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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**

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

**VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

April 14, 2023

State Board of NursingApril 14, 2023BOARD MEMBERS:

Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair  
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
Professional and Occupational Affairs  
Ann Michele Coughlin, DNP, MBA, RN, Vice Chair  
Sue E. Hertzler, LPN  
Linda A. Kerns, Esquire, Public Member  
Kristin Malady, BSN, RN  
Bridget E. Vincent, MSN, CRNP, APN-BC, CCRN  
Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl  
Tina D. Siegel, LPN  
Charlene W. Compber, PhD, RD, LDN, FASPEN  
Donald H. Bucher, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS:

Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel  
Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Ariel E. O'Malley, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel  
William Newport, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor in  
Charge, Board Prosecution Co-Liaison  
T'rese Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, Board  
Prosecution Co-Liaison  
Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Kathryn E. Bellfy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Trista Boyd, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Matthew T. Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Madison Hales, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Alex Capitello, Legal Analyst, Prosecution

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BOARD STAFF:

Wendy J. Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary  
Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator  
Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing  
Education Advisor  
Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor  
Susan Bolig, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor  
Ann Marie Zvorsky, MSN, RN, CNE, Nursing Practice  
Advisor

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5 DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BOARD STAFF: (Cont.)

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7 Marc Farrell, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel  
8 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist,  
9     Department of State  
10 Danie Bendesky, Director of Intergovernmental  
11     Affairs, Department of State  
12 Michael McDonald, Director of Policy, Department of  
13     State  
14 Raymond Shepard, Information Technology, Bureau of  
15     Professional and Occupational Affairs  
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18 ALSO PRESENT:

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20 Maria Battista, JD, EdD, Vice President, Federal  
21     and State Contracts, The Judge Group  
22 Michael Press, Senior Vice President, Recruiting  
23     Operations, The Judge Group  
24 Chuck Billitto, Vice President, Business Development,  
25     Judge Healthcare  
26 Joann Megon, RN, BSN, Executive Director,  
27     Pennsylvania Nurse Peer Assistance Program  
28 Charles (Chachi) Angelo, Director of External  
29     Affairs, Pennie Health Insurance  
30 Ali Fogarty, Communications Director, Pennsylvania  
31     Department of Human Services, Office of Press &  
32     Communications  
33 Lexi Deisenroth, Executive Assistant, Department of  
34     Human Services  
35 Julie Sochalski, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for  
36     Academic Programs, University of Pennsylvania  
37 Patrick Guinan, Vice Dean, Finance and  
38     Administration, University of Pennsylvania  
39 Maria Torchia LoGrippo, PhD, RN, MSN, NE-BC, ANEF,  
40     Kehler Family Assistant Dean of Curricular Affairs  
41     and Innovation, University of Pennsylvania  
42 Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and  
43     Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing Senior Fellow,  
44     University of Pennsylvania  
45 Anne Petrella, MEd, Campus President, South College  
46     Pittsburgh  
47 Kaitlin Cobourne, PhD, RN, CNE, CNEcl, Associate  
48     Dean of Nursing, South College Pittsburgh  
49 Tiffany Skinner, DNP, RN, APRN, APN-BC, Dean for  
50     School of Nursing, South College

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

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7 Kimberely Hall, EdD, Vice Chancellor Institutional  
8 Advancement & Effectiveness, South College  
9 Theodor Richardson, PhD, Chief Academic Officer,  
10 South College  
11 Bradley Adams, MAcc, Chief Operating Officer, South  
12 College  
13 Howard Ishiyama, PhD, Acting President and Provost,  
14 La Roche University  
15 Rosemary McCarthy, PhD, RN, Associate Provost and  
16 Academic Dean, La Roche University  
17 Deb Davison, DNP, RN, Adjunct Faculty Member, La  
18 Roche University  
19 Vilma Davis, PNP, BC, PhD, Director & Chair/Assistant  
20 Professor, Department of Nursing, Lincoln  
21 University  
22 Melodye Neal, MSN, RN, CPN, Assistant Director/  
23 Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing, Lincoln  
24 University  
25 Susan C. Lewis, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program  
26 Director, Fayette County Career & Technical  
27 Institute  
28 Christopher Nickell, MS Ed, Chief Executive Officer  
29 Great Lakes Institute of Technology  
30 Tina VanBuren, DNP, RN, CCNS, Director of Nursing,  
31 Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing  
32 Jennifer Jones-Lapp, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Director of  
33 Strategic Development, Joseph F. McCloskey School  
34 of Nursing  
35 Rhonda Maneval, DEd, RN, ANEF, FAAN, Dean &  
36 Professor, College of Health and Wellness, Carlow  
37 University  
38 Diana Kozlina-Peretic, DNP, CRNP, MSN, RN, Associate  
39 Professor & Director RN-BSN Program, College of  
40 Health and Wellness, Carlow University  
41 Carol Gullo-Mest, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, FAANP, Chair of  
42 Graduate Nursing Programs, DeSales University  
43 Kathleen Rundquist, MSN, RN, Nurse Administrator and  
44 Financial Aid Administrator, Franklin County  
45 Practical Nursing Program  
46 Pam Hughes, MSN, CRNP, FNP-C  
47 Adele Caruso, DNP, CRNP, FAANP, Pennsylvania  
48 Coalition of Nurse Practitioners  
49 Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC  
50 Kyra Mitchell

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7 Lisa Storck, DNP, WHNP, RN, Program Director, St.  
8 Luke's School of Nursing  
9 Larissa Hutchins, MSN, RN, CCRN, CCNS, NEA-BC,  
10 Director of Nursing Professional Development, Life  
11 Support Education and Outreach, Simulation Center,  
12 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia  
13 Michelle Davis, RN, MSN, Director of Nursing, Lincoln  
14 Technical Institute - Allentown  
15 Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional  
16 Development, The Hospital and Healthsystem  
17 Association of Pennsylvania  
18 Marian Shenberger, Professional Development  
19 Assistant, Pennsylvania State Nurses Association  
20 Peggy Pearl, Executive Director, Pennsylvania  
21 Coalition of Nurse Practitioners  
22 Maggie Johnson, MSN, RN, Coordinator of the Practical  
23 Nursing Program at Northern Tier Career Center  
24 Jean Marie Truman, DNP, Director of  
25 Assessment/Program Review, Associate Professor of  
26 Nursing, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford  
27 Jenny Piper, Board Administrator, Board of Private  
28 Licensed Schools  
29 Deborah Little, EdD, RN, CNE, Corporate Assistant  
30 Dean of Nursing, Lincoln Educational Services  
31 P. Daniel Altland, Esquire, Pennsylvania Association  
32 of Nurse Anesthetists  
33 Julie Charnosky, MS, RDN, LDN, Pennsylvania Academy  
34 of Nutrition & Dietetics  
35 Tom Dougherty, Government Relations Specialist, PSNA  
36 Nicole Sidle, Republican Executive Director, House  
37 Professional Licensure Committee  
38 Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director,  
39 Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure  
40 Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, Dean, College of  
41 Nursing, Pennsylvania State University  
42 Heather Haines, BSN, RN, Practical Nursing  
43 Coordinator, Practical Nurse Program, Mifflin  
44 County Academy of Science and Technology  
45 Katie Noss, RN, Manager, Clinical and Quality  
46 Improvement, Pennsylvania Association of Community  
47 Health Centers  
48 Andrea Wandling, PHR, SHRM-CP, Manager, Member  
49 Relations & Human Resources, Pennsylvania  
50 Association of Community Health Centers

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

- Janyce L. Collier, MSN, RN, CNE
- Debbie Dell, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program  
Director, Great Lakes Institute of Technology
- Diane Neikam, Nursing Department Assistant, Lincoln  
University
- Marti Trudeau, RN, MPA, CPHQ, DSW, Healthcare  
Consultant and Educator, Manor College
- Misha Patel, Esquire, Government Relations,  
Pennsylvania Medical Society
- Faith Morelli, Director, Western Area Career &  
Technology Center
- Justin Keller, BSN, RN
- David J. Brennan, The Judge Group
- Susan Lewis, Fayette County Career & Technical  
Institute
- Torrie Smith, Fayette County Career & Technical  
Institute
- Cynthia Shaw, Fayette County Career & Technical  
Institute
- Dana Wallace, CRNP, Lincoln University
- Thomas Davis
- Emily Nguyen
- Bailey Shafer
- Lisa Cole
- Amy Cozzens
- Olivia Reebenaker
- AJ Ewing
- Helen Burns
- Taylor Crabtree
- Benjamin Morrow, Sargent's Stenographic

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
6 Board of Nursing was held on Friday, April 14, 2023.  
7 Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, called the meeting to  
8 order at 9 a.m.

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10 Introduction of Board Members

11 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, requested an  
12 introduction of Board members.]

13 Bridget E. Vincent, MSN, CRNP, APN-BC, CCRN, was  
14 not present at the commencement of the meeting.]

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16 Introduction of Board Staff

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

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20 Introduction of Board Counsel

21 [Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,  
22 identified Board Counsel.]

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24 Introduction of Board Prosecution

25 [William A. Newport, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor in

1 Charge and Board Prosecution Co-Liaison, identified  
2 members of Prosecution.]

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4 Introduction of Gallery Attendees

5 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, requested an  
6 introduction of gallery attendees.]

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8 Introduction of Virtual Attendees

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

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12 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
13 informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded  
14 and voluntary participation constituted consent to be  
15 recorded.]

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17 Adoption of the Agenda

18 CHAIR KMETZ:

19 The agenda is before you. Any  
20 additions or corrections?

21 If not, may I have a motion to  
22 approve?

23 DR. COUGHLIN:

24 So moved.

25 MS. MALADY:



1 Second.

2 CHAIR KMETZ:

3 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 Adoption of Minutes

7 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, noted the Board had  
8 no minutes available for approval from the previous  
9 meeting.]

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11 Report of Prosecutorial Division

12 [Chair Kmetz noted VRP Consent Agreement items 2  
13 through 14.]

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15 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Bellfy's item 15.]

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17 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Boyd's items 16 and 17.]

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19 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Evancho's items 18 through 21.

20 Ms. Evancho also presented items 22 and 23 on  
21 behalf of David J. Schertz, Esquire, Board  
22 Prosecutor.]

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24 [Chair Kmetz noted Mr. Sniscak's item 24.]

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1 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Szymanski's item 25.]

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

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5 [Chair Kmetz noted Mr. Newport's item 28.]

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7 Regulation Update

8 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
9 informed Board members that Board Counsel Megan  
10 Castor is working on 16A-5139 regarding the Volunteer  
11 License regulation.

12 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted she has been delayed  
13 from working on the Preamble for 16A-5141 regarding  
14 Nursing Education Programs by the other regulations.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to 16A-5143  
16 regarding Continued Competency and Licensure by  
17 Endorsement. She noted the regulation was  
18 redelivered to the House Professional Licensure  
19 Committee and the Senate Professional Licensure  
20 Committee. She stated the Board already has the  
21 Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC)  
22 comments, and if no other comments are received from  
23 the House or Senate before the next meet, she would  
24 provide all those comments at the next meeting.

25 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed 16A-5144 regarding

1 the Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)  
2 Statement of Policy, noting it is finished and has  
3 been published as final. It clarifies that CRNPs can  
4 be the person who orders the anesthesia and the  
5 person in the room when anesthesia is being  
6 delivered.

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed 16A-5145 regarding  
8 CRNA Licensure and noted that the Board approved the  
9 fees last month, and the package is in the process of  
10 development.

