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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: 9:00 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**

December 12, 2024

1 State Board of Nursing  
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5 BOARD MEMBERS:  
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7 Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair  
8 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
9 Professional and Occupational Affairs  
10 Donald H. Bucher, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP, Vice  
11 Chair - Absent  
12 Kathryn L. Capiotis, MSN, BSN, RN - Absent  
13 Charlene W. Compher, PhD, RD, LDN, FASPEN  
14 Susan Hellier, PhD, DNP, FNP-BC  
15 Brandy Hershberger, DNP, MSN, RN, CEN  
16 Sue E. Hertzler, LPN - Absent  
17 Linda A. Kerns, Esquire, Public Member  
18 David Scher, MPH, MSN, RN, CEN  
19 Tina D. Siegel, LPN  
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22 COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS:  
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24 Carolyn DeLaurentis, Executive Deputy Chief Counsel  
25 Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel  
26 Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel  
27 Ashley Keefer, Esquire, Board Counsel  
28 Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Counsel  
29 Cathy A. Tully, Esquire, Board Counsel  
30 Michael Merten, Esquire, Esquire  
31 Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and  
32 Prosecution Co-Liaison  
33 Kathryn E. Bellfy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
34 T'rese Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor and  
35 Prosecution Co-Liaison  
36 David J. Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
37 Adrienne E. Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
38 Matthew Fogal, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
39 Matthew T. Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
40 Garrett A. Rine, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
41 Alex Capitello, Legal Analyst, Office of Prosecution  
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44 DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BOARD STAFF:  
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46 Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary  
47 Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator  
48 Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor  
49 Susan Bolig, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor  
50 Kelly Hoffman, MSN, RN, Nursing Education Advisor

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BOARD STAFF: (Cont.)

Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Nursing Education Advisor  
 Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing  
 Education Advisor  
 Tracy Scheirer, PhD, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CNE, Nursing  
 Education Advisor  
 Dulcey Frantz, DNP, RN, RAC-C, Nursing Practice  
 Advisor  
 Kori Linn, Operations Chief, State Board of Nursing  
 Justin Noel, Administrative Officer, State Board of  
 Nursing  
 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,  
 Department of State  
 Piri Pantoja, Jr., Deputy Director of Legislative  
 Affairs, Department of State  
 Danie Bendesky, Director, Intergovernmental Affairs,  
 Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Beth Ann Puckett, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program  
 Director, Chester County Intermediate Unit  
 Tiffany Booher, MA, LPC, CAADC, CIP, CCSM, Director,  
 Peer Assistance Monitoring Programs; Foundation of  
 Pennsylvania Medical Society  
 P. Daniel Altland, Esquire, Pennsylvania Association  
 of Nurse Anesthetists  
 Deborah Little, EdD, RN, CNE, Corporate Assistant  
 Dean of Nursing, Lincoln Educational Services  
 Denise Vanacore, PhD, Director, Holy Family  
 University  
 Louise S. Frantz, BSN, RN, MHA, Ed, Coordinator,  
 Practical Nursing Program, Penn State Berks Campus  
 Heather Haines, BSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program  
 Director, Mifflin County Academy of Science and  
 Technology  
 Kathleen Rundquist, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing  
 Program Director, Franklin County Career and  
 Technology Center  
 Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, Dean and Professor,  
 Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing,  
 Pennsylvania State University  
 Michelle Davis, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program  
 Director, Lincoln Technical Institute - Allentown  
 Misha Patel, Esquire, Pennsylvania Medical Society

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

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7 Nicol DeCaro, RN, Clinical Nurse Assistant, St. Clair  
8 Health  
9 Jenifer Stilgenbauer, RN, Bethlehem Area Vocational-  
10 Technical School  
11 Marcia Landman, MSN-FNP, BSN, RN, Practical Nursing  
12 Program Director, United Career Institute  
13 Peggy Pearl, Executive Director, Pennsylvania  
14 Coalition of Nurse Practitioners  
15 Melanie Holt, RN, Practical Nursing Program Director,  
16 Clearfield County Career and Technology Center  
17 Larissa Hutchins McDonnell, DNP, RN, CCRN, CCNS, NEA-  
18 BC, MSN, Director of Nursing Professional  
19 Development, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
20 Innocent Onwubiko, BSN, RN, MSG, MSH, Owner/CEO,  
21 Successful Aging Career Institute  
22 Roslyn Heyward, RN, Nurse Aide Program  
23 Instructor/Proposed PN Program Clinical and  
24 Simulation Lab Coordinator, Successful Aging Career  
25 Institute  
26 Rodney Brutton, Campus President, Orleans Technical  
27 College  
28 Anita Litz, MSN, RN-BC, PCCN, Practical Nursing  
29 Program Director, Orleans Technical College  
30 Jenny Piper, Board Administrator, Board of Private  
31 Licensed Schools, Pennsylvania Department of  
32 Education  
33 Nicole Campbell, Division Chief, Division of Law  
34 Enforcement Education and Trade Schools,  
35 Pennsylvania Department of Education  
36 Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director,  
37 Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure  
38 Committee  
39 Kari Orchard, Democratic Executive Director, House  
40 Professional Licensure Committee  
41 Nicole Sidle, Republican Executive Director, House  
42 Professional Licensure Committee  
43 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC  
44 Michael McCarrie, Esquire, Bochetto & Lentz  
45 Jordan Fuhrman, Government Relations Specialist,  
46 Pennsylvania State Nurses Association  
47 Tracy Campbell, DNP, Children's Hospital of  
48 Pennsylvania  
49 Reagan Hansen, Regulation Specialist, Nightingale  
50 College

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Susan Lewis, RN, MSN, Practical Nursing Program  
Director, Fayette County Career and Technical  
Institute

Jean Marie Truman, DNP, Director of  
Assessment/Program Review, Associate Professor of  
Nursing, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Rachel Shuster, BSN, RN, Highmark Wholecare

Dana Huber, Supervisor, Adult Education, AVTS

Mary O'Connor, PhD, MSN, RN, DNAP, Pennsylvania

Organization of Nurse Leaders Legislative Committee

Janet Yontas, Practical Nursing Program Director,

Career Technology Center of Lackawanna County

Lori Spiezio, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program

Director, Lansdale School of Business

Marianne Johnson, Executive Director, Lansdale School

of Business

Debra Clark, BSN, RN, Lansdale School of Business

Lisa Leitch, MSN, RN, Lansdale School of Business

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Allison Walker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,  
Inc.

