the public, the initiative in Massachusetts failed.
2 HB106 was also closely examined.

3 Dr. O'Connor explained that PONL and HAP are
4 completely independent of each other. PONL Board
5 members and members of its Legislative Committee may
6 answer questions of the literature reviewed.]

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8 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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10 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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12 Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening
13 Committee

14 [Sue E. Hertzler, LPN, noted the Probable Cause
15 Screening Committee moved on 37 Petitions for Mental
16 and Physical Examinations, 4 Petitions for
17 Appropriate Relief, and 2 Petitions for Immediate
18 Temporary Suspensions. She noted that the Immediate
19 Temporary Suspensions were issued on September 30 and
20 October 7, 2024.]

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22 Report of Committees - Application Review Committee
23 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, noted
24 the Application Review Committee met virtually and
25 moved those applications forward.]

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Report of Committees - Advanced Practice (Education,
Regulation, & Application) - No Report

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

Report of Committees - Dietitian-Nutritionist
Committee - No Report

IT & Communication Issues Committee - No Report

Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on
Behalf of the Board
[Donald H. Bucher, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP, Vice
Chair, reported on attending the NCSBN Leadership and
Public Policy Conference.]

Report of Executive Secretary
[Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary, reminded
all that the October 31st renewal for RN, CRNP,
Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), and CRNP Prescriptive
Authority will end on October 31st, 2024. At the
current time, 82.81% of eligible RNs have renewed,
89.61% of CRNPs, 84.71% of CNSs, and 77.22% of

1 Prescriptive Authorities for CRNPs have renewed.

2 On September 19, 2024, the Nursing Education
3 Advisors and Nursing Practice Advisors had a new
4 Program Director Orientation for both RN and CRNP
5 programs. That was the first time the CRNP program
6 directors were included. There will be a PN Program
7 Director Orientation on the November 7, 2024, being
8 provided by the Nursing Education Advisors.

9 Ms. Miller reported on attending the NCSBN
10 Leadership and Public Policy Conference which was also
11 attended by Vice Chair Dr. Bucher and Nursing
12 Education Advisors Dr. Kmetz and Ms. Hoffman. She
13 noted looking at leadership and public policy through
14 a historical lens. The focus was on Thomas Jefferson
15 and how the perception of Thomas Jefferson has evolved
16 over time. There was also education on improving
17 leadership skills.

18 Ms. Miller noted the Pennsylvania Coalition of
19 Associate Degree Nursing's (PCADN's) upcoming fall
20 meeting on November 21, 2024. PCADN is the group of
21 nurse administrators for associate degree in nursing
22 programs in Pennsylvania. The Nursing Education
23 Advisors and Ms. Miller will be attending the meeting.

24 Ms. Miller stated there will be more discussion at
25 the December meeting about English language

1 proficiency tests. CGFNS International, Inc., a
2 foreign credentials' evaluator, advised the Board that
3 it conducted an evaluation of the English language
4 proficiency standards with emphasis on those standards
5 that were in place for visa screen. CGFNS increased
6 the speaking score from 50 to 63 for the PTE academic
7 English language proficiency examination.]

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9 [Chair Hunsberger offered the floor to the public to
10 which there was no response.]

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12 2026 Calendar

13 Chair Hunsberger noted the 2026 Board meeting dates
14 for the Board's review and discussion. The dates
15 selected are January 13, March 2, April 20, June 2,
16 July 14, September 11, October 23, and December 14,
17 2026.]

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19 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
20 at 12:34 p.m., the Board entered into Executive
21 Session with Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board
22 Counsel; Todd Kriner, Esquire, Board Counsel; Megan
23 Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel; Ashley Keefer,
24 Esquire, Board Counsel; and Cathy Tully, Esquire,
25 Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-

1 judicial deliberations on the Report of Prosecutorial
2 Division, Report of Board Counsel, and Appointments.
3 The Board returned to Open Session at 1:50 p.m.]

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5 MOTIONS

6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

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20 DR. COMPHER:

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22 MS. HERTZLER:

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24 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

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During Executive Session, the Board engaged in quasi-judicial deliberations on the matters on the Agenda listed under Report of Prosecutorial Division, the Report of Counsel, and the Appointments.

Board members who recuse themselves from participating in matters will be identified with each appropriate motion.

Is there a motion to approve the VRP Consent Agreements, Items 2 through 9 on the Agenda?

So moved.

Second.

All those in favor? Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

5 Is there a motion to approve the
6 following Consent Agreements for which
7 there are no recusals, 24-51-013807,
8 21-51-017075, 24-51-013885, 24-51-
9 013567, 24-51-015451, and 24-51-015453?