11 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to 16A-5146  
12 regarding Opioid Prescription and Education and Organ  
13 Donation Education and noted that this regulation is  
14 with Regulatory Counsel.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the status of 16A-5147  
16 regarding the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) has not  
17 changed because conversations are still ongoing  
18 between the Administration, the Department, and the  
19 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) regarding the  
20 criminal background checks as to whether it would be  
21 criminal background checks for all healthcare  
22 licensees within the Compact or keep it the way it  
23 currently exists.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated that after an  
25 agreement upon the language for the criminal

1 background checks, it would go to the legislature to  
2 amend the law, and then the Board would  
3 simultaneously work on regulations. She addressed  
4 the technology piece in terms of the Pennsylvania  
5 Licensing System (PALS) and where the Bureau is in  
6 obtaining a new licensure system and available NLC  
7 grants. She noted a lot of work would need to be  
8 done to existing licensure records to conform to the  
9 Uniform Data Set requirements.

10 Ms. Pachter Schulder reminded the Board that the  
11 technology requirements are driven by the National  
12 Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) so that  
13 PA's licensure system will be able to communicate  
14 with NURSYS.

15 She stated the NLC advised that it is amending  
16 its regulations. Participating Boards are required  
17 to post a notice of the change on their websites, but  
18 since the Board is not yet participating, it only  
19 posted the link because of concern that licensees may  
20 be confused and believe that the NLC has been  
21 implemented in Pennsylvania.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed the Bureau of  
23 Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA)  
24 regulation regarding Crimes Directly Related to the  
25 Profession. She informed Board members that Ms.

1 Cynthia Montgomery and Mr. Marc Farrell would be  
2 presenting those comments because those are the  
3 Commissioner's regulations, although they do dovetail  
4 with NCSBN's and the NLC requirements of Crimes  
5 Related to the Profession.]

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7 Pennsylvania Legislative Update - Legislation  
8 Affecting Nurses/Nursing

9 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
10 addressed Senate Bill 25 regarding CRNP legislation,  
11 noting it was originally proposed a couple of years  
12 ago and has the requirement that after 3,600 hours of  
13 collaborative practice, there could be independent  
14 practice.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted House Bill 590 would  
16 require the Board to immediately admit applicants for  
17 the Next Generation National Council Licensure  
18 Examination (NCLEX) upon receiving nursing education  
19 verification (NEV). She mentioned NEVs are issued  
20 for in-state students and that the Board is currently  
21 using this procedure upon receipt of the NEV. This  
22 should reduce processing slowdowns that occur at  
23 graduation due to volume of applications.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed House Bill 802,  
25 which would authorize nurses to provide reproductive

1 care and also states that if a nurse in Pennsylvania  
2 has reciprocal discipline in another state involving  
3 this issue, the nurse would not be subject to  
4 discipline in the Commonwealth.

5 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted Senate Bill 294 would  
6 provide mandatory insurance coverage for eating  
7 disorder treatment.

8 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted Senate Bill 568  
9 addresses tick removal in schools by nurses and  
10 doctors.

11 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to House Bill 262,  
12 which provides scholarship funds for students  
13 obtaining Bachelor of Science degrees in Nursing  
14 (BSN).

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted House Bill 601 allows  
16 nurses in high schools to administer naloxone.

17 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated House Bill 341  
18 requires that high schools have nursing services in  
19 addition to psychological services, counseling  
20 services, and other services that are needed.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted House Bill 525  
22 provides for cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)  
23 requirements in school.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated Senate Bill 389 and  
25 House Bill 758 require bias and discrimination

1 training for nurses, public employees, and other  
2 licensees every 2 years. She noted the Bill does not  
3 state whether it would be part of the current  
4 biennial renewal total.

5 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed House Bill 90  
6 regarding allowing community colleges to offer a BSN  
7 for people who have an Associate Degree in Nursing  
8 (ADN) or are going to get an ADN-related BSN. She  
9 mentioned about 25 states allow some kind of  
10 bachelor's degree at community colleges.

11 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed House Bill 507  
12 which would prohibit medical schools and hospitals  
13 from conducting pelvic exams on patients without  
14 their consent.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to House Bill 532  
16 regarding staff to patient ratios in dialysis  
17 centers.

18 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted House Bill 667 which  
19 establishes a medically tailored meals program for  
20 Medical Assistance (MA) beneficiaries.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to Senate Bill 568,  
22 which is another bill concerning tick removal.

23 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted Senate Bill 414  
24 provides access to treatment for sexual assault  
25 victims.]

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Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening

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[Sue E. Hertzler, LPN, noted the Probable Cause

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Screening Committee moved on 3 Petitions for

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Appropriate Relief, 28 Petitions for Mental and

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Physical Examinations, and 0 Immediate Temporary

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Suspensions.]

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Report of Committees - Application Review Committee

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[Kristin Malady, BSN, RN, noted the Application

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Review Committee met several times via email and

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moved those applications along.]

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Report of Committees - Advanced Practice (Education,

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Regulation, & Application) - No Report

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

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Regulation/Advanced Practice Committee - No Report

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[Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,

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noted the Advanced Practice (Education, Regulation &



1 Application) Committee was amended to include Dr.  
2 Bucher.]

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4 Report of Committees - Dietitian-Nutritionist  
5 Committee - No Report

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7 IT & Communication Issues Committee - No Report

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9 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on  
10 Behalf of the Board

11 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, addressed her  
12 attendance, along with Vice Chair Coughlin and Ms.  
13 Wendy Miller, at the NCSBN Midyear Meeting. Chair  
14 Kmetz noted discussion on Board composition was  
15 interesting but not applicable to this Board.

16 Chair Kmetz also noted discussion regarding  
17 taking the NCLEX® at home, security issues,  
18 artificial intelligence, and the possibilities for  
19 cheating.

20 Dr. Coughlin commented that there is a movement  
21 toward additional telehealth practice across the  
22 country with people being in touch with their  
23 providers, noting COVID shifted the focus and the  
24 necessity for telehealth.

25 Ms. Miller noted discussion concerning

1 contemporary issues in governance, telehealth, and  
2 the use of virtual reality in nursing education. She  
3 mentioned that many things had to pivot related to  
4 the COVID pandemic, including options for certain  
5 testing, and a question presented to NCSBN about  
6 offering the NCLEX® at home. She stated NCSBN needed  
7 questions answered concerning online courses being  
8 lax in security.

9 Ms. Miller stated NCSBN is doing some amazing  
10 research on artificial intelligence (AI) and how to  
11 identify common possibilities of cheating. She noted  
12 that other entities have gone to NCSBN with interest,  
13 and although they are not able to offer an in-home  
14 test, they are looking at it from every angle as far  
15 as artificial intelligence.

16 Ms. Miller also attended the NLC Commission  
17 Meeting and participated in discussions about the  
18 proposed NLC rule changes. She mentioned there would  
19 be a link on the Board's website for anybody who  
20 wants to look at it and also links through NCSBN.  
21 She noted information sharing amongst executive  
22 officers related to fraud detection. She also noted  
23 an increase in healthcare fraud during the pandemic,  
24 including licensure fraud, and discussions about ways  
25 to detect fraud by sharing information between state

1 boards.]

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3 Appointment - The Judge Group

4 [Maria C. Battista, JD, EdD, Vice President, Federal  
5 and State Contracts, The Judge Group, stated The  
6 Judge Group is a privately held 53-year-old company  
7 that is now a global professional service firm  
8 focusing on talent solutions, consulting, and  
9 learning. She noted having over 35 locations in the  
10 United States, Canada, India, and United Kingdom.

11 Chuck Billitto, Vice President, Business  
12 Development, Judge Healthcare, addressed the talent  
13 portion, noting that they partner with health systems  
14 and providers nationwide to place all levels of  
15 clinicians. They are a technology-driven company and  
16 work with clients to develop a relationship with  
17 recruiters. He noted having programs in place for  
18 talent retention. He reported 800,000 nurses would be  
19 leaving the workforce by 2027.

20 Mr. Billitto addressed diversity, equity, and  
21 inclusion where everyone at The Judge Group has  
22 training and employee resource groups for discussion.

23 Michael Press, Senior Vice President, Recruiting  
24 Operations, The Judge Group, stated they set  
25 themselves apart from competition by locking in and

1 providing the best talent for clients. He noted that  
2 they are partnering with the Office of Inspector  
3 General with Health and Human Services to help clear  
4 up the arrears and the risk adjustment.

5 Mr. Press addressed information technology (IT)  
6 capabilities on the healthcare side with a focus on  
7 patient experience, contractor and employee  
8 experience, enrollment, billing claims, payment and  
9 reimbursement, regulatory issues, data privacy, and  
10 cyber. He noted the importance of electronic health  
11 records (EHRs) and electronic medical record (EMRs),  
12 and how they provide solutions for their clients,  
13 environments, and for people themselves.

14 Mr. Press stated The Judge Group also provides  
15 learning analysis, custom training, and development  
16 to help increase the graduation and retention rate.  
17 He noted having consulting services that work with  
18 existing clients to provide a full-service solution.

19 Dr. Battista provided a connecting organizations  
20 brochure, which is a general overview of the key  
21 areas that include talent, healthcare component,  
22 consulting, learning solutions, and offshore  
23 solutions. She noted having help with knowledge of  
24 over 500 employees in India if a large company asks  
25 for additional help. She also provided another

1 brochure that focuses on actual professionals, nurse  
2 practitioners, and nurses and one that is an overview  
3 of the types of healthcare things they provide.]

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5 Appointment - PNAP Annual Report

6 [Joann Megon, RN, BSN, Executive Director,  
7 Pennsylvania Nurse Peer Assistance Program (PNAP),  
8 stated the Pennsylvania Nurse Peer Assistance Program  
9 was established 14 years ago as a peer assistance and  
10 advocacy program for nurses and nursing students who  
11 are struggling with substance use disorder and/or a  
12 mental health disorder. She noted PNAP provides  
13 monitoring and assistance for individuals in their  
14 program.

15 Ms. Megon provided statistics during COVID  
16 showing a dip in the number of referrals and a  
17 continued dip in 2022. She noted employers are  
18 waiting longer to report someone because of the  
19 nursing shortage. She reported 1,069 referrals last  
20 year with 700 of those referrals from the  
21 Professional Health Monitoring Program (PHMP) and 370  
22 from other sources.

23 Ms. Megon noted PNAP also receives inquiries  
24 where individuals do not necessarily give a name or  
25 just need information about the program. She

1 reported only 12 out of all the referrals refused and  
2 walked away. She noted having a great group of case  
3 managers who have been with PNAP for a long time.

4 Ms. Megon reported an increase in the number of  
5 people who did the intake but refused the evaluation,  
6 noting they do their best to at least get them to go  
7 through the evaluation process. She reported 31  
8 individuals diagnosed after the evaluation refused  
9 enrollment, which is a consistent number. She noted  
10 194 individuals enrolled in monitoring last year.  
11 She stated the total number being monitored is down  
12 somewhat at 848 with 158 acceptable completions and  
13 50 closed as noncompliant.

14 Ms. Megon addressed the total number of nurses  
15 over the course of 14 years and reported 13,724  
16 nurses, with RNs being the highest. She noted  
17 relapses were down to about 9.9 percent in 2022 and  
18 is a good number considering relapses run around 40  
19 to 60 percent nationally. She reported 7 relapses  
20 that were not work-related relapses last year, which  
21 is down from the year before.

22 Ms. Megon reported 106 individuals who violated  
23 their contract and refused to continue monitoring  
24 with a total of 156 violations in 2022. She noted  
25 violations may result in a short period of suspension

1 or an extension of their contract. She reported  
2 1,812 successful completions over 14 years.