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2 State Board of Nursing

3 December 12, 2024

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
6 Board of Nursing was held on Thursday, December 12,  
7 2024. Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair,  
8 called the meeting to order at 9 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. Members  
13 Bucher, Hertzler, and Capiotis were not present.]

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15 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
16 Professional and Occupational Affairs, paused the  
17 Board meeting at 9:02 a.m. until 9:05 a.m. due to  
18 technological issues.]

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20 Introduction of Board Staff

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

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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 Board Prosecution

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

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7 Introduction of In-Person Attendees

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

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11 Introduction of Virtual Attendees

12 [Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator, provided an  
13 introduction of virtual attendees.]

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15 Adoption of the Agenda

16 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

17 The agenda is before you. Are there  
18 any additions or corrections? Hearing  
19 none, could I have a motion for  
20 approval?

21 DR. COMPHER:

22 So moved.

23 MS. SIEGEL:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

1 All those in favor?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
5 advised that the meeting was being recorded, and  
6 those who continued to participate were giving their  
7 consent to be recorded.]

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9 Report of Prosecutorial Division

10 [Chair Hunsberger noted Mr. Sniscak's items 17  
11 through 19 and item 58.

12 Michael McCarrie, Esquire, Bochetto & Lentz,  
13 counsel for the Respondent, was present and  
14 participated in the discussion.]

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16 Adoption of the Minutes

17 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

18 The minutes for October 29 and  
19 September 10 are before you. Are there  
20 any corrections or additions that need  
21 to be made? Hearing none, can I have a  
22 motion to approve the minutes for  
23 October 29 and September 10?

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 So moved.



1 MS. SIEGEL:

2                               Second.

3 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

4                               All those in favor?   Opposed?

5                               Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried.   Member Compher abstained from  
7 voting on the minutes from September 10.   Members  
8 Hershberger and Kerns abstained from voting on the  
9 motions for the October 29 and September 10 minutes.]

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11 Report of Prosecutorial Division

12 [Chair Hunsberger noted VRP Consent Agreement items 2  
13 through 8.]

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15 [Member Scher exited the meeting at 9:20.].

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17 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Doll's items 9 through  
18 12.]

19               Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC,  
20 counsel for the Respondent, was present and  
21 participated in the discussion concerning item 9.]

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23 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Evancho's item 13.]

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25 [Chair Hunsberger noted Mr. Schertz's items 14

1 through 16 and 59.]

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3 [Chair Hunsberger noted Ms. Boyd's item 60.]

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5 Appointment - Successful Aging Career Institute's

6 Proposal for a Practical Nursing Program

7 [Innocent Onwubiko, BSN, RN, MSG, MSH, Owner/CEO, and

8 Roslyn Heyward, RN, Nurse Aide Program Instructor/

9 Proposed PN Program Clinical and Simulation Lab

10 Coordinator, presented on behalf of Successful Aging

11 Career Institute. Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire,

12 Board Counsel, noted that the Board tabled the

13 proposal at the last meeting and requested that

14 Successful Aging Career Institute address the

15 inclusion of specific simulation scenarios applicable

16 to the licensed practical nurses' (LPNs) scope of

17 practice, the addition of clinical sites and the

18 faculty development plan for item writing, exam

19 development and faculty led simulation experiences.

20 Ms. Heyward advised that their clinical sites now

21 include Wesley Enhanced Living Rehabilitation Center,

22 Successful Aging's Successful Growth Academy

23 Childcare Center, Crozer-Chester Medical Center for

24 the medical-surgical, behavioral health and

25 maternity, and Frankie's World for pediatrics.

1 Ms. Heyward explained that mental health is  
2 integrated through the med-surg unit rather than as a  
3 dedicated course. She addressed clinical faculty  
4 development and noted that item writing and test  
5 construction would be developed by the faculty group  
6 using materials from the Applicant Tracking System  
7 (ATS) and Laerdal Medical Corporation, along with the  
8 Test Bank. Ms. Heyward acknowledged that many test  
9 questions are available via a web search and being  
10 strategic as far as how they write their questions.

11 Ms. Heyward reported her completing the  
12 simulation course with the National League for  
13 Nursing (NLN) and received training from Laerdal  
14 regarding the use of the manikins. She indicated  
15 that she has made sure the scenarios that will be  
16 presented would be applicable to the scope of  
17 practice for LPNs.

18 Dr. Hellier asked whether students would have  
19 exposure to acutely ill pediatric patients because  
20 Frankie's World is more chronic illness. She  
21 referred to the revised application, noting their end  
22 of program student learning outcomes are the same as  
23 their program outcomes. She suggested they be  
24 reworded to be more specific.

25 Ms. Pachter Schulder requested information

1 concerning faculty demonstrating compliance with the  
2 regulations about their proposed teaching  
3 responsibilities and keeping themselves current in  
4 practice.

5 Ms. Heyward explained that faculty members are  
6 required to keep licenses and all their training up  
7 to date, along with continuing education. She noted  
8 resources would also be available to keep everyone  
9 compliant.

10 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that arrangements  
11 would be made to set up a site visit with Successful  
12 Aging Institute if the Board approves the proposal.  
13 She noted the Board will deliberate during Executive  
14 Session and welcomed Successful Aging Institute to  
15 continue to participate in the meeting in person or  
16 virtually but noted they will also receive a letter  
17 from the Board.]

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19 [Member Scher returned to the meeting at 9:42.]

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21 Appointment - Orleans Technical College's Request to  
22 Start a Second Practical Nursing Cohort  
23 [Rodney Brutton, Campus President, and Anita Litz,  
24 MSN, RN, PCCN, Practical Nursing Director, presented  
25 on behalf of Orleans Technical College. Judith

1 Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel, indicated  
2 that Orleans Technical College's PN Program was  
3 approved by the Board in January, and they are now  
4 requesting an additional winter cohort to the  
5 Program.

6 Mr. Brutton reported over 400 potential  
7 applicants expressing interest in their nursing  
8 program, along with employer interest. He addressed  
9 infrastructure, including facilities, classroom  
10 space, simulation, and a skills lab.

11 Mr. Brutton also addressed their staffing plan  
12 for the new program, including instructors and  
13 clinical instructors to join students in the clinical  
14 rotations. He reported being able to establish  
15 clinical partnerships with acute and subacute  
16 settings to accommodate the new cohort as well as  
17 their existing cohort. He believed the college is in  
18 a good position to offer a second cohort this winter.