10 MR. SCHER:

11 So moved.

12 MS. HERTZLER:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

15 All those in favor? Opposed?

16 Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's
18 name at Case No. 24-51-013807, Mark Niel Bomban, RN;
19 Case No. 21-51-017075, Angela Maria Caban, LPN; Case
20 No. 24-51-013885, Glen J. Laepple, RN; Case No. 24-
21 51-013567, Dora Kargbo, LPN; Case No. 24-51-015451,
22 Peter J. Castellano, RN; and Case No. 24-51-015453,
23 Melissa Ann Marsh, RN, aka Melissa Tompkins, RN.]

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25 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

1 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent
2 Agreement for Item No. 12 which is Case
3 No. 21-51-010230 for which member
4 Hellier is recused?

5 DR. BUCHER:

6 So moved.

7 MS. HERTZLER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried. Member Hellier recused from
13 deliberations and voting on the motion. The
14 Respondent's name is Amanda L. Leonard, CRNP, RN.]

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16 VICE CHAIR BUCHER ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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18 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

19 Is there a motion to approve the
20 Consent Agreement in No. 16, Case No.
21 23-51-005705, for which members
22 Hertzler and Hunsberger are recused?

23 MS. CAPIOTIS:

24 So moved.

25 DR. COMPHER:

1 Second.

2 VICH CHAIR BUCHER:

3 All those in favor? Opposed?

4 Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Hunsberger
6 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
7 the motion. The Respondent's name is Jason Raymond,
8 Callen, RN.]

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10 CHAIR HUNSBERGER RESUMED THE CHAIR

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12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13 Is there a motion to adopt the
14 following Consent Agreements for which
15 Members Hertzler and Kerns were
16 recused: 24-51-012002, 24-51-010579,
17 and 24-51-003499?

18 DR. BUCHER:

19 So moved.

20 MS. CAPIOTIS:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns

1 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
2 the motion. The Respondent's name at Case No. 24-51-
3 012002, Karen S. Baugher, RN; Case No. 24-51-010579,
4 Natalie Chamberlain, RN; and Case No. 24-51-003499,
5 Amanda Ann Ferdinand, LPN.]

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7 VICE CHAIR BUCHER ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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9 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

10 Is there a motion to adopt the
11 following Consent Agreement for which
12 members Hertzler, Kerns, and Hunsberger
13 are recused at 22-51-017697?

14 MR. SCHER:

15 So moved.

16 MS. CAPIOTIS:

17 Second.

18 VICE CHAIR BUCHER:

19 All those in favor? Opposed?

20 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 Richard Thomas Moidja, RN.]

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1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER RESUMED THE CHAIR

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3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 Is there a motion to reject as too
5 lenient the following Consent
6 Agreements: 23-51-016296, 23-51-
7 010769, 21-51-012630, 18-51-006337, and
8 22-51-013160?

9 DR. COMPHER:

10 So moved.

11 MS. CAPIOTIS:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 VICE CHAIR BUCHER ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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20 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

21 Is there a motion to deny as too
22 lenient the following Consent Agreement
23 for which members Hertzler, Scher, and
24 Hunsberger recused at 22-51-015727 &
25 24-51-013676?

1 DR. HELLIER:

2 So moved.

3 MS. CAPIOTIS:

4 Second.

5 VICE CHAIR BUCHER:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Scher, and
9 Hunsberger recused themselves from deliberations and
10 voting on the motion.]

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12 CHAIR HUNSBERGER RESUMED THE CHAIR

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14 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

15 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel
16 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in
17 the matter of Julia K. Smirny, RN, 24-
18 51-009841 & 24-51-006260, for which
19 members Hertzler, Bucher, and Kerns are
20 recused?

21 DR. HELLIER:

22 So moved.

23 MS. CAPIOTIS:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

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

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7 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

8 Is there a motion to enter a default,
9 to deem the facts admitted, and to
10 authorize Counsel to prepare
11 Adjudications and Orders in the matters
12 of Danyal Lynn Gower, RN, 23-51-016958,
13 and Mandy Louise Singley, LPN, 22-51-
14 010322, for which there are no
15 recusals?

16 DR. BUCHER:

17 So moved.

18 MS. HERTZLER:

19 Second.

20 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

21 All those in favor? Opposed?

22 Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

1 Is there a motion to enter a default,
2 to deem the facts admitted, and to
3 authorize Counsel to prepare an
4 Adjudication and Order in the matter of
5 Annmarie Emigh, LPN, 21-51-010258, for
6 which members Hertzler and Kerns are
7 recused?