3 Ms. Megon reported 104 individuals returned to  
4 the program since 2009 with the rate of recidivism at  
5 5.5 percent. She mentioned receiving phone calls  
6 from employers asking whether anyone is ready to  
7 return to work because they know how stringently they  
8 are being watched through PNAP.

9 Ms. Megon reported 758 individuals successfully  
10 completed the monitoring program with an active  
11 license and granted permission to practice last year  
12 with almost 94 percent for nurses, of which 82.9  
13 percent are actively back to work. She mentioned  
14 that there are jobs for those who want to go back to  
15 work.

16 Ms. Megon commented that individuals who  
17 participate in their program do have to pay a nominal  
18 fee annually, where RNs pay \$300 a year, LPNs pay  
19 \$100 a year, and Advanced Practice Nurses pay \$600 a  
20 year. She stated PNAP created a fund program over  
21 the last 4 years for individuals who meet the  
22 criteria and helped 238 nurses with drug screens,  
23 treatment, insurance, and evaluations. She noted  
24 spending \$100,000 over a 2-year period.

25 Ms. Megon mentioned that PNAP started paying for

1 all first-time drug screens as of January 1, 2023.  
2 She noted cost varies depending on the type of  
3 addiction, but PNAP has taken that obstacle away and  
4 is anxious to see what happens moving forward.

5 Ms. Megon addressed advocacy, noting 9  
6 testimonies at disciplinary hearings and advocacy for  
7 17 nurses who had their license reinstated in 2022.  
8 She mentioned PNAP also wrote about 40 letters on  
9 behalf of the participants being monitoring in  
10 criminal matters. She noted they provide a lot of  
11 education at healthcare facilities, nursing schools,  
12 and marketing performance treatment facilities. She  
13 mentioned successfully gaining new treatment  
14 providers over the last year as well. She discussed  
15 the mandatory requirement of attending a healthcare  
16 professional group. She noted case managers have a  
17 video conference twice a year with clients.

18 Ms. Megon addressed PNAP's mentoring program,  
19 where any nurse coming into the program would be  
20 assigned a mentor. She noted mentors are someone who  
21 has been in the program and successfully completed.  
22 She noted currently having about 35 nurses who have  
23 completed the program and agreed to be a mentor.

24 Ms. Megon noted the client and mentor would be  
25 chosen geographically with the hope of being able to



1 meet in person monthly. She stated the list and  
2 policy are ready and would most likely roll out next  
3 week and provided an overview of staff.

4 Ms. Malady expressed appreciation for the PNAP  
5 program over the years and the help provided to  
6 nurses with financial assistance and now a mentoring  
7 program.]

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9 Appointment - PA Insurance Department: Pennie Health  
10 Insurance

11 [Charles (Chachi) Angelo, Director of External  
12 Affairs, Pennie, stated Pennie was established by  
13 legislation passed in 2019 that created the  
14 Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority to  
15 move Pennsylvania away from HealthCare.gov and set up  
16 a reinsurance program. He noted Pennie is the  
17 official health care marketplace with a mission to  
18 maximize the number of Pennsylvanians with affordable  
19 quality health coverage and the only source that  
20 connects individuals to financial assistance to  
21 reduce the cost of coverage and care.

22 Mr. Angelo explained that Pennie helps  
23 individuals and families who do not have access to  
24 health care through their employer. He mentioned  
25 Pennie operates a "no wrong door policy" to help

1 individuals decide on the appropriate program.

2 Mr. Angelo reported enrolling over 371,000  
3 Pennsylvanians through Pennie and 90 percent of  
4 Pennie customers qualify for financial assistance.

5 Mr. Angelo noted the advanced premium tax credit  
6 is immediate, and cost-sharing reductions help with  
7 copays and deductibles for available plans. He  
8 mentioned that individuals may not be aware of Pennie  
9 and the financial assistance through the American  
10 Rescue Plan and the Inflation Reduction Act provide  
11 more savings. He reported that 36 percent of Pennie  
12 enrollees are between 55 and 64 and are provided with  
13 high-quality health insurance.

14 Mr. Angelo addressed the enrollment period,  
15 noting Pennie added an additional month, and runs  
16 from November 1 to January 15, along with a special  
17 enrollment period that runs throughout the year for a  
18 qualifying life event. He noted a special enrollment  
19 period opens automatically for someone whose income  
20 falls below or at 150 percent of the Federal Poverty  
21 Level.

22 Mr. Angelo discussed the "Path to Pennie" program  
23 that helps connect uninsured Pennsylvania tax filers  
24 with information about Pennie and then Pennie  
25 provides an estimate of how much financial assistance

1 could be applied to a health plan.

2 Mr. Angelo stated Pennie wanted to make health  
3 insurance purchasing easier by providing customer  
4 service, Pennie-certified assisters, and Pennie-  
5 certified brokers at pennie.com/connect. He also  
6 noted chat, self-help videos, FAQs, and guides are  
7 available and encouraged everyone to make a simple  
8 referral to Pennie for anyone uninsured. He offered  
9 to provide links to toolkits that are available.

10 Mr. Angelo offered to provide a presentation at  
11 other facilities and encouraged any administrators,  
12 nurses, or anyone else to become a Pennie assister to  
13 help people through the application process.

14 Chair Kmetz thanked Mr. Angelo for the  
15 informative presentation.]

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17 Report of Executive Secretary

18 [Wendy J. Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary, noted  
19 the April 2023 renewal is open and would close on  
20 April 30. She reported 69.69 percent of RNs renewed,  
21 74.2 percent of CRNPs, 64 percent of CNSs, and 66.16  
22 percent of CRNP Prescriptive Authorities have been  
23 renewed. She encouraged everybody to complete the  
24 Child Abuse continuing education and submit their  
25 renewal.

1 Ms. Miller informed everyone that the vacant  
2 Nursing Education Advisor positions would be posted  
3 until the end of the day. She noted the positions  
4 require a master's degree in nursing, 5 years of  
5 practice in the Commonwealth, and 3 years of  
6 prelicensure nursing education experience, which  
7 could be concomitant with 5 years of practice. She  
8 encouraged anyone who would like to participate in  
9 nursing education to apply.

10 Ms. Miller mentioned that the second quarter for  
11 the 2022 to 2023 NCLEX® year ended on March 31 and  
12 results would be rolling out to programs in the next  
13 couple of weeks.

14 Ms. Miller also mentioned that the April 2023  
15 edition of the *Journal of Nursing Regulation* is  
16 devoted to studies related to the impact of the COVID  
17 pandemic, the impact on burnout and stress among  
18 United States nurses, virtual clinical simulation  
19 used by practical nursing programs, some of the  
20 effect of the pandemic on advanced practice  
21 registered nurse (APRN) practice, and they also  
22 looked at nursing regulatory responses to the  
23 pandemic.

24 Ms. Miller encouraged everybody to look at the  
25 edition because the article on burnout and stress

1 would also address what they are hearing about the  
2 large number of nurses who have either left or plan  
3 to leave the profession. She commented that a lot of  
4 people are planning to retire, which is expected, but  
5 the number of nurses with less than 10 years of  
6 experience who are leaving the profession is  
7 disturbing. She offered to provide copies of the  
8 Journal to Board members.

9 Ms. Miller informed Board members that she and  
10 Matt Eaton, BPOA Director of Operations, attended the  
11 spring meeting of the Pennsylvania Higher Education  
12 Nursing Schools Association (PHENSA) last week, where  
13 deans and program directors of Pennsylvania colleges  
14 and universities with nursing programs participate.  
15 She mentioned that she would also be attending  
16 another presentation in May with the Pennsylvania  
17 Association of Practical Nursing Administrators  
18 (PAPNA).]

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20 Appointment - Department of Human Services

21 Presentation

22 [Ali Fogarty, Communications Director, Department of  
23 Human Services (DHS); Lexi Deisenroth, Executive  
24 Assistant, Department of Human Services; and Chachi  
25 Angelo provided information regarding the end of

1 continuous coverage for Medicaid. She stated a  
2 Federal Public Health Emergency was declared in 2020  
3 because of the Coronavirus pandemic, and Congress  
4 passed a law for states to receive additional  
5 Medicaid funding regardless of status of eligibility,  
6 known as continuous coverage requirement.

7 Ms. Deisenroth explained that DHS continued to  
8 send paperwork to individuals in March 2020, but they  
9 were not disenrolled if they did not respond during  
10 the public health emergency. She reported 3.6  
11 million Pennsylvanians were enrolled in Medicaid as  
12 of March 2023 and approximately 632,000 are  
13 ineligible based on their most recent renewal. She  
14 noted Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations  
15 Act of 2023, which separated the end of the  
16 continuous coverage requirement from the end of the  
17 public health emergency on March 31, 2023, and DHS  
18 returned to the pre-pandemic renewal process.

19 Ms. Deisenroth stated all individuals who have  
20 maintained their eligibility would have the  
21 opportunity to renew benefits and would be reviewed  
22 over a 12-month period and not lose coverage. She  
23 noted added communication to complete the renewal for  
24 Medicaid recipients. She addressed the renewal  
25 process, including the automatic renewal process,

1 texts, email, and helper call.

2 Ms. Deisenroth noted that DHS communicates with  
3 individuals about 90 days before their renewal is  
4 due, requesting updated contact information, sends  
5 out a letter 60 days ahead of renewal, sends a packet  
6 30 days before renewal and a text message reminding  
7 them the renewal is coming, and another text message  
8 5 five days before the renewal is due.

9 Ms. Deisenroth stated renewals happen every month  
10 and communications layer over top of one another for  
11 different people with different renewal months  
12 throughout the unwinding. She noted lists of  
13 communications could be found on  
14 [dhs.pa.gov/staycovered](https://dhs.pa.gov/staycovered).

15 Ms. Deisenroth addressed the renewal  
16 communications process following the renewal process,  
17 where the household gets an eligibility notice  
18 whether they are still eligible for Medicaid coverage  
19 or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) at  
20 their current cost level, as well as appeal and  
21 reconsideration processes.

22 Ms. Deisenroth stated information would be  
23 securely and automatically transferred to Pennie for  
24 anyone found ineligible. She noted that anyone who  
25 does not complete the renewal would receive a mailing

1 informing them that they have the ability to return  
2 the renewal late and avoid a loss of coverage. She  
3 mentioned that the information would also be given to  
4 Pennie and additional outreach performed.

5 Ms. Deisenroth addressed the partnership and open  
6 door that DHS and Pennie have created. She noted  
7 Pennie is the official health insurance marketplace  
8 for Pennsylvania after transitioning away from  
9 HealthCare.gov in 2021. She mentioned the importance  
10 of people in Pennsylvania knowing about Pennie  
11 because it is the only source for financial savings  
12 to help drive down the cost of coverage and care.

13 Ms. Deisenroth addressed individuals who were  
14 deemed ineligible for Medicaid and those that did not  
15 reply to their renewal packet. She stated the  
16 information of those financially ineligible for  
17 Medicaid would automatically get transferred to  
18 Pennie for an estimate of financial savings, where a  
19 Pennie account would be created and application  
20 submitted on their behalf, along with an enrollment  
21 deadline.

22 Ms. Deisenroth addressed the process for those  
23 who do not return their renewal, noting their  
24 information would be sent to Pennie when their  
25 Medical Assistance closes for a warm handoff to



1 Pennie.

2 Charles (Chachi) Angelo, Director of External  
3 Affairs, Pennie, mentioned the importance of Pennie  
4 and DHS working together, noting health insurance  
5 from the Medicaid, Medicare, and the marketplace is  
6 where Pennie falls in line. He noted the easiest way  
7 for someone to keep their coverage is to reply to the  
8 renewal packet for the handoff to Pennie.