19 Mr. Brutton addressed the timing of starting the  
20 second cohort, noting it will give them a better  
21 sense of the operation of a practical nursing program  
22 because it will be six months after they started the  
23 first cohort.

24 Dr. Hellier asked when they plan to start the  
25 second cohort and whether they will be able to get

1 the new cohort on board with their clearances and  
2 their ATI tests in time to start them.

3 Mr. Brutton noted the program will start in  
4 February and believed they will be able to get the  
5 new cohort on board.

6 Ms. Litz addressed Orleans Technical College's  
7 enrollment process. She reported having tentative  
8 Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) testing  
9 dates set up in the institution and a good process in  
10 place to get clearances handled internally to make  
11 sure everyone has everything before they are  
12 enrolled. She also noted having a very good  
13 admissions and financial aid office who are very  
14 versed in the nursing program and other programs.

15 Dr. Hellier asked whether Orleans Technical  
16 College would be discontinuing the Caputi method of  
17 critical thinking based upon the discussion the  
18 previous month that some students have expressed  
19 confusion with the method.

20 Ms. Litz explained that the Caputi method has not  
21 been discontinued at this time but stated they  
22 received feedback from the students and the  
23 instructors wanting to stay with the National Council  
24 of State Boards of Nursing analyzing critical  
25 thinking judgment model, in addition to the critical

1 thinking skills taught throughout the Assessment  
2 Technologies Institute (ATI). She also reported no  
3 curriculum change at this time.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder requested information  
5 concerning additional clinical faculty for the new  
6 cohort.

7 Ms. Litz addressed clinical sites and clinical  
8 rotations. She noted having an agreement with a very  
9 large acute care healthcare system in the area and  
10 receiving many applications for staff from previous  
11 job postings for the original cohort, along with  
12 having extra clinical instructors on standby.

13 Mr. Brutton added that they are budgeting and  
14 planning for the winter class by staffing that class  
15 with a lead instructor and adjunct clinical  
16 instructors to accompany the students in that winter  
17 cohort.

18 Chair Hunsberger asked why the Board should allow  
19 a second cohort where the program has indicated that  
20 they may need to do a change to their current  
21 teaching method and before their first National  
22 Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX®) results are  
23 back.

24 Mr. Brutton pointed to the students' grades on  
25 the two courses that they have completed and the

1 program's monitoring of students throughout the first  
2 cohort and believed there is a demand for practical  
3 nursing in that region for not only job seekers but  
4 also employers.

5 Chair Hunsberger noted Orleans Technical College  
6 is currently using ATI and the F.A. Davis testing  
7 banks and asked whether their faculty has done any  
8 training and item development.

9 Ms. Litz stated they have not done any training  
10 in item development at this point, but it is on their  
11 professional development plan. She again noted  
12 Dr. Caputi provided a training session, but students  
13 and faculty felt that they wanted to stay in line  
14 with the testing plan for the National Council of  
15 State Boards of Nursing.

16 Ms. Pachter Schulder questioned whether the  
17 method used to teach is effective or should be  
18 replaced. She commented that one of the reasons the  
19 Board has programs stay on initial status until they  
20 get those first pass rates is because parts of the  
21 program need to be worked out in the beginning, which  
22 is a concern with allowing an additional cohort.

23 Ms. Litz noted that using the Caputi method and  
24 the curriculum as it currently stands that all of  
25 their students did pass the clinical judgment course.



1 She felt confident that with their professional  
2 development plan in place for faculty and the  
3 additional training that they could provide a quality  
4 education. She noted their students have been  
5 evaluated for clinicals midterm and have all passed  
6 their clinical evaluations, and their faculty was  
7 also evaluated and both the students and the sites  
8 had found to be appropriate for the needs of the  
9 nursing students.

10 Chair Hunsberger commented that test banks are  
11 very public and increase the likelihood of compromise  
12 and asked what outside tool was being used to assess  
13 the current student standing for NCLEX® readiness.

14 Ms. Litz explained that they use active learning  
15 methods in the classroom and do a lot of teach back.  
16 She noted the students are passing the courses but  
17 not to the point where they have gotten their hands  
18 on the test bank.

19 Chair Hunsberger cautioned that out of an  
20 abundance of caution all test banks should be  
21 considered compromised and those questions should not  
22 be used to determine proficiency.

23 Mr. Brutton commented that Orleans Technical  
24 College is keeping in alignment with the NCLEX®-type  
25 questions and content, noting they assess students

1 through ATI testing and the exams that they  
2 counterbalance and support through ATI test questions  
3 and testing.

4 Ms. Litz mentioned that students would be taking  
5 the proctored fundamentals ATI at the end of January.

6 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Orleans Technical  
7 College that the Board will deliberate in Executive  
8 Session on their request to add an additional cohort.  
9 She welcomed them to continue to participate but  
10 noted they will also receive a letter from the  
11 Board.]

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13 Regulation Update - Regulations Status Summary  
14 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
15 reported that the Board has been moving on more than  
16 nine regulation packages during the course of this  
17 year.]

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19 Regulation Update - 16A-5139 - Volunteer License  
20 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
21 again noted 16A-5139 regarding the Volunteer License  
22 regulation is being done by different Counsel.]

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24 Regulation Update - 16A-5141 - Nursing Education  
25 Programs

1 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
2 referred to 16A-5141 regarding the Nursing Education  
3 Programs. She informed Board members that they  
4 should hear from the Attorney General's Office on  
5 December 24 as to whether it has approved the  
6 regulations. She noted the regulation would be  
7 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin when approved  
8 and provided an overview of the process after  
9 approval. She mentioned that even though the  
10 proposed regulation will be published after approval  
11 so that public comments can be obtained and delivered  
12 to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission, it  
13 will be delivered to the Legislative Committees after  
14 the Legislature reconvenes.]

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16 Regulation Update - 16A-5143 - Continued Competency  
17 and Licensure by Endorsement under 63 Pa.C.S. 6311  
18 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
19 addressed 16A-5143 concerning the Continued  
20 Competency and Licensure by Endorsement and  
21 reactivation regulation. She noted the final  
22 regulation will be published in the Pennsylvania  
23 Bulletin on December 14. She reminded everyone that  
24 the regulation has Act 41 in it and is an additional  
25 pathway to licensure.]