8 DR. BUCHER:

9 So moved.

10 MS. CAPIOTIS:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

13 All those in favor? Opposed?

14 Abstentions?

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

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19 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

20 Is there a motion to enter a default,
21 to deem the facts admitted, and to
22 authorize Counsel to prepare
23 Adjudications and Orders in the matters
24 of Devin Michael Fields, LPN, 23-51-
25 008321, and Dixie Suzette Montague,

1 LPN, 23-51-008375, for which members
2 Hertzler, Kerns, and Bucher are
3 recused?

4 MS. SIEGEL:

5 So moved.

6 DR. HELLIER:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

9 All those in favor? Opposed?

10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and
12 Bucher recused themselves from deliberations and
13 voting on the motion.]

14 ***

15 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

16 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel
17 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in
18 the matter of Dana Lynn Phillips, LPN,
19 aka Bashore, 24-51-002637?

20 MS. CAPIOTIS:

21 So moved.

22 DR. BUCHER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

25 All those in favor? Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 VICE CHAIR BUCHER ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is there a motion to adopt the
8 following Hearing Examiner Proposals
9 for which Hertzler, Kerns and
10 Hunsberger are recused in the matters
11 of Baily Anderson, RN, 22-51-015392;
12 Angela Afflerbach Bedford, RN, 22-51-
13 017407; and Erika Taylor Serafini, RN,
14 22-51-010561?

15 MS. SIEGEL:

16 So moved.

17 MR. SCHER:

18 Second.

19 VICE CHAIR BUCHER:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and
23 Hunsberger recused themselves from deliberations and
24 voting on the motion.]

25 ***

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER RESUMED THE CHAIR

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3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
5 Adjudications and Orders for which
6 there are no recusals for Elizabeth W.
7 Chege, LPN, 20-51-014132, and Euclid
8 Michel, RN, 23-51-016124?

9 DR. BUCHER:

10 So moved.

11 MS. CAPIOTIS:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

17 ***

18 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

19 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
20 Adjudication and Order in the matter of
21 Melissa Lynn Donoughe, LPN, 23-51-
22 008771, for which members Hertzler,
23 Kerns, and Bucher are recused?

24 MS. SIEGEL:

25 So moved.

1 MS. CAPIOTIS:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

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

9 ***

10 VICE CHAIR BUCHER ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
14 Adjudications and Orders in the matters
15 of Michael J. McDonald, RN, 22-51-
16 009398; Jamie Lynn McCloskey, LPN, 22-
17 51-018388; and Karen Lynn Hemby, LPN,
18 21-51-011106, for which members
19 Hertzler, Kerns and Hunsberger are
20 recused?

21 DR. COMPHER:

22 So moved.

23 MS. SIEGEL:

24 Second.

25 VICE CHAIR BUCHER:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

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

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7 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

8 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
9 Adjudication and Order in the matter of
10 Danielle Gardner, LPN, 22-51-015727,
11 for which members Hertzler, Hunsberger,
12 and Scher are recused?

13 MS. CAPIOTIS:

14 So moved.

15 DR. HELLIER:

16 Second.

17 VICE CHAIR BUCHER:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Hunsberger,
21 and Scher recused themselves from deliberations and
22 voting on the motion.]

23 ***

24 CHAIR HUNSBERGER RESUMED THE CHAIR

25 ***

1 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

2 In the matter of the application of
3 Successful Aging Career Institute's
4 Proposal for a Practical Nursing
5 Program, is there a motion to table the
6 proposal until such time as Successful
7 Aging revises its proposal to include
8 the information provided at today's
9 meeting, including information that was
10 not included when the proposal was
11 received and then reviewed, and that
12 Successful Aging again come back before
13 the Board to present on those
14 additional details?

15 DR. BUCHER:

16 So moved.

17 MS. CAPIOTIS:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23 ***

24 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

25 In the matter of Meadville Medical

1 Center's Proposal for a Registered
2 Nursing Diploma Program, for which Dr.
3 Bucher is recused, is there a motion to
4 approve that program?

5 MS. CAPIOTIS:

6 So moved.

7 DR. HELLIER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried. Dr. Bucher recused himself from
13 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

14 ***

15 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

16 In the matter of Thiel College, for
17 which members Bucher and Hellier are
18 recused, is there a motion to approve
19 the Thiel College's Proposal for a
20 full-time, Prelicensure Baccalaureate
21 of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program?

22 MS. CAPIOTIS:

23 So moved.

24 MS. HERTZLER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

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

7 ***

8 [Ms. Pacher Schulder noted the following Item Nos.
9 were tabled: 53, 54, 55, 64, 65, and 66. Item No.
10 57 was withdrawn.]

11 ***

12 Adjournment

13 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

14 Do I have a motion to adjourn?

15 MS. HERTZLER:

16 So moved.

17 DR. HELLIER:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 [There being no further business, the State Board of
25 Nursing Meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.]

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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.



Lauren Gusherowski,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
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