9 Mr. Angelo stated the special enrollment period  
10 was extended from 60 days to 120 days for the loss of  
11 Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or CHIP for individuals  
12 who did not realize they lost coverage and encouraged  
13 everyone to enroll within the first 60 days. He  
14 mentioned that the main focus is making sure someone  
15 has the correct coverage

16 Ali Fogarty, Communications Director,  
17 Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, Office of  
18 Press & Communications, addressed the long-term  
19 communication strategy to help people stay covered.  
20 She noted the main goal is to reach people as much as  
21 possible and provided links for information on the  
22 process and resources.

23 Ms. Fogarty informed everybody of their  
24 advertising campaign over the next year with Pennie  
25 and DHS commercials, radio, outdoor advertising

1 through billboards, transit systems, and social media  
2 in several languages. She also mentioned they would  
3 be engaging in a grassroots outreach effort with  
4 partners on the ground in communities and events to  
5 make people aware to stay covered.

6 Mr. Angelo mentioned that there would be very  
7 robust advertising outreach and media press  
8 conferences but noted the importance of interaction  
9 someone has on a daily basis that would be helpful to  
10 spread the message of what needs to be done for  
11 someone to stay covered.

12 Ms. Fogarty provided their website in the chat,  
13 noting that [dhs.pa.gov/PHE](https://dhs.pa.gov/PHE) is still active but are  
14 using [dhs.pa.gov/staycovered](https://dhs.pa.gov/staycovered) for the media campaign.  
15 She noted the recipient communication schedule,  
16 stakeholder toolkit, main general information, and  
17 resources to help get the word out during the  
18 unwinding.

19 Ms. Fogarty noted the helper portal could be  
20 accessed through [dhs.pa.gov/staycovered](https://dhs.pa.gov/staycovered) and it is a  
21 Listserv ran through DHS in partnership with Pennie  
22 and a hub for information around Medicaid unwinding  
23 and renewals. She welcomed everyone to sign up as a  
24 helper.

25 Ms. Deisenroth noted the importance of keeping

1 Pennsylvanians covered and that it would be great for  
2 the Board in a call to action to determine some  
3 natural touch points for this recipient population to  
4 help people connect with individuals with information  
5 on the unwinding and help continue to create  
6 awareness.

7 Ms. Deisenroth commented that there may be an  
8 opportunity to identify concierge touch points for  
9 introduction to some community partners that could  
10 help recipients who are having difficulty completing  
11 their renewals on their own and having some materials  
12 on hand for potential interactions could be helpful  
13 for Medicaid and CHIP recipients.

14 Acting Commissioner Claggett offered to place  
15 information on Boards' web pages and send something  
16 out to all licensees across the various boards.

17 Chair Kmetz thanked DHS for their presentation.]

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19 New Business - 2023 NCSBN Annual Meeting

20 DR. COUGHLIN:

21 I make a motion to send five members of  
22 the Board or staff to the NCSBN Annual  
23 Meeting in August in Chicago.

24 MS. MALADY:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR KMETZ:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 [The Board recessed from 11:00 a.m. until 11:18 a.m.]

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8 [Charlene W. Compher, PhD, RD, LDN, FASPEN, exited  
9 the meeting for recusal purposes.]

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12 Appointment - University of Pennsylvania Proposal for  
13 Prelicensure (Direct-Entry) Master of Professional  
14 Nursing (MPN) Program

15 [Julie Sochalski, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for  
16 Academic Programs; Patrick Guinan, Vice Dean, Finance  
17 and Administration; Maria Torchia LoGrippto, PhD, RN,  
18 MSN, NE-BC, ANEF, Kehler Family Assistant Dean of  
19 Curricular Affairs and Innovation; and Antonia M.  
20 Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and Margaret Bond  
21 Simon Dean of Nursing Senior Fellow, made a  
22 presentation on behalf of University of  
23 Pennsylvania.]

24 Dr. Sochalski addressed the goal of the program,  
25 which is to prepare a prelicensure second-degree

1 student within the guidelines of the latest American  
2 Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials  
3 for entry-level education but with enhanced training  
4 in population health care transitions and in  
5 leadership that earns the master's degree.

6 Dr. Sochalski stated the program meets the full  
7 scope of prelicensure professional nursing education  
8 in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and students are  
9 sitting for NCLEX® just as anyone that is coming from  
10 an entry-level education. She noted they are  
11 receiving enhanced training in organizations and  
12 systems thinking, quality improvement and patient  
13 safety, care coordination and technologically  
14 enhanced care, interprofessional education and team-  
15 based care, and leadership.

16 Dr. Sochalski mentioned that the motivation is  
17 the growing changes going on in nursing education and  
18 the needs of the people. She noted they are  
19 individuals who have come through another degree  
20 program and have often already topped out their  
21 direct student loans and would be moving into a lower  
22 cost loan market by being in a program that is  
23 awarding a master's degree.

24 Dr. Sochalski stated the University of  
25 Pennsylvania currently has a second-degree bachelor's

1 program but would retire that program if approved to  
2 move forward with the master's program.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder questioned whether there  
4 would be a point where the student would qualify for  
5 a registered nurse (RN) license before receiving a  
6 master's degree. Dr. Sochalski explained that the  
7 program is an entry-level program, and a Master of  
8 Professional Nursing (MPN) would be awarded that is  
9 recognized by the University as meeting the criteria  
10 for a master's degree and more like a Master's Entry  
11 to Practice (MEP) degree.

12 Dr. Sochalski addressed differences between the  
13 MPN and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), where the  
14 MSN is for advanced practice and is the reason they  
15 went with master entry. She noted graduates of the  
16 MPN would not qualify to be a program director or  
17 instructor with only this degree because they would  
18 not have graduated from a graduate program even  
19 though a master's is being conferred because the  
20 program is at the entry level.

21 Dr. Sochalski explained that if graduates want to  
22 become an advanced practice nurses upon graduating  
23 from the program, they have to apply to any advanced  
24 practice master's program. She noted they would have  
25 to get a second master's to be a family nurse

1 practitioner (FNP) and would be receiving an advanced  
2 practice master's degree. She stated they are  
3 currently coming into the program with a bachelor's  
4 degree and being awarded an MPN.

5 Dr. Sochalski noted that the principal advantage  
6 of the MPN is that the cost of the degree would allow  
7 someone to borrow in a different loan market than a  
8 program giving a bachelor's degree because they are  
9 coming in with a first degree. She explained that  
10 many students already tapped out the federal loan  
11 market trying to get their undergraduate and do not  
12 have another place to get a loan.

13 Dr. Sochalski mentioned that the American  
14 Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) has moved  
15 forward in identifying the master's entry as the  
16 future state for entry-level nursing out of the new  
17 AACN Essentials in 2021. She noted that students who  
18 graduate with their MSN would have the same lower  
19 loan category if they wanted to move on to  
20 postgraduate or nurse practitioner.

21 Dr. Hunsberger requested information regarding  
22 the cost of a traditional secondary BSN versus their  
23 proposed MPN.

24 Mr. Guinan explained that they are carrying  
25 forward the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in

1 Nursing (ABSN) into the MSN in terms of the tuition  
2 pricing and is the ABSN to MPN at a slightly lower  
3 rate than the MSN full graduate program but slightly  
4 higher than an undergraduate rate. He noted they  
5 have a tuition price for the ABSN, which is the  
6 second-degree program and are carrying that forward  
7 with typical annual growth rates into the MPN  
8 program.

9 Mr. Guinan addressed scholarships and financial  
10 aid, where the University of Pennsylvania budgets  
11 about \$2 million in aid across the program on an  
12 annual basis and lands at about \$1.5 to \$2 million in  
13 awarded aid to the students.

14 Dr. Sochalski stated average enrollment is  
15 between 90 and 95 students but currently have a  
16 little over 100 students.

17 Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing  
18 Education Advisor, addressed the discontinuance of  
19 the ABSN program, noting that the University of  
20 Pennsylvania would need to submit that decision in  
21 writing to the Board, where they would be asked to  
22 provide a closing summary and talk about the  
23 disposition of students in the program.

24 Dr. Sochalski addressed the length of the  
25 program, noting it is a 4-semester, 15-month, 21-



1 credit program with a research methods course,  
2 enhanced design thinking, and personalized and  
3 clinically evidence-based practice.

4 Dr. Torchia LoGrippo clarified that the  
5 prerequisite courses were undergraduate and would be  
6 required but do not count toward the MPN. She  
7 commented that as they move to competency-based  
8 education, they are looking at the opportunity of  
9 enhanced learning leadership and taking systems  
10 thinking to another level.

11 Dr. Torchia LoGrippo noted it to be an  
12 opportunity for students to not think just in acute  
13 care but for opportunities outside in the community,  
14 in corporate, and in government. She mentioned  
15 focusing on innovation and systems thinking for  
16 quality and safety and thinking about that in  
17 populations.

18 Dr. Sochalski explained that the program is a  
19 master's entry-level program with enhanced skills and  
20 not an advanced program someone would have to sit for  
21 the NCLEX®-RN. She again noted the profession is  
22 moving in that direction as far as the accrediting  
23 bodies and looking at that as a future state.

24 Ms. Malady commented that it muddies the waters  
25 of saying someone has a master's degree because one

1 master's degree would be more than the other master's  
2 degree.

3 Dr. Villarruel stated that the master's entry  
4 programs have been in existence for decades but is  
5 the first time that professional associations and  
6 accrediting bodies are leaning toward the master's  
7 entry.

8 Dr. Villarruel stated the proposed MPN is an  
9 entry program with additional competencies regardless  
10 of the credit length and is sought by employers who  
11 desire a master's prepared level person to be able to  
12 do that at the system level. She explained that MPN  
13 students are not receiving the same types of courses  
14 that undergrads are receiving but does take advantage  
15 of the learner's capabilities. She explained that  
16 many individuals with advanced degrees are coming in  
17 and education is tailored to meet those competencies.

18 Dr. Villarruel explained their professional body  
19 wanted to make sure that entry competencies in  
20 nursing were fulfilled in schools and universities as  
21 far as master's content and left it up to the school.  
22 She noted that is why the focus is on systems  
23 thinking, innovation, and evidence-based practice.

24 Dr. Villarruel believed that what the University  
25 of Pennsylvania presented meets the standards for the

1 accrediting body, provides a practice ready nurse,  
2 and takes advantage of what the learner brings to the  
3 scenario to be able to allow a different type of  
4 practitioner.

5 Dr. Villarruel noted the program has been vetted  
6 with health system partners who appreciate the  
7 expertise that their second career nurses come into  
8 and appreciate the advanced skills they have to enter  
9 at a different leadership position.

10 Dr. Bucher expressed concerns with the word entry  
11 in the title because the MPN is close to a DNP,  
12 noting that a hospital system that is not an academic  
13 medical center or skilled facility hiring someone out  
14 of school may not understand the difference.

15 Dr. Sochalski commented that they did not go with  
16 the Master of Science in Nursing to make the  
17 distinction of the advanced practice from the entry  
18 level one. She noted the importance of advancing the  
19 dialogue around the program if it is successful in  
20 moving forward so the individual understands what the  
21 program does in order for them to take advantage of  
22 the additional skills. She mentioned they would  
23 review and clarify so they are not muddying the  
24 terminology and the title would be RN-MPN rather than  
25 RN-BSN.

1 Dr. Villarruel explained that although the degree  
2 awarded may be different, the La Roche and Gwynedd  
3 programs are entry level. She stated they do not  
4 qualify to take the NCLEX®-RN exam until they have  
5 completed the program and been awarded a master's.  
6 She noted that the difference is they are getting an  
7 MSN, which is a different degree title.