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2 Regulation Update - 16A-5145 - CRNA Licensure  
3 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
4 noted 16A-5145 regarding CRNA Licensure was sent to  
5 Regulatory Counsel on October 1. She reported  
6 Regulatory Counsel was diverted back to the Nursing  
7 Education Program regulations and will hopefully get  
8 back to the CRNA regulations shortly.]

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10 Regulation Update - 16A-5146 - Opioid Prescription  
11 and Education and Organ Donation Education  
12 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
13 addressed 16A-5146 regarding the Opioid Prescription  
14 and Education and Organ Donation Education  
15 regulation. She explained that they are awaiting the  
16 Medical Board and Osteopathic Board regulations so  
17 that the three regulations can be implemented  
18 simultaneously and clarified that this education is  
19 statutorily mandated.]

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21 Regulation Update - 16A-5148 Nurse Licensure Compact  
22 (NLC)  
23 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
24 referred to the Annex for 16A-5148 regarding the  
25 Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) temporary regulation.]

1 She provided comments received after the Board  
2 solicited input on September 11, 2024. She addressed  
3 a comment received asking why the commentator cannot  
4 find multistate licensees on the Board's website and  
5 why it is taking so long to fully implement the NLC.

6 Ms. Pachter Schulder advised the stakeholder that  
7 the multistate licenses Pennsylvania issues will be  
8 included on the Board's verification site, but  
9 somebody with a multistate license from another state  
10 will not be in the Pennsylvania database. She stated  
11 it will be incumbent upon employers and licensees to  
12 look at both the Pennsylvania website and the  
13 National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)  
14 Nursys website to find people who have multistate  
15 licenses in other states.

16 Ms. Pachter Schulder also provided information  
17 about the Nursys eNotify program wherein employers  
18 register their nurses with NCSBN and receive updates  
19 regarding the status of their nurses' licensure. She  
20 explained that any delay in implementation of the  
21 Compact is not related to the Board itself.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated one of the  
23 outstanding pieces to fully implementing the NLC is  
24 the ability to obtain the criminal background  
25 information. She noted the Department and Bureau

1 have a good feeling about their ongoing discussions  
2 with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) about  
3 the approval of the criminal background check  
4 language recently passed by the Legislature. She  
5 also noted that even with the Federal Bureau of  
6 Investigation approval, a second component of the  
7 background check issue is the need for a contract  
8 with a vendor to obtain and store the background  
9 check information.

10 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that the second  
11 piece to fully implementing the NLC is the technology  
12 piece, noting the Board and staff have been  
13 developing multistate license applications that are  
14 ready to roll out once there is full implementation.  
15 She noted the next component of the technology piece  
16 is the interface between NCSBN, the Board's website,  
17 and the Department's websites and how they  
18 communicate with one another.

19 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated the third piece to  
20 fully implementing the NLC is regulations, noting the  
21 Legislature passed a law allowing for temporary  
22 regulations. She mentioned the Board did not receive  
23 any negative comments concerning the temporary  
24 regulations sent to stakeholders, and no changes have  
25 been made to the Annex since the last time the Board

1 reviewed those regulations.

2 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that all of those  
3 pieces have to be in place for full implementation.  
4 She addressed partial implementation, where a  
5 licensee from another Compact state can practice in  
6 this Commonwealth on a privilege to practice so long  
7 as the licensee's primary state of residence is not  
8 Pennsylvania. She stated there is no Advanced  
9 Licensure Compact in Pennsylvania, and if the  
10 legislation was in place, NCSBN's Advanced Licensure  
11 Compact has not been implemented nationally because  
12 there are not enough states participating.

13 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that if a  
14 certified registered nurse practitioner (CRNP) or a  
15 clinical nurse specialist (CNS) and in the future a  
16 certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) desires  
17 to obtain a certification in Pennsylvania, the  
18 applicant must either hold a Pennsylvania RN license  
19 or a multistate RN license. PA Certification is  
20 required to practice as a CRNP, CNS, or in the  
21 future, CRNA, in Pennsylvania.]

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23 Regulation Update - Regulation 16A-5150 - CRNP

24 Prescribing and Dispensing Parameters

25 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,

1 addressed 16A-5150 regarding the CRNP Prescribing and  
2 Dispensing regulation, which includes the pain pump  
3 and the Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (MAP)  
4 mapping for the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)  
5 providers. She noted it was sent to stakeholders on  
6 November 21 and may receive comments for the January  
7 meeting.]

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9 Regulation Update - 16A-5148 Nurse Licensure Compact  
10 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
11 reviewed the Annex for 16A-5148 regarding the Nurse  
12 Licensure Compact temporary regulation. She  
13 explained that despite the NLC Rules, the temporary  
14 regulations are needed to address when multistate  
15 licensees change their primary state of residence,  
16 conversion to multistate licensure for existing  
17 Pennsylvania licensee, and setting fees. She advised  
18 that § 21.1101 provides that the NLC Rules and  
19 Procedures have the force and effect of law on  
20 Pennsylvania multistate licensees. There are NLC  
21 Rules that include notifying the Board.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder reviewed the requirements  
23 for initial multistate licensure in § 21.1104(a)  
24 which includes the Uniform Licensure Requirements.  
25 Paragraph (1) requires applicants to meet the



1 requirements for licensure in either the Professional  
2 Nursing Law or Practical Nursing Law and the Board's  
3 regulations. She explained that licensees who  
4 obtained a license under Act 41 would not qualify for  
5 a multistate license because they have not met the  
6 licensure requirements under the Practice Acts.  
7 Paragraph (2) requires that applicants' primary state  
8 of residence (PSOR) has to be in Pennsylvania.  
9 Documentation to prove PSOR is set out in Rule  
10 402(3) of the NLC rules.

11 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to Paragraphs (3) -  
12 (5) which requires applicants to provide a  
13 fingerprint background check from the FBI, complete 3  
14 hours of Child Abuse training, and possess a valid  
15 Social Security Number. She noted that Paragraph (6)  
16 requires that anyone who is a graduate of a foreign  
17 pre-license education program not taught in English  
18 or if the applicant's native language is not in  
19 English must pass an English language proficiency  
20 exam.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated that under Paragraphs  
22 (7) and (8), applicants cannot be convicted of a  
23 felony offense related to the practice of nursing or  
24 an encumbered license in another state. She noted the  
25 Board decides whether a misdemeanor offense is

1 related to the practice of nursing. She also noted  
2 Paragraph (10) disqualifies applicants from holding  
3 multistate licenses if they are enrolled in the  
4 Voluntary Recovery Program, Disciplinary Monitoring  
5 Unit, or Practice Educational Remediation  
6 Collaboration (PERC).