8 Dr. Petula stated the titling of the graduate  
9 degree is up to the institution because the  
10 Pennsylvania Department of Education does not have  
11 regulations addressing that, and there would not be  
12 an issue with it being called an MPN. She noted they  
13 do need to complete the degree to be able to sit for  
14 the licensure exam.

15 Dr. Petula stated La Roche and Gwynedd Mercy do  
16 have to complete the degree and do not step out. She  
17 explained that programs often had a step out when  
18 they first started to appear across the United States  
19 and its jurisdictions, and individuals would get  
20 their license based on equivalency but became an  
21 issue because sometimes individuals would not go back  
22 to complete the program, so they essentially had no  
23 degree with a license.

24 Dr. Petula referred to the summary provided to  
25 the Board detailing all of the courses that

1 constitute both the equivalency with the BSN, as well  
2 as the MPN. She stated Penn does define course units  
3 and included a link. She mentioned that credits are  
4 not equivalent to a course unit and needs to be  
5 looked at very specifically. She noted that there  
6 are approximately 86 direct-entry master's programs  
7 across the United States.

8 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed the University of  
9 Pennsylvania that the Board would deliberate on their  
10 proposal during the Executive Session and have a vote  
11 at the end of the meeting. She also noted they would  
12 receive a letter from the Board regarding the  
13 results.]

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15 [Charlene W. Compher, PhD, RD, LDN, FASPEN, rejoined  
16 the meeting at 11:56 a.m.]

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18 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, exited the meeting  
19 at 11:56 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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21 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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23 Appointment - South College Proposal for a  
24 Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Program  
25 [Kimberely Hall, EdD, Vice Chancellor Institutional

1 Advancement & Effectiveness; Kaitlin Cobourne, PhD,  
2 RN, CNE, CNEcl, Associate Dean of Nursing, and  
3 Bradley Adams, MAcc, Chief Operating Officer,  
4 presented on behalf of South College.]

5 Dr. Hall provided a history of South College,  
6 noting it dates back to 1882 with seven campuses in  
7 six different states offering programs in multiple  
8 disciplinary areas with many of them focusing on  
9 health professions. She stated South College  
10 received approval to begin offering on-ground  
11 programs in 2021. She noted the institution is  
12 accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges  
13 and Schools Commission on Colleges as a level six  
14 doctoral granting institution.

15 Dr. Hall stated South College began offering the  
16 BSN program in 2004, and all campuses offering a BSN  
17 had a 90 percent or above NCLEX®-RN first-time pass  
18 rate in 2022, where now is the time to launch the  
19 program for their Pittsburgh campus to help address  
20 shortages in nursing. She stated the BSN program was  
21 granted for South College Commission on Collegiate  
22 Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation in 2018 and  
23 would add Pittsburgh once the first cohort starts.

24 Dr. Hall addressed South College's strong  
25 clinical affiliation partnerships with major

1 hospitals. She noted having a clinical coordinator  
2 and very strong pool of applicants for full-time and  
3 adjunct faculty positions. She mentioned having an  
4 abundance of resources financially to support the  
5 program, along with renovations to the Pittsburgh  
6 campus.

7 Dr. Hall referred to South College's successful  
8 BSN track record and presented their program with the  
9 intention of supporting Pennsylvania and the regional  
10 nursing community.

11 Dr. Cobourne addressed the curriculum, noting  
12 South College tries to implement curriculum  
13 consistency for data collection purposes to make sure  
14 they are teaching a similar curriculum across  
15 campuses. She noted the nursing faculty writes the  
16 exams and are implementing a process where they are  
17 running it through a software program to make sure  
18 exams are reliable and also have an exam analysis  
19 process.

20 Mr. Adams addressed cohorts, noting South College  
21 is approved for clinically supporting 400 BSN starts  
22 per year in their Nashville and Knoxville campuses  
23 but start around the 50 to 75 range depending on the  
24 quarter per campus.

25 Dr. Hall discussed South College's completion

1 rate, noting an overall completion rate of 72 percent  
2 at the end of 2022.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed South College that  
4 the Board would review the proposal and have a  
5 decision after Executive Session.]

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7 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, rejoined the meeting  
8 at 12:11 p.m.]

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10 CHAIR KMETZ RESUMED THE CHAIR

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12 Appointment - La Roche University Proposal for a  
13 Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Post-Master's  
14 Certificate

15 [Rosemary McCarthy, PhD, RN, Associate Provost and  
16 Academic Dean, presented on behalf of La Roche  
17 University.]

18 Dr. McCarthy stated La Roche has a well-  
19 established nursing program initiated in the late 70s  
20 and included an RN to BSN completion program. She  
21 addressed the addition of graduate programs that have  
22 evolved based on the needs of the nursing profession.

23 Dr. McCarthy stated La Roche currently has three  
24 MSN options and an entry-level MSN program. She  
25 noted enrollment for the entry program has been very



1 strong, and La Roche would like to expand their  
2 offerings to include the family nurse practitioner  
3 (FNP) program because the current Entry-level MSN  
4 (ELMSN) program students have been inquiring about a  
5 family nurse practitioner (FNP) program.

6 Dr. McCarthy addressed market analysis noting the  
7 demand in Pittsburgh as well as statewide and  
8 nationally showed the current number of educational  
9 providers is insufficient to meet the demands of the  
10 community. She noted sending out a survey to current  
11 students and alumni to gauge interest, which showed a  
12 high interest level in pursuing a Post-Master's  
13 Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate.

14 Dr. McCarthy addressed resources, including  
15 faculty who are interested in teaching the program,  
16 library resources, and their simulation center. She  
17 stated La Roche University made the Family/Individual  
18 Across the Lifespan Post-Master's Certificate their  
19 commitment to the health and welfare of the  
20 community.

21 Chair Kmetz noted the new theme for CRNP programs  
22 seems to be difficulty finding preceptors and asked  
23 La Roche University to address how they found  
24 preceptors.

25 Dr. McCarthy explained current faculty members

1 and adjuncts, who are currently family nurse  
2 practitioners, agreed to take students, along with  
3 UPMC Passavant and Allegheny Health Network (AHN).

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed La Roche that the  
5 Board would deliberate during Executive Session and  
6 welcomed them to stay or call in virtually around  
7 3:30 p.m. for the decision.]

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9 Appointment - Lincoln University - Extension of  
10 Provisional Status

11 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
12 stated Lincoln University had one tester who passed  
13 and one who failed in the second quarter of this  
14 examination year and three who failed in the first  
15 quarter. She asked how many students are left to  
16 test and what is being done to ensure the success  
17 from the 2022 and 2023 graduating class.]

18 [Vilma Davis, PNP, BC, PhD, Director &  
19 Chair/Assistant Professor, Nursing Department, and  
20 Melodye Neal, MSN, RN, CPN, Assistant  
21 Director/Assistant Professor, Nursing Department,  
22 presented on behalf of Lincoln University.]

23 Dr. Davis noted not being able to contact the  
24 student from 2022. She addressed the upcoming 2023  
25 class and anticipated 13 graduates. She referred to

1 updates submitted to the Board, including utilizing  
2 Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) and letting  
3 students go who do not receive 90 percent or higher  
4 predictability of passing the NCLEX®-RN.

5 Dr. Davis mentioned that students know Lincoln  
6 University is on provisional status and the  
7 importance of passing. She reported improvement on  
8 their proctored exams and being impressed with  
9 participation during ATI Live Review. She noted the  
10 predictor would show how well they are remembering  
11 their information and also utilizing the ATI platform  
12 to customize questions to areas of weakness for  
13 students.

14 Dr. Davis explained that students would be going  
15 through NCLEX®-RN questions postgraduation with  
16 virtual ATI, which would not be completed by  
17 graduation on May 7 because of when they started.  
18 She noted making arrangements to pay for expenses for  
19 those two weeks and also having someone from ATI  
20 review some fundamentals and the medical-surgical  
21 area.

22 Dr. Davis reported improvement in the 2024 cohort  
23 and 2023 cohort, noting students are more on track.  
24 She stated fundamentals have improved for the 2024  
25 cohort with an 83 percent predictability of them

1 passing the NCLEX®-RN. She noted 8 students are on  
2 target in the 90th percentile, and those who need  
3 improvement are close, between 87 and 89 percent.  
4 She reported 2 students in the at-risk category and  
5 below 70 percent.

6 Dr. Davis addressed students regarding the May  
7 graduation date, noting they would have a remediation  
8 course after each section of the virtual ATI, and if  
9 they do not get over 65 percent, then they cannot  
10 move to the next step. She stated the curriculum was  
11 approved from different boards within the University.  
12 She addressed the recommendations Lincoln University  
13 provides students who failed.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Dr. Davis and Ms.  
15 Neal that the Board would discuss the length of the  
16 extension of the provisional status during Executive  
17 Session and welcomed them to stay or call in  
18 virtually around 3:30 p.m. for the decision.]

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20 Appointment - Fayette County Career & Technical

21 Institute - Extension of Provisional Status

22 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,

23 noted Fayette County Career & Technical Institute had  
24 10 of 13 passers in the first quarter and 4 of 10  
25 passers in the second quarter.]

1 Susan C. Lewis, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing  
2 Program Director, presented on behalf of Fayette  
3 County Career & Technical Institute.]

4 Ms. Lewis noted reaching out to students who had  
5 not tested after a year and offering class review and  
6 test taking strategies in anticipation for the new  
7 Next Generation NCLEX®-PN.

8 Ms. Lewis addressed what resources are provided  
9 to students who failed, including a green light  
10 program, ATI remediation, NCLEX®-PN post review,  
11 encouraging students to test early, and professional  
12 development for instructors. She noted implementing  
13 Personal and Vocational Relationships (PVF) I and II  
14 to help encourage and improve their study skills and  
15 prepare them for the workforce.

16 Ms. Lewis noted reaching out to students  
17 outstanding from the last March class who have not  
18 tested but did not get a good response. She  
19 mentioned that students not being prepared is a big  
20 problem and discussed what changes have been made,  
21 including remediation and class reviews.

22 Ms. Lewis addressed their attrition rate and the  
23 change made, including two new grade instructors who  
24 are making students earn their grades, offering  
25 remediation and counseling, and midterm review to see

1 where they need to focus and provide suggestions on  
2 areas of improvement. She noted informing students  
3 during the interview not to have full-time jobs  
4 because it is a 12-month program that requires focus  
5 and outside classroom responsibilities.

6 Ms. Lewis addressed resources, including ATI and  
7 F.A. Davis, along with ExamSoft and NurseThink, to  
8 build questions for courses. She noted having two  
9 faculty who work closely and have the same classroom  
10 rules, along with creating a classroom rubric for  
11 professionalism. She mentioned looking forward to  
12 seeing an improvement with the new curriculum and a  
13 new standard.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Ms. Lewis that the  
15 Board would be deliberating during Executive Session  
16 and welcomed them to stay or call in virtually around  
17 3:30 p.m. for the decision.]

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19 [The Board recessed from 12:50 p.m. until 1:11 p.m.]

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21 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, exited the meeting  
22 at 1:11 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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24 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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1 Appointment - Great Lakes Institute of Technology -  
2 Extension of Provisional Status

3 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
4 advised that the Board received a letter from Great  
5 Lakes Institute of Technology advising that the  
6 program is closing and requested an update on the  
7 status of the program.]

8 Christopher Nickell, MS Ed, Chief Executive  
9 Officer, presented on behalf of Great Lakes Institute  
10 of Technology.]

11 Mr. Nickell explained that a decision was  
12 formally made the week that ended March 31 to no  
13 longer enroll students. He noted that students  
14 enrolled to begin April 3 were informed that they  
15 would not be starting cohort one, and then they  
16 notified the Accrediting Commission of Careers  
17 Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) and the State Board of  
18 Nursing informally as they worked out a formal teach-  
19 out plan.

20 Mr. Nickell noted also meeting with the program  
21 director and the faculty to have the discussion and  
22 sending current students a letter letting them know  
23 that it does not impact them at all, where they would  
24 be taught all the way through the program to the very  
25 end. He stated a formal teach-out plan was submitted

1 to their institutional creditor and the State Board  
2 of Nursing earlier this week.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder asked Mr. Nickell to discuss  
4 the teach-out plan and provide a presentation  
5 regarding pass rates of current students and how they  
6 are going to be able to pass the exam.

7 Mr. Nickell addressed the importance of faculty  
8 remaining on board, noting they are staying, and  
9 Great Lakes Institute of Technology has committed to  
10 a stay bonus for each of those individuals to stay  
11 until the program is formally taught out.

12 Mr. Nickell stated everything shared in the past  
13 with ATI at the end of each quarter would still take  
14 place. He mentioned facing a challenge with the end  
15 of April extension because they did not have any  
16 additional graduates to improve that 69 percent pass  
17 rate and would not have graduates until July.

18 Mr. Nickell addressed what Great Lakes Institute  
19 of Technology is doing to ensure remaining students  
20 would be able to pass the exam, including end-of-  
21 quarter ATIs to gauge their specific subject matter  
22 knowledge and moving their science faculty member in  
23 the sonography program to the role of an academic  
24 advisor and tutor from a science content or subject  
25 matter area for sonography and nursing students.



1 Mr. Nickell noted that nothing would be done with  
2 entrance exam requirements but would provide that if  
3 they come back with a better program.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder asked whether Great Lakes  
5 Institute of Technology had systems set up to ensure  
6 remediation and tutoring for people not doing well on  
7 some of the predictors.

8 Mr. Nickell explained that their sonography  
9 faculty member would be engaging students to identify  
10 struggles, in addition to having an increase in  
11 adjunct nursing faculty to ensure the last 32  
12 students have a better chance than the prior 5-year  
13 student graduates. He noted investing financially  
14 into additional support faculty and services for  
15 students identified as having shortcomings.

16 Mr. Nickell further addressed the qualifications  
17 of the sonographer, noting she has been a sonographer  
18 for 20 years teaching specifically anatomy and  
19 physiology, and nursing-specific individuals within  
20 the nursing faculty team would advise on specific  
21 nursing content if the student is struggling.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder asked if Great Lakes  
23 Institute of Technology had any intention of  
24 reopening a program.

25 Mr. Nickell informed Board members that he has

1 worked with 11 state boards of nursing from PN all  
2 the way to BSN across the country. He addressed the  
3 reasons the program struggled to meet standards,  
4 including faculty turnover and low entrance  
5 requirements. He noted the importance of creating  
6 additional resources and support for students and the  
7 opportunity to vertical from PN to RN to BSN because  
8 those are the models he built with chief nursing  
9 officers and doctorates of nursing that have been  
10 partners over the course of his career.

11 Mr. Nickell stated their parent company recently  
12 acquired a Middle States regionally accredited  
13 institution that has a very strong nursing program at  
14 the BSN level but would need to teach this out, wait,  
15 and then build a great program that can consolidate  
16 to where students at Great Lakes have the opportunity  
17 to continue through into a regionally accredited  
18 institution and achieve the BSN level program.

19 Mr. Nickell commented that there is a chance that  
20 Great Lakes may become Middle States regionally  
21 accredited as well, but that it is important to admit  
22 they failed for five years. He thanked the Board for  
23 their patience and giving Great Lakes the opportunity  
24 to be open but believed it was time to move on to a  
25 better program.

1 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Mr. Nickell that  
2 the Board would review their teach-out plan to ensure  
3 Great Lakes Institute of Technology has covered  
4 everything.

5 Mr. Nickell stated he is committed to making sure  
6 students are prepared to pass the NCLEX regardless of  
7 the cost for their institution.]

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9 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, rejoined the meeting  
10 at 1:27 p.m.]

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12 CHAIR KMETZ RESUMED THE CHAIR

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14 Appointment - Joseph F. McCloskey School of Nursing -  
15 Extension of Provisional Status  
16 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
17 noted that three students in first quarter failed and  
18 one out of three who tested in second quarter  
19 failed.]

20 [Tina VanBuren, DNP, RN, CCNS, Director of Nursing;  
21 and Jennifer Jones-Lapp, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, Director of  
22 Strategic Development, presented on behalf of Joseph  
23 F. McCloskey School of Nursing.]

24 Dr. VanBuren informed Board members that everyone  
25 has tested, but test results would not be available

1 until August. She mentioned that faculty turnover  
2 greater than 50 percent was one of their biggest  
3 challenges but reported zero turnover since July  
4 2022, with the addition of six tutors to their  
5 adjunct pool to review text exams and provide test-  
6 taking strategies.

7 Dr. Jones-Lapp also mentioned the tutors would be  
8 creating content used with ATI. She noted a junior  
9 adjunct is working with the junior class on test-  
10 taking skills.

11 Dr. VanBuren noted all of the syllabi have been  
12 updated and they now have an enrollment program with  
13 Alvernia University, along with having a similar  
14 grade scenario for the fall semester. She noted  
15 being in good standing with ACEN and receiving  
16 approval for this year. She noted the NCLEX  
17 Preparedness is up and running and the Capstone  
18 Review is almost finished. She stated the Virtual  
19 ATI would start in early May and then the Live Review  
20 at the end of May and they are working really closely  
21 with seniors.

22 Dr. VanBuren addressed improvements from previous  
23 scores, including the overall pass rate and  
24 improvement in the fundamentals group from 59.2  
25 percent to 76.5 percent. She noted the community

1 health comparison showed an increase from 51 percent  
2 to 73.3 percent, along with a program mean increase  
3 from previous data.

4 Dr. VanBuren reported a decrease in the Next  
5 Generation NCLEX®-RN test in the second semester of  
6 the class, noting that students did not really have  
7 Next Generation work into their testing until  
8 recently and is an area being worked on. She  
9 reported students did well with nursing care of  
10 children, which went from a 61.3 percent to a 71.1  
11 percent. She stated their finals week is Memorial  
12 Day weekend and then graduation on June 8.

13 Dr. Jones-Lapp addressed their practicum plan for  
14 seniors, where all 30 seniors are assigned to an RN  
15 with some to the main hospital in Cedar Crest.

16 Dr. VanBuren stated there is a standard grading  
17 scale for the school, noting the previous pass score  
18 for the school was 83 percent but changed to 80  
19 percent to be aligned with a standardized grading  
20 scale after discussion with Alvernia.

21 Dr. Jones-Lapp noted the importance of having an  
22 open line of communication with Alvernia because of  
23 being a dual enrollment partner and having  
24 conversations regarding students.

25 Dr. VanBuren mentioned losing about half of the

1 students in their junior year because they were not  
2 prepared, but only 1 person did not own it out of  
3 about 16 students who are returning. She believed  
4 they are successful at retaining their students and  
5 getting them prepared.

6 Dr. Jones-Lapp addressed the importance of  
7 supporting faculty, noting they would be attending an  
8 ATI conference and offered retreats that provide  
9 information to help them be successful. She noted  
10 Lehigh Valley Health Network would support employee  
11 programs for Joseph F. McCloskey tuition. She noted  
12 having over 200 people at a recent open house and  
13 receiving good feedback from the public.]

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Dr. VanBuren and  
15 Dr. Jones-Lapp that the Board would discuss their  
16 provisional status request during Executive Session  
17 and welcomed them to stay or call in virtually around  
18 3:30 p.m. for the decision.]

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20 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, exited the meeting  
21 at 1:43 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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23 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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25 Appointment - Carlow University Proposal for a

1 Practical Nursing Program

2 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
3 noted the Board received the proposal summary and  
4 requested Carlow University provide information  
5 regarding their program for the public.

6 Rhonda Maneval, DEd, RN, ANEF, FAAN, Dean &  
7 Professor, College of Health and Wellness; and Diana  
8 Kozlina-Peretic, DNP, CRNP, MSN, RN, Associate  
9 Professor & Director RN-BSN Program, College of  
10 Health and Wellness, presented on behalf of Carlow  
11 University.]

12 Dr. Maneval informed the Board that Carlow's  
13 desire to have a practical nursing program is in  
14 response to the critical need of nurses in their  
15 local and regional healthcare system communities.  
16 She mentioned that long-term care industry  
17 institutions are struggling to hire and retain  
18 practical nurses, along with the acute care  
19 environment, particularly in Allegheny County.

20 Dr. Maneval noted that vacancy rates remain  
21 unstable and continue to rise despite great efforts  
22 to recruit, train, and hire. She stated Allegheny  
23 County health systems are exploring new models of  
24 care. She mentioned that Carlow has a longstanding  
25 stellar reputation and a history of educating nurses

1 that began in 1948.

2 Dr. Maneval noted that the School of Nursing is  
3 75 years old and uniquely positioned to contribute to  
4 the development of a robust workforce by offering a  
5 PN certificate program and a sound curriculum that  
6 engages evidence-based teaching and learning  
7 strategies.

8 Dr. Maneval stated the PN program directly aligns  
9 with the mission of Carlow by offering an educational  
10 opportunity for diverse communities of learners who  
11 are prepared to function as career-ready and valued  
12 members of the healthcare team. She noted Carlow  
13 University is a private Catholic nonprofit university  
14 founded by the Sisters of Mercy that offers small  
15 classes and student support that provides  
16 opportunities for higher education for those who  
17 otherwise would not have an opportunity.

18 Dr. Maneval stated Carlow University's beliefs  
19 are absolutely congruent with the values of nursing  
20 and include compassion, caring, and ethics. She  
21 explained that the PN Certificate Program is an ideal  
22 foundational education and career development program  
23 to address current nursing shortages by providing  
24 opportunities from diverse communities within western  
25 Pennsylvania to become part of the healthcare



1 workforce and serve the communities in which they  
2 live.

3 Dr. Maneval reported tremendous outreach and  
4 support for their efforts to start a practical  
5 nursing program that has come from many sectors and  
6 the surrounding communities, including the long-term  
7 care industry, UPMC, Allegheny Health Network System,  
8 Neighborhood Learning Alliance, Pittsburgh Scholar  
9 House, Eden Hall Foundation, and The Pittsburgh  
10 Promise.

11 Dr. Maneval stated the program has been  
12 discounted by 40 percent compared to a traditional  
13 undergraduate program rate. She addressed a robust  
14 plan for hiring faculty and support staff, finalizing  
15 the search process for a program director, and hiring  
16 another full-time faculty member if approved. She  
17 mentioned having an intrusive advisor in their  
18 staffing plan who would be dedicated to the program,  
19 function as a mentor, and identify academic and  
20 nonacademic needs, along with monitoring student  
21 persistence, retention, and program completion rates.

22 Dr. Maneval addressed student support service,  
23 including tutoring, financial aid, scholarship  
24 support, and grant opportunities. She noted Carlow  
25 University wants all students to have some form of

1 scholarship funding.

2 Dr. Maneval commented that Carlow University has  
3 developed a PN educational program that provides the  
4 necessary foundational sciences, humanities courses,  
5 didactic nursing instruction, robust laboratory  
6 experiences and extensive hands-on clinical  
7 experience in exceptional healthcare institutions  
8 that would result in a well-prepared, entry-level  
9 provider who would successfully complete the  
10 licensure examination and provide safe and effective  
11 nursing care, compassion, and ethical comportment.