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed the conversion  
8 process in § 21.1105. Subsection (a) clarifies that  
9 upon full implementation all existing licenses will  
10 be converted to single state licenses and that under  
11 subsection (b), existing licensees will have to apply  
12 for a multistate license should they desire one. She  
13 noted that under Paragraphs (c) and (d), existing  
14 Pennsylvania licenses who did not receive a license  
15 under 63 Pa.C.S. § 3111 (Act 41) would not be  
16 required to provide documentation evidencing their  
17 education, and where applicable, English language  
18 proficiency because that documentation was provided  
19 to the Board upon initial licensure. Under §  
20 21.1104(c), existing Pennsylvania licensees who  
21 obtained a license under Act 41 will be required to  
22 submit the education documentation when applying for  
23 a multistate license because the alternate pathway to  
24 licensure in Act 41 is based upon a combination of  
25 equivalency in the state licensure laws and

1 experience, not a review of applicants' educational  
2 programs. As such, at the time a license was issued  
3 under Act 41, applicant was not required to submit  
4 evidence of completion of an approved nursing  
5 education program. She noted that because existing  
6 Pennsylvania licensees were not required to provide  
7 the FBI criminal background check when they obtained  
8 their Pennsylvania licenses, all applicants for  
9 multistate licenses must submit the background check  
10 required by § 21.1103(a)(3). Subsection (e)  
11 reiterates the prohibition in the NLC against  
12 licensees holding multistate licenses while  
13 participating in an alternative program.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed § 21.1106  
15 regarding changes to a primary state of residence.  
16 Subsection (a) requires multistate licensees to  
17 document PSOR. Under subsection (b), if the  
18 multistate licensee moves to another party state, the  
19 PA multistate license is deactivated. Under  
20 subsection (c), if the move is to a non-party state,  
21 the PA license is converted to a single state  
22 license.

23 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated under § 21.1107(a)  
24 anyone disciplined by the Board who has a multistate  
25 license in Pennsylvania would have the license

1 automatically be converted to a single state license.  
2 Once the disciplinary order expires, the licensee is  
3 required to request conversion of the license back to  
4 a multistate license.]

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is someone willing to make a motion to  
8 adopt 16A-5148?

9 DR. COMPHER:

10 So moved.

11 MS. SIEGEL:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Regulation Update - Regulation 16A-5151 - LPN

19 Pronouncement of Death

20 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,

21 addressed 16A-5151 regarding LPN Pronouncement of

22 Death. She noted a new law passed regarding

23 pronouncement of death in hospices by LPNs under Act

24 137 of 2024. She believed the Board would be adding

25 an additional function to § 21.145, where an LPN may

1 pronounce death if the LPN is employed by a licensed  
2 hospice in the direct care of patients of the  
3 hospice, the patient is in the care of a licensed  
4 hospice, the patient has a valid Do Not Resuscitate  
5 Order issued in accordance with the laws of the  
6 Commonwealth, the LPN has conducted a focused  
7 assessment to identify the cessation of circulatory  
8 and respiratory functions.

9 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted these LPNs will also  
10 have to complete 3 hours of training annually. She  
11 stated LPNs who meet all of the requirements under  
12 the law can release the body of a deceased patient to  
13 either a funeral director or the coroner.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder recommended adding a  
15 provision to § 21.146a in the LPN prohibited acts  
16 that says an LPN who is permitted to pronounce death  
17 is prohibited from determining the cause of death of  
18 a patient, along with something that says an LPN who  
19 pronounces death and does not fall into subsection  
20 (g) violates the law.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder requested information  
22 concerning the notification process concerning a  
23 death.

24 Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, stated that the physician  
25 or CRNP would be notified first, and depending on

1 that person's relationship with the family that they  
2 could notify the family themselves. She noted the RN  
3 would typically start making the phone calls when a  
4 patient has died and start a section of the death  
5 certificate, but only the physician or provider can  
6 complete the part that is applicable to cause of  
7 death because that is a medical diagnosis.

8 Chair Hunsberger explained that anytime he has  
9 seen someone admitted to hospice in the hospital that  
10 they hire an outside agency to manage the hospice  
11 care and also in long-term care, which would take any  
12 employee of the facility out of being able to do  
13 this.

14 Ms. Siegel commented that there are licensed  
15 hospices that have inpatient facilities, and a  
16 licensed hospice may also provide periodic care like  
17 a nurse visiting, where the family would typically  
18 call if they discovered the patient is not breathing  
19 or responsive.

20 Ms. Siegel commented that inpatient hospice to  
21 hospice is very different and hospice comfort  
22 measures only depending on the circumstances. She  
23 noted that calling the coroner if there are  
24 distortions also needs training.

25 Chair Hunsberger commented that nursing homes

1 under a 50-bed capacity do not need an RN on the  
2 night shift, where all other times there has to be an  
3 RN per 150 patients.

4 Ms. Wendy Miller commented that there are  
5 different levels of care, like with visiting nurses  
6 where somebody could be making visits three days a  
7 week, so even if the LPN is coming in for a shorter  
8 visit, that patient is still under their care. She  
9 referred to people at home where the patients are  
10 under the care of the LPN because the RN may only  
11 come in for the reevaluation visits. She noted there  
12 may be inpatients in extended care that have hospice  
13 see them, where they are patients of extended care  
14 and patients of the hospice agency.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder suggested everyone find out  
16 what they can for the next meeting and look to the  
17 LPN members of the Board to provide additional  
18 information that they may want to add. She also  
19 suggested looking for associations that could provide  
20 information.]

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22 Pennsylvania Legislative Update

23 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,

24 noted the Legislature is out of session, and this is

25 a sine die year. She referred to the Litigation

1 Chart which notes the various bills affecting nursing  
2 that have gone into effect or have been signed by the  
3 Governor and are about to go into effect for the  
4 Board's review.]

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6 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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8 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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10 Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening  
11 Committee

12 [Linda A. Kerns, Esquire, Public Member, noted the  
13 Probable Cause Screening Committee acted on all  
14 probable cause issues.]