12 Dr. Maneval addressed being in the final stages  
13 of hiring a program director, noting Diana Kozlina-  
14 Peretic, DNP, CRNP, MSN, RN, would serve as that  
15 person's mentor for two years.

16 Dr. Maneval commented that a 4-year education is  
17 an expensive proposition, but this seems more  
18 achievable and provides scholarship funding. She  
19 noted the Pittsburgh Scholar House is another  
20 nonprofit organization in Pittsburgh that works  
21 primarily with women of color from socioeconomically  
22 disadvantaged backgrounds with children with the  
23 purpose of moving them into higher education to move  
24 themselves and their families from poverty for a  
25 long-term solution. She mentioned that they are

1 sending clientele to their program.

2 Dr. Maneval also received notification from the  
3 Eden Hall Foundation of a substantial grant that  
4 would provide scholarship funding for the students of  
5 the program for the next two years. She also  
6 mentioned having a Department of Labor grant under  
7 consideration.

8 Dr. Maneval addressed the Pittsburgh Promise for  
9 students from a disadvantaged background who can  
10 receive a Pittsburgh Promise Scholarship of \$5,000 a  
11 year if they meet the criteria. She also noted  
12 having extensive conversations with Partner4Work and  
13 reaching out to anybody who may help.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Dr. Maneval and Dr.  
15 Kozlina-Peretic that the Board would review the  
16 proposal during Executive Session and welcomed them  
17 to stay or call in later to hear the decision but  
18 noted they would also receive a letter.]

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20 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, rejoined the meeting  
21 at 1:58 p.m.]

22 CHAIR KMETZ RESUMED THE CHAIR

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24 Appointment - DeSales University Proposal for an  
25 Emergency Post-Master's Certificate for

1 Family/Individuals Across the Lifespan CRNP  
2 [Carol Gullo-Mest, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, FAANP, Chair of  
3 Graduate Nursing Programs, presented on behalf of  
4 DeSales University.]

5 Dr. Gullo-Mest thanked the Board, Ms. Wendy  
6 Miller, and Dr. Marguerite Witmer for their  
7 assistance with the feedback on the development of  
8 the program.

9 Dr. Gullo-Mest noted initiating the family nurse  
10 practitioner (NP) track in 1997 but have added other  
11 tracks over the years. She reported emergency  
12 department visits have increased annually for not  
13 just medical and surgical issues but also for  
14 psychiatric and mental health issues, trauma, and  
15 extreme violence. She stated most hospitals, both  
16 urban and rural across the United States, need to  
17 have additional emergency department providers. She  
18 noted many family nurse practitioners (FNPs) are  
19 interested in obtaining the certificate.

20 Dr. Gullo-Mest explained that students who enter  
21 the program must have practiced clinically as an FNP  
22 over the past two years and would need to repeat  
23 pathophysiology, pharmacology, and physical  
24 assessment if that have not practiced. She stated  
25 upon graduation, all the emergency nurse practitioner

1 (ENP) graduates are eligible to take the emergency  
2 nurse practitioner specialty certification offered by  
3 AACN, which was developed in agreement with the  
4 American Academy of Emergency Nurse Practitioners.

5 Dr. Gullo-Mest stated all the syllabi and  
6 clinical experiences are based upon the Practice  
7 Standards for the Emergency Nurse Practitioners,  
8 Standards for Emergency Nurse Practitioner Academic  
9 Program Validation, as well as the Competencies for  
10 Nurse Practitioners in Emergency Care. She noted the  
11 importance of preparing graduates to be able to  
12 diagnose and treat patients with emergent needs as  
13 well as perform procedures and maintain cultural  
14 standards.

15 Dr. Gullo-Mest explained that they plan to offer  
16 it as a part-time program in a Flex format to have  
17 students in class and students coming in via Flex but  
18 could actually see everything all the same at the  
19 same time. She mentioned that students would have to  
20 attend virtually on time for every single class but  
21 go to the campus for certain things.

22 Dr. Gullo-Mest provided an overview of the  
23 syllabi for fall classes, including an emergency  
24 nurse practitioner procedures advanced trauma life  
25 support (ATLS) class focused on intensive procedures

1 for performance and diagnosis, coding, and billing.  
2 She noted they would also take foundations of  
3 emergency care, which discussed initial  
4 stabilization, treatment, and risk assessment and  
5 additional diagnostic and procedural interventions.  
6 She noted clinical placements would be in an  
7 emergency department, fast track, or an urgent care  
8 center.

9 Dr. Gullo-Mest addressed the winter semester,  
10 which would include emergency nurse practitioner I  
11 and includes physical, mental, lifestyle and  
12 developmental risk assessments, along with focusing  
13 on head and neck, GI, GU, GYN, neurology, immunology,  
14 inflammatory, hematology-oncology, metabolism, and  
15 endocrine conditions. She noted the urgent needs of  
16 pediatric populations are also focused and covered.  
17 She noted clinical placement would be in an emergency  
18 department, fast track, or urgent care center.

19 Dr. Gullo-Mest stated emergency nurse  
20 practitioner II is offered in the spring semester and  
21 includes the management of potential rapid  
22 physiological and/or mental health deterioration,  
23 which includes life-threatening instability for  
24 patients who have psychiatric, behavioral, infectious  
25 disease, and environmental and toxicology conditions.

1 She mentioned that the assessment and differential  
2 diagnoses specific to the urgent and emergent needs  
3 of geriatric patients and pregnant patients are also  
4 addressed.

5 Dr. Gullo-Mest noted that training is also  
6 provided for public health emergencies, disasters,  
7 and mass casualties. She again noted clinical  
8 placement would be in the emergency department, fast  
9 track, urgent care center, trauma care center, and a  
10 correctional facility for psychiatric intake.

11 Dr. Gullo-Mest stated the awareness of culture-  
12 based syndromes, culture-based therapies, and  
13 culturally sensitive health promotion and treatment  
14 are critical and are addressed in every course.

15 Dr. Gullo-Mest noted having the commitment of  
16 over 17 preceptors who are nurse practitioners, MDs,  
17 and DOs who have agreed to take on their students and  
18 clinical placement needs would be met. She mentioned  
19 the University plans to accept 8 students in the  
20 first year and add 2 more each year to get up to 16  
21 at the end of the first 5 years.

22 Dr. Gullo-Mest stated revenue would exceed  
23 expenses starting in year two, and once approved by  
24 the state Board of Nursing, they would seek to hire  
25 an ENP track director to help launch the program with

1 the intention to launch the program in the 2024 fall  
2 semester. She noted credentials of the director and  
3 faculty.

4 Chair Kmetz commented that the tuition is very  
5 reasonable and asked whether the University has it  
6 divided into how much of a percentage of clinical  
7 would be done in an emergency department versus  
8 urgent care. Dr. Gullo-Mest explained that most of  
9 it would be done in the emergency department area.

10 Dr. Coughlin requested clarification as to  
11 whether candidates from across the country would have  
12 to go to the University for clinicals. Dr. Gullo-Mest  
13 explained that students would not have to go to the  
14 University for clinicals and they vet every single  
15 clinical site through their clinical liaison team,  
16 which also vets every preceptor.

17 Dr. Hunsberger noted that the faculty presented  
18 includes four PharmDs and three nurse practitioners  
19 and asked whether any emergency room nurse  
20 practitioners have been identified for hire. Dr.  
21 Gullo-Mest explained that they have three emergency  
22 room nurse practitioners and need a minimum of one to  
23 start. She stated the University has four PharmDs  
24 who teach one pharmacology course because they have  
25 an excellent view of certain parts of pharmacology.



1 She noted physical assessment and pathophysiology  
2 would be taught by FNPs.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Dr. Gullo-Mest that  
4 the Board would deliberate on the proposal during  
5 Executive Session and have a decision later in the  
6 meeting.]

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8 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
9 at 2:12 p.m., the Board entered into Executive  
10 Session with Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board  
11 Counsel; Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board  
12 Counsel; Ariel E. O'Malley, Esquire, Board Counsel;  
13 Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Counsel; and Megan E.  
14 Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of  
15 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on the  
16 matters on the agenda under the Report of Board  
17 Counsel, Report of Prosecutorial Division,  
18 Miscellaneous, and Appointments. The Board returned  
19 to open session at 4:16 p.m.]

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21 MOTIONS

22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23 During Executive Session, the Board  
24 engaged in quasi-judicial deliberations  
25 on the matters listed on the agenda

1 under the Report of Board Counsel,  
2 Report of the Prosecutorial Division,  
3 Miscellaneous, and Appointments.

4 Board members who recused  
5 themselves from participating in the  
6 matters will be individually identified  
7 with a motion.

8 Is there a motion to adopt the VRP  
9 Consent Agreement items 2 through 14 on  
10 the agenda?

11 DR. COUGHLIN:

12 So moved.

13 MS. HERTZLER:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR KMETZ:

16 All those in favor? Opposed?

17 Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

21 Is there a motion to adopt the  
22 following Consent Agreements, for which  
23 members Hertzler and Kerns are recused,  
24 at Case No. 22-51-003297, Case No. 21-  
25 51-020214, and Case Nos. 20-51-002434 &

1 Case No. 21-51-008685?

2 DR. COUGHLIN:

3 So moved.

4 DR. BUCHER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR KMETZ:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns  
10 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on  
11 the motion. The Respondent's name at Case No. 22-51-  
12 003297 is Nickole M. Viselli, RN; Case No. 21-51-  
13 020214, Emily Anne Cranston, RN; and Case Nos. 20-51-  
14 002434 & 21-51-008685, Akeya Lee Whitenight, RN.

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16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

17 Is there a motion to approve the  
18 Consent Agreements, for which members  
19 Hertzler, Kerns, and Hunsberger are  
20 recused, at Case No. 22-51-005754 and  
21 Case No. 22-51-006582?

22 DR. COUGHLIN:

23 So moved.

24 DR. COMPHER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR KMETZ:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and  
5 Hunsberger recused themselves from deliberations and  
6 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name at Case  
7 No. 22-51-005754 is Dana Jean Mullen, LPN, and Case  
8 No. 22-51-006582 is Jeri Lee Griffith, LPN.]

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion to approve the  
12 Consent Agreement at item 25, for which  
13 members Hertzler and Hunsberger are  
14 recused, at Case No. 22-51-013543?

15 DR. COUGHLIN:

16 So moved.

17 DR. BUCHER:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR KMETZ:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Hunsberger  
23 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on  
24 the motion. The Respondent's name at Case No. 22-51-  
25 013543 is Elizabeth Kress Miller, RN]

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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

3 Is there a motion to approve the  
4 Consent Agreement at Case No. 20-51-  
5 001170, for which member Kerns is  
6 recused?

7 DR. COUGHLIN:

8 So moved.

9 MS. HERTZLER:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR KMETZ:

12 All those in favor? Opposed?

13 Abstentions?

14 [The motion carried. Member Kerns recused herself  
15 from deliberations and voting on the motion. The  
16 Respondent's name at Case No. 20-51-001170 is  
17 Stephanie G. King, CRNP.]

18 \*\*\*

19 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

20 Is there a motion to deny the following  
21 Consent Agreements on the grounds that  
22 they are too lenient, for which there  
23 are no recusals, at Case No. 20-51-  
24 014132, Case No. 21-51-017575, and Case  
25 No. 18-51-01331?