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16 Report of Committees - Application Review Committee  
17 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, noted  
18 the Application Review Committee met several times  
19 since the last meeting and moved those applications  
20 forward.]

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

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25 Report of Committees - RN/PN Practice, Education, &



1 Regulation

2 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, noted  
3 prior discussion about regulations.]

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5 Report of Committees - Dietitian-Nutritionist

6 Committee - No Report

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8 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on

9 Behalf of the Board - No Report

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11 Report of Executive Secretary

12 [Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary,  
13 addressed her attendance at an Interstate Commission  
14 of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators meeting on  
15 October 30. She reported the major topic of  
16 conversation at that meeting was model language for  
17 licensees participating in alternative to discipline  
18 programs. She noted those people are not able to  
19 have a multistate license, so model language is being  
20 looked at those guides party states in drafting their  
21 agreements for requirements.

22 Ms. Miller noted the Nursing Education Advisors  
23 had a new program director orientation for practical  
24 nursing program directors on November 7, which was  
25 very successful and well received.

1 Ms. Miller addressed her attendance, along with  
2 Dr. Kmetz and Dr. Scheirer, at the Pennsylvania  
3 Coalition of Associate Degree Nursing Programs  
4 meeting on November 21. She reported answering  
5 questions concerning the Nurse Licensure Compact.

6 Ms. Miller noted meeting with representatives of  
7 the WellSpan organization, including the director of  
8 WellSpan Population Health Services, to answer some  
9 questions related to multistate licenses.

10 Ms. Miller reminded prelicensure and CRNP  
11 programs that the Annual Report for 2023-2024 closes  
12 on December 13 and encouraged everyone to complete  
13 and submit their Annual Reports. She noted that  
14 anyone having difficulties should contact a Practice  
15 Advisor for CRNPs or an Education Advisor for  
16 prelicensure.]

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18 Old Business - OET Request to become an Approved ELP  
19 [Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor,  
20 noted prior Board discussion regarding Board-approved  
21 English Language Proficiency (ELP) examinations. She  
22 provided a summary and additional documents  
23 concerning the Occupational English Test's (OET)  
24 request to be added as a Board-approved examination.  
25 She noted receiving documents from OET showing which

1 states and entities accept OET.

2 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed the requirement  
3 for minimum subscores for reading, writing, speaking  
4 and conversation categories. She notes that some  
5 Boards have an overall minimum 300-pass rate in each  
6 section and others set the pass rate at 350.

7 Ms. House stated she was unable to find why some  
8 states require a 350 score for their speaking but  
9 believed it dealt with the necessity of being able to  
10 understand and communicate with a patient.

11 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that OET is not  
12 testing English generally and is more of an  
13 occupational test writing summary of notes. She  
14 noted VisaScreen for the Educational Commission for  
15 Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG). She also noted  
16 both Silny and CGFNS has accepted OET via paper or  
17 computer provided the examination occurs at a testing  
18 center. She asked whether the Board wished to add  
19 OET to that approved list of ELP examinations.

20 Chair Hunsberger commented that it would be a  
21 beneficial option since it is more on the healthcare  
22 setting but requested information concerning the  
23 difference between 300 and 350 score.

24 Ms. Wendy Miller referred to OET-Common European  
25 Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

1 benchmarking, noting it relates it to the common  
2 European framework where speaking is 350 and falls  
3 into the C1 level and provided a definition.

4 Ms. Wendy Miller referred to reading, writing,  
5 and listening at 300, which would be between a C1 and  
6 a B2 level and provided a definition of B2. She noted  
7 the B2 level is more acceptable for writing, reading,  
8 and listening but are expecting the higher C1  
9 standard for speaking.

10 Ms. Wendy Miller referred to the list of states  
11 accepting OET, noting more states than not use the  
12 300 with the 350 for speaking. She commented that  
13 one of the major sources of error in medicine is  
14 communication.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to the list of  
16 exams the Board accepts and believed it makes sense  
17 for the Board to consider that 350 for the speaking  
18 score because 4 other tests raise that bar in that  
19 category.]

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21 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

22 Do I have a motion to approve OET with  
23 the scores of 300 except for speaking,  
24 which will be 350?

25 DR. COMPHER:

1 So moved.

2 MS. SIEGEL:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

5 All those in favor? Opposed?

6 Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 New Business - Election of Officers

10 The Board discussed Drs. Hunsberger and Bucher  
11 serving as Board Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13 So is that a motion from Dr. Compher to  
14 nominate Colby Hunsberger for Chair and  
15 Donald Bucher for Vice Chair to serve a  
16 term from 2025 through 2027.

17 DR. COMPHER: Yes.

18 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

19 We need a second.

20 DR. HELLIER:

21 I second that.

22 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 New Business - Sunshine Act and Recusal Presentation  
3 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
4 provided the Sunshine Act and Recusal Guidelines  
5 presentation and reviewed the PowerPoint. She  
6 explained that all meetings need to be open to the  
7 public when any official action is taking place and  
8 provided an overview of notice of the meetings. She  
9 discussed amendments to the agenda and recording of  
10 votes, including the minutes.

11 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed Executive Session,  
12 where only the statutory enumerated matters may be  
13 discussed outside of the Public Meeting, including  
14 personnel issues, attorney-client privilege, and  
15 quasi-judicial deliberations. She also addressed  
16 legal challenges for things done improperly under the  
17 Sunshine Act. She noted all business is done in an  
18 open meeting, and Board members cannot discuss what  
19 happens in Executive Session outside of Executive  
20 Session. Following Executive Session, the Board  
21 reports/makes motions regarding the items discussed.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed mandatory recusals  
23 in cases where a Board member has a prosecutorial  
24 role in a matter or a direct financial interest. She  
25 noted strongly suggested recusal is where someone may

1 have a personal affection in that matter. She  
2 mentioned that a recusal removes the member from  
3 being counted in the quorum for that matter. She  
4 directed Board members to ask Counsel if they have  
5 any question about whether to recuse or not.

6 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that abstention  
7 does not affect the quorum, and Board members can  
8 still participate in the case. She addressed  
9 conflicts of interest, noting public and professional  
10 members cannot be an officer of a state professional  
11 organization. She mentioned that the presentation is  
12 always available to Board members.]