1 DR. COUGHLIN:

2 So moved.

3 DR. COMPHER:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR KMETZ:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion to adopt the  
12 following Consent Agreements, for which  
13 there are no recusals, at Case No. 22-  
14 51-015040, Case No. 21-51-005166, Case  
15 No. 20-51-001490, and Case No. 21-51-  
16 008798?

17 DR. COUGHLIN:

18 So moved.

19 DR. HUNSBERGER:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR KMETZ:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's  
25 name at Case No. 22-51-015040 is Julie Dawn Zetkulich,

1 RN; Case No. 21-51-005166, Amber Shay Huesman, RN;  
2 Case No. 20-51-001490, Michele Lorraine Krzewinski,  
3 LPN; and Case No. 21-51-008798, Amy Wagner Leister,  
4 LPN.]

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is there a motion to grant early  
8 termination of the PHMP program for  
9 Kristy McClellan, LPN, Case No. 18-51-  
10 004721?

11 DR. COUGHLIN:

12 So moved.

13 MS. HERTZLER:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR KMETZ:

16 All those in favor? Opposed?

17 Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

21 Is there a motion to waive the  
22 requirement that a pharmacology course  
23 be taken within 5 years of completion  
24 of the program for Dana Mannino on the  
25 grounds that she engaged in consistent

1 practice with prescriptive authority  
2 since 2010 and pharmacology was  
3 integrated within her entire program?

4 DR. COUGHLIN:

5 So moved.

6 DR. HUNSBERGER:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR KMETZ:

9 All those in favor? Opposed?

10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

14 Is there a motion in the matters of  
15 Nathan Ondieki Mokaya, RN, Case No. 21-  
16 51-013407; Maria L. Sokolo, RN, Case  
17 No. 21-51-009230; and Ayodeji Sunkanmi  
18 Ogundare, RN, Case No. 21-51-009617, to  
19 grant the Commonwealth's motion to  
20 reopen?

21 DR. COUGHLIN:

22 So moved.

23 MS. HERTZLER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR KMETZ:



1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

6 Is there a motion to grant the Motions  
7 to Deem Facts Admitted and to enter  
8 default and to authorize Counsel to  
9 prepare Adjudications and Orders in the  
10 matters of Michelle Elizabeth Dedeo,  
11 RN, Case No. 22-51-017440; Alice Del  
12 Davis, RN, LPN, Case No. 21-51-001396;  
13 Michelle Ann Kelhart, RN, Case No. 19-  
14 51-009474; Amber L. Johnson, RN, Case  
15 No. 22-51-003038; Kizito Saah, RN, Case  
16 No. 21-51-009705; and Stephanie Lee  
17 Shumaker, RN, Case No. 22-51-010343?

18 DR. COUGHLIN:

19 So moved.

20 MS. HERTZLER:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR KMETZ:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

3 Is there a motion in the matter of  
4 Courtney C. Norris, LPN, Case No. 18-  
5 51-00004, to grant her reinstatement on  
6 probationary status through payment of  
7 all her criminal costs and fines and  
8 the case has ended once she reinstates  
9 her license?

10 DR. COMPER:

11 So moved.

12 DR. COUGHLIN:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR KMETZ:

15 All those in favor? Opposed?

16 Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

20 Is there a motion to adopt the  
21 following Hearing Examiner Proposals:  
22 Guiddel Chachoute, RN, Case No. 19-51-  
23 004695; Tammy L. Conley, LPN, Case No.  
24 22-51-015373; Ivorie Marie Hines, RN,  
25 Case No. 19-51-006311; Latisha G.

1 Mitchell, LPN, Case No. 22-51-014424;  
2 Emily Margaret Seese, RN, Case No. 22-  
3 51-017258?

4 DR. COUGHLIN:

5 So moved.

6 MS. VINCENT:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR KMETZ:

9 All those in favor? Opposed?

10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

14 Is there a motion to adopt the Hearing  
15 Examiner's Proposal and substitute a  
16 Board Order in the matter of Sherry Ann  
17 Bashore, RN, LPN, Case No. 19-51-  
18 011819?

19 DR. COUGHLIN:

20 So moved.

21 MS. HERTZLER:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR KMETZ:

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 authorize Counsel  
5 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in  
6 the matter of Carly R. Hawkins, RN,  
7 Case No. 22-51-012715, for which  
8 members Hertzler, Kerns, and Hunsberger  
9 are recused?

10 DR. COUGHLIN:

11 So moved.

12 DR. BUCHER:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR KMETZ:

15 All those in favor? Opposed?

16 Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and  
18 Hunsberger recused themselves from deliberations and  
19 voting on the motion.]

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21 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

22 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel  
23 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in  
24 the matter of James Weldon Johnson, RN,  
25 Case No. 21-51-001317, for which

1 members Hertzler and Kerns are recused?

2 DR. COUGHLIN:

3 So moved.

4 DR. COMPHER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR KMETZ:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns  
10 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on  
11 the motion.]

12 \*\*\*

13 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

14 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel  
15 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in  
16 the matter of Monica Ramirez, RN, Case  
17 No. 21-51-015994?

18 DR. COUGHLIN:

19 So moved.

20 DR. HUNSBERGER:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR KMETZ:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

3 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel  
4 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in  
5 the matter of Kayla Samantha Thomas,  
6 RN, Case No. 20-51-008179, for which  
7 members Hertzler and Kerns are recused?

8 DR. COUGHLIN:

9 So moved.

10 DR. HUNSBERGER:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR KMETZ:

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 adopt the Hearing  
21 Examiner's Proposal for Heather C.  
22 Watson, Case No. 18-51-009076, for  
23 which members Hertzler and Kerns are  
24 recused?

25 DR. COUGHLIN:

1                   So moved.

2 DR. COMPHER:

3                   Second.

4 CHAIR KMETZ:

5                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

6                   Abstentions?

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

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12                   Is there a motion to adopt the Draft  
13                   Adjudication and Order for Wendy L.  
14                   Bowers, LPN, Case No. 19-51-001399, as  
15                   amended?

16 DR. COUGHLIN:

17                   So moved.

18 DR. HUNSBERGER:

19                   Second.

20 CHAIR KMETZ:

21                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

22                   Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:





1 So moved.

2 DR. BUCHER:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR KMETZ:

5 All those in favor? Opposed?

6 Abstentions?

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

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Is there a motion to adopt the  
13 following Draft Adjudications and  
14 Orders, for which members Hertzler and  
15 Kerns are recused, for Holly Ann Blake,  
16 LPN, Case No. 20-51-008192; Michele  
17 Marie Bremme, RN, Case No. 20-51-  
18 006471; William Floyd Cornell II, RN,  
19 Case No. 20-51-000188; Dominique  
20 Antoinette Palmer, LPN, Case No. 19-51-  
21 011730; Clarice Elizabeth Sidun, RN,  
22 Case No. 21-51-017540; and Jessica  
23 Stewart, LPN, Case No. 21-51-002717?

24 DR. COMPHER:

25 So moved.

1 DR. COUGHLIN:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR KMETZ:

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.]

9 \*\*\*

10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion to approve La Roche  
12 University's Proposal for a  
13 Family/Individual Across the Lifespan  
14 Post-Master's Certificate?

15 DR. COUGHLIN:

16 So moved.

17 DR. HUNSBERGER:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR KMETZ:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

23 \*\*\*

24 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

25 Is there a motion to approve DeSales

1 University's Proposal for an Emergency  
2 Post-Master's Certificate for  
3 Family/Individuals Across the Lifespan  
4 CRNP?

5 DR. COUGHLIN:

6 So moved.

7 DR. HUNSBERGER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR KMETZ:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

13 \*\*\*

14 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

15 Is there a motion to extend Provisional  
16 Status for Lincoln University, Fayette  
17 County Career & Technical Institute,  
18 and Joseph F. McCloskey School of  
19 Nursing until July 21, 2023, and have  
20 them come back before the Board on July  
21 20, 2023, to provide a status update?

22 DR. COUGHLIN:

23 So moved.

24 DR. HUNSBERGER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR KMETZ:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

5 \*\*\*

6 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

7 \*\*\*

8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9 Is there a motion to approve South  
10 College's Proposal for a Baccalaureate  
11 of Science in Nursing Program?

12 DR. HUNSBERGER:

13 So moved.

14 MS. MALADY:

15 Second.

16 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN:

17 All those in favor? Opposed?

18 Abstentions?

19 [The motion carried. Member Kmetz recused herself  
20 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23 Is there a motion to approve Carlow  
24 University's Proposal for a Practical  
25 Nursing Program, for which member Kmetz

1 is recused?

2 DR. HUNSBERGER:

3 So moved.

4 MS. MALADY:

5 Second.

6 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried. Member Kmetz recused herself  
10 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

11 \*\*\*

12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13 Is there a motion to require Great  
14 Lakes Institute of Technology to report  
15 to the Board by July 20, 2023, with  
16 regard to the status of their students  
17 and their teach out?

18 DR. COMPHER:

19 So moved.

20 MS. HERTZLER:

21 Second.

22 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously. Member Kmetz

1 recused herself from deliberations and voting on the  
2 motion.]

3 \*\*\*

4 CHAIR KMETZ RESUMED THE CHAIR

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 In the matter of the University of  
8 Pennsylvania's Request for a  
9 Prelicensure (Direct-Entry) Master of  
10 Professional Nursing (MPN) Program, is  
11 there a motion to approve subject to a  
12 written documentation being provided to  
13 applicants and in the handbook advising  
14 that the program does not qualify these  
15 students for advanced practice or to  
16 teach unless they can show expertise in  
17 their area of instruction or advanced  
18 practice unless they obtain an  
19 additional degree?

20 DR. COUGHLIN:

21 So moved.

22 MS. MALADY:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR KMETZ:

25 Roll call vote:



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[There being no further business, the State Board of Nursing Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

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

Benjamin Morrow

Benjamin Morrow,  
Minute Clerk  
Sargent's Court Reporting  
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TIME	AGENDA
9:00	Official Call to Order
9:01	Introduction of Board Members
9:02	Introduction of Attendees
9:06	Adoption of Agenda
9:06	Report of Prosecutorial Division
9:16	Regulation Update
9:20	Pennsylvania Legislative Update
9:26	Report of Committees
9:27	Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on Behalf of the Board
9:34	Appointment - The Judge Group
9:44	Appointment - PNAP Annual Report
10:03	Appointment - PA Insurance Department: Pennie Health Insurance
10:23	Report of Executive Secretary
10:30	Appointment - Department of Human Services Presentation
10:57	New Business
11:00	Recess
11:18	Return to Open Session

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10		Pennsylvania Proposal for
11		Prelicensure (Direct-Entry) Master of
12		Professional Nursing (MPN) Program
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15	11:56	Appointment - South College Proposal
16		for Baccalaureate of Science in
17		Nursing Program
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19	12:11	Appointment - La Roche University
20		Proposal for a Family/Individual
21		Across the Lifespan Post-Master's
22		Certificate
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24	12:20	Appointment - Lincoln University -
25		Extension of Provisional Status
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27	12:37	Appointment - Fayette County Career &
28		Technical Institute - Extension of
29		Provisional Status
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31	12:50	Recess
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33	1:11	Return to Open Session
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35	1:13	Appointment - Great Lakes Institute of
36		Technology - Extension of Provisional
37		Status
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39	1:27	Appointment - Joseph F. McCloskey
40		School of Nursing - Extension of
41		Provisional Status
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44		Proposal for a Practical Nursing
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TIME	AGENDA
	Program
2:00	Appointment - DeSales University Proposal for an Emergency Post-Master's Certificate for Family/Individuals Across the Lifespan CRNP
2:12	Executive Session
4:16	Return to Open Session
4:20	Motions
4:34	For the Board's Information
4:35	Adjournment