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14 For the Board's Information - 2023-2024 NCLEX® Pass  
15 Rates

16 [Kelly Hoffman, MSN, RN, Nursing Education Advisor,  
17 addressed the 2023-2024 NCLEX® examination year pass  
18 rates showing Pennsylvania ranked 6th in the number  
19 of first-time RN test takers with a total of 8,151  
20 candidates sitting for the exam. She reported  
21 Pennsylvania RN programs hold the highest pass rate  
22 in the country, finishing the exam year at 94.37%.  
23 She noted the national average pass rate for RN  
24 programs was 91.78%, which is a 5% increase from last  
25 year's national results. She noted Florida, Texas,

1 California, New York, and Ohio were also in the top  
2 six states of NCLEX®-RN test takers.

3 Ms. Hoffman referred to the 2022-2023 NCLEX® exam  
4 year, noting one RN program was on provisional status  
5 that will now move to full approval status. She also  
6 noted one RN program will be moving to first-year  
7 provisional in the most recent exam year.

8 Ms. Hoffman stated Pennsylvania has 94 approved  
9 professional nursing programs as of November 2024,  
10 with 28 associate degree RN programs, 47  
11 baccalaureate degree programs, 15 RN diploma  
12 programs, and 4 direct-entry master's level programs.

13 Ms. Hoffman reported three RN programs, one  
14 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program, and two  
15 associate degree Registered Nurse (AD RN) programs  
16 voluntarily closed in 2024. She also reported 10 new  
17 professional nursing programs were approved by the  
18 Board in 2024, 5 BSN programs, 3 AD RN programs, 1 RN  
19 Diploma program, and 1 direct entry MSN Program.

20 Ms. Hoffman addressed practical nursing programs,  
21 noting the analysis of the national 2023-2024 NCLEX®-  
22 PN exam year results showed Pennsylvania again ranks  
23 in the top six as far as the number of first-time  
24 candidates with a total of 1,947 candidates. She  
25 noted Pennsylvania holds the second highest pass rate



1 nationally, finishing the exam year at 89.16%.

2 Ms. Hoffman stated the national average for PN  
3 first time test takers was 89.46%, noting a 1%  
4 decrease in the national results. She noted  
5 California, Texas, Ohio, Florida, and New York were  
6 in the top six as far as the number of first-time PN  
7 first time test takers.

8 Ms. Hoffman addressed the 2022-2023 exam year,  
9 noting 10 practical nursing programs were placed on  
10 provisional status and 3 for the 2023-2024 exam year.  
11 She reported 56 approved practical nursing programs  
12 in Pennsylvania as of November. She also reported 5  
13 PN programs voluntarily closed, with 5 new PN  
14 programs approved by the Board in 2024.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder commented that no  
16 provisional schools came before the Board and none  
17 will be coming in January because all of the programs  
18 on provisional over the last number of years are all  
19 off provisional status, which is a significant  
20 accomplishment. She noted there are several programs  
21 who had been on provisional status before and asked  
22 whether the Board wanted to send a letter asking them  
23 to consider completing a performance improvement plan  
24 to ensure they are not in the position of needing a  
25 third year of provisional status.

1 Ms. Pachter Schulder further explained that the  
2 Board generally only sees programs that go into their  
3 third year of provisional status because they have to  
4 ask for approval to continue to provisional status  
5 and the others can be on year one and year two  
6 without asking permission to continue. Board members  
7 agreed.]

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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; Todd P.  
14 Kriner, Esquire, Board Counsel; and Cathy Tully,  
15 Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting  
16 quasi-judicial deliberations on the Report of  
17 Prosecutorial Division, Report of Board Counsel, and  
18 Appointments. The Board returned to Open Session at  
19 12:24 p.m.]

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21 [Linda A. Kerns, Esquire, Public Member, exited the  
22 meeting at 12 p.m.]

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24 MOTIONS

25 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

1 During Executive Session, the Board  
2 engaged in quasi-judicial deliberations  
3 on the matters on the Agenda listed  
4 under Reports of Board Counsel,  
5 Prosecutorial Division, and  
6 Appointments.

7 Board members who recuse themselves  
8 from participating in matters will be  
9 identified with the relevant motions.  
10 Ms. Kerns left the meeting at noon.

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12 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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14 On the first item, for which the  
15 Chair is recused, so the Chair is going  
16 to be taken by Acting Commissioner  
17 Claggett. Is there a motion to adopt  
18 Case Nos. 22-51-015659 & 24-51-014667,  
19 for which members Hertzler, Kerns, and  
20 Hunsberger are recused?

21 DR. COMPHER:

22 So moved.

23 MS. SIEGEL:

24 Second.

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 All those in favor? Any abstentions?  
2 Opposed?

3 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and  
4 Hunsberger recused themselves from deliberations and  
5 Member Hunsberger recused himself from voting on the  
6 motion. The Respondent's name is Laura Elizabeth  
7 Machado-Colon, LPN.]

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9 CHAIR HUNSBERGER RESUMED THE CHAIR

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Is there a motion to adopt the VRP  
13 Consent Agreements items 2 through 8?

14 MR. SCHER:

15 So moved.

16 DR. COMPHER:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

19 All those in favor? Opposed?  
20 Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

24 Is there a motion to adopt the  
25 following Consent Agreements, for which

1 members Hertzler, Kerns, and Bucher are  
2 recused, at Case No. 23-51-011583 and  
3 Case No. 24-51-001205?

4 DR. COMPHER:

5 So moved.

6 MS. SIEGEL:

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. The Respondent's name at Case  
14 No. 23-51-011583 is Crystal Neiger Gould Bianchi,  
15 CRNP, RN. The Respondent's name at Case No. 24-51-  
16 001205 is Sonya Kay Feeser, RN.]

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18 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

19 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent  
20 Agreement at Case No. 24-51-010576, for  
21 which members Hertzler and Kerns are  
22 recused?

23 MR. SCHER:

24 So moved.

25 DR. HERSHBERGER:

1                       Second.

2 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

3                       All those in favor?   Opposed?

4                       Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried.   Members Hertzler and Kerns

6 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on

7 the motion.   The Respondent's name at Case No. 24-51-

8 010576 is Dusti Berninger, RN.]

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11                       Is there a motion to adopt the Consent

12 Agreement, for which members Hertzler,

13 Kerns, and Scher are recused, at Case

14 No. 24-51-014501?

15 DR. HERSHBERGER:

16                       Motion to approve.

17 DR. COMPHER:

18                       Second.

19 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

20                       All those in favor?   Opposed?

21                       Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried.   Members Hertzler, Kerns, and

23 Scher recused themselves from deliberations, and

24 Member Scher recused himself from voting on the

25 motion.   The Respondent's name at Case No. 24-51-

1 014501 is Joseph Young, RN.]

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3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 Is there a motion to approve the  
5 following Consent Agreements for which  
6 there are no recusals at Case No. 22-  
7 51-014483, Case No. 23-51-011866, Case  
8 No. 21-51-012630, Case No. 23-51-  
9 000417, Case No. 23-51-006509, Case No.  
10 23-51-009971, Case No. 22-51-003699,  
11 Case No. 24-51-015783?

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 unanimously. The Respondent's  
20 name at Case No. 22-51-014483 is Shannon Flynn, RN;  
21 Case No. 23-51-011866, Patricia Ann Hindman, LPN.;  
22 Case No. 21-51-012630, Karen Kelly, RN; Case No. 23-  
23 51-000417, Emmalee Marie McKinney, RN; Case No. 23-  
24 51-006509, Jonelle Cohen, LPN; Case No. 23-51-009971,  
25 Melinda Anne Krahulec Smith, RN; Case No. 22-51-

1 003699, Diana Alderfer Lengel, CRNP, RN; and Case No.  
2 24-51-015783, Abdul Salam Kamara, RN, LPN.]

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4 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

5 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent  
6 Agreement at Case No. 24-51-016112, for  
7 which members Hertzler, Kerns, and  
8 Scher are recused?

9 MS. SIEGEL:

10 So moved.

11 DR. HERSHBERGER:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and  
17 Scher recused themselves from deliberations and  
18 Member Scher recused himself from voting on the  
19 motion. The Respondent's name at Case No. 24-51-  
20 016112 is Daniel H. Deleon, RN.]

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22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23 Is there a motion to deny the Request  
24 for Termination of Probation in the  
25 matter of Debra Torrone Kilkenny, RN,



1 Case No. 22-51-016052.

2 MS. SIEGEL:

3 So moved.

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Nothing needs to be done to item 38  
13 because the Consent Agreement in Item  
14 #58 has been adopted in that case.

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16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

17 Is there a motion to enter default, to  
18 deem the facts admitted, and authorize  
19 Counsel to prepare an Adjudication and  
20 Order in the matter of Alexander Robert  
21 Lamay, RN, Case No. 21-51-017774, for  
22 which members Hertzler and Kerns are  
23 recused?

24 MS. SIEGEL:

25 So moved.

1 DR. COMPHER:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

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

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion to enter default, to  
12 deem the facts admitted, and authorize  
13 Counsel to prepare Adjudications and  
14 Orders in the matter of Billie Ann  
15 McGinnis, LPN, Case No. 23-51-015579;  
16 Michelle Moore, RN, Case No. 23-51-  
17 014997; and Mariann Sue Youngberg, RN,  
18 Case No. 24-51-013770?

19 MS. SIEGEL:

20 So moved.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?

25 Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 Is there a motion to adopt the Hearing  
5 Examiner's Proposal in the matter of  
6 Rhonda L. Oliver, RN, Case No. 23-51-  
7 010331, for which members Hertzler and  
8 Bucher are recused?

9 DR. HELLIER:

10 So moved.

11 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

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

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20 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

21 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel  
22 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in  
23 the Matter of Victor Joel Jones, Jr.,  
24 LPN, Case No. 19-51-003379?

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1                   So moved.

2 MS. SIEGEL:

3                   Second.

4 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

5                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

6                   Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried.   Member Hershberger abstained  
8 from voting on the motion. ]

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11                   Is there a motion to adopt by way of a  
12                   Memorandum and Order the Hearing  
13                   Examiner's Proposal for Jill Lynn  
14                   Miller-Graham, LPN, Case No. 24-51-  
15                   000491?

16 DR. COMPHER:

17                   So moved.

18 MS. SIEGEL:

19                   Second.

20 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

21                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

22                   Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried.   Member Hershberger abstained  
24 from voting on the motion.]

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1 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

2 Is there a motion to adopt but correct  
3 the Order in the matter of Christopher  
4 Morschhauser, RN, Case No. 24-51-  
5 004044?

6 MS. SIEGEL:

7 So moved.

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried. Member Hellier opposed the  
14 motion, and Member Hershberger abstained from voting  
15 on the motion.]

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17 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

18 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft  
19 Adjudications and Orders for AnnMarie  
20 Emigh, RN, Case No. 21-51-010258, and  
21 Robert J. Sevick, RN, Case No. 24-51-  
22 004138, for which members Hertzler and  
23 Kerns are recused?

24 DR. COMPHER:

25 So moved.

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns  
7 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on  
8 the motion. Member Hershberger abstained from voting  
9 on the motion.]

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft  
13 Adjudications and Orders for Devin  
14 Michael Fields, LPN, Case No. 23-51-  
15 008321, and Julia Katherine Smirny, RN,  
16 Case Nos. 24-51-006260 & 24-51-009841,  
17 for which members Hertzler, Kerns, and  
18 Bucher are recused?

19 DR. COMPHER:

20 So moved.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?

25 Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and  
2 Bucher recused themselves from deliberations and  
3 voting on the motion. Member Hershberger abstained  
4 from voting on the motion.]

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is there a motion to adopt the  
8 following Draft Adjudications and  
9 Orders for which there are no recusals:  
10 Frances Ghisoiu, LPN, Case No. 23-51-  
11 018321, and Mandy Louise Singley, LPN,  
12 Case No. 22-51-010322?

13 DR. COMPHER:

14 So moved.

15 MS. SIEGEL:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried. Member Hershberger abstained  
21 from voting on the motion.]

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23 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

24 Is there a motion to approve Successful  
25 Aging Career Institute's Proposal for a

1 Practical Nursing Program?

2 DR. HERSHBERGER:

3 Motion to approve.

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Is there a motion to table Orleans  
13 Technical College's request to start a  
14 second Practical Nursing Cohort until  
15 they are able to provide data with  
16 regard to the likely outcomes on the  
17 NCLEX® given the newness, changes and  
18 anticipated changes to the Program?

19 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

20 So moved.

21 DR. SCHER:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?

25 Abstentions?



1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Adjournment

4 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

5 Can I have a motion to adjourn?

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 So moved.

8 DR. HERSHBERGER:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

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14 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
15 Nursing Meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

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



Allison Walker,  
Minute Clerk  
Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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