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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: 1:02 P.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

September 14, 2023

State Board of Nursing
September 14, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS:

Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel
 Ariel E. O'Malley, Esquire, Board Counsel
 Todd P. Kriner, Esquire, Board Counsel
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 Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing
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 Affairs, Department of State

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ALSO PRESENT:

Justin Keller, BSN, RN, FAWM
Lori Spiezio, MSN, RN, WCC, Director of Nursing,
Practical Nursing Program, Lansdale School of
Business
Marlon Keller, President, Lansdale School of Business
Maryanne Johnson Executive Director, Lansdale School
of Business
Nicole Sidle, Republican Executive Director, House
Professional Licensure Committee
Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director,
Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
Sharon Powell-Laney, EdD, RN, MSN, Director, The
Ralpha School
Micah McMillen, Acting Director, The Ralpha School
Wendy Haislip, MSN, RN, Vice President and Chief
Nursing Officer Indiana Regional Medical Center
Nicole Campbell, Division Chief, Division of Law
Enforcement Education and Trade Schools,
Pennsylvania Department of Education
Jenny Piper, Board Administrator, Division of Private
Licensed Schools, Pennsylvania Department of
Education
LuAnne Grala, RN, Lansdale School of Business
Devin Nunemaker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Nursing

3 September 14, 2023

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Nursing was held on Thursday, September 14,
7 2023, for the limited purpose of conducting a formal
8 Hearing in the Matter of the Application for Approval of
9 the Registered Nurse Diploma Program of Indiana Regional
10 Medical Center, Case No. 23-51-008273. Linda L. Kmetz,
11 PhD, RN, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02
12 p.m.

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14 Introduction of Board Members

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

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18 Introduction of Board Staff

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

21 ***

22 Introduction of Attendees

23 [Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator, provided an
24 introduction of attendees.]

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1 Introduction of Board Counsel

2 [Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
3 identified Board Counsel.]

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5 Introduction of Board Prosecution

6 [Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor,
7 introduced Prosecuting Attorneys.]

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9 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:02 p.m. until
10 3:49 p.m. in the Matter of the Application for Approval
11 of the Registered Nurse Diploma Program of Indiana Regional
12 Medical Center, Case No. 23-51-008273.]

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14 [There being no further business scheduled for the
15 day, the State Board of Nursing ended the meeting for
16 the day at 3:49 p.m.]

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



Devin Nunemaker,
Minute Clerk
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TIME	AGENDA
1:02	Official Call to Order
1:03	Introduction of Board Members
1:04	Formal Hearing - in the Matter of the Application for Approval of the Registered Nurse Diploma Program of Indiana Regional Medical Center, Case No. 23-51-008273
3:49	Hearing concluded/meeting ended

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23 Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
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28 Carlton Smith, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel
29 T'rese Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
30 Prosecution Co-Liaison
31 Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor,
32 Prosecution Co-Liaison
33 Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
34 Kathryn E. Bellfy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
35 David J. Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
36 Adrienne Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
37 Garrett A. Rine, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
38 Alex Capitello, Legal Analyst, Office of Prosecution
39 Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
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42 DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BOARD STAFF:

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44 Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary
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Danie Bendesky, Director of Intergovernmental
Affairs, Department Office of Policy, Department
of State

Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
Department of State

Jasmine Hughes, Intern, Policy Department of State

Kevin Knipe, MSW, LSW, CCDP Diplomate, Program
Manager, Professional Health Monitoring Program

ALSO PRESENT:

Wesley J. Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office, LLC

Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, Dean, College of
Nursing, Pennsylvania State University

Beth Ann Puckett, MSN, RN, GERO-BC, Chester County
Intermediate Unit Practical Nursing Program

Casey Fellingner, Associate, Milliron & Goodman, LLC

P. Daniel Altland, Esquire, Pennsylvania Association
of Nurse Anesthetists

Tyler Burke, Milliron & Goodman, LLC

Deborah Little, EdD, RN, CNE, Corporate Assistant Dean
of Nursing, Lincoln Educational Services

Hannah M. Ginder, DNP, MSN, FNP-C

Larissa Hutchins, MSN, RN, CCRN, CCNS, NEA-BC,
Director of Nursing Professional Development, Life
Support Education and Outreach, Simulation Center,
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Joann Megon, RN, BSN, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Nurse Peer Assistance Program

Kathleen Rundquist, MSN, RN, Nurse Administrator and
Financial Aid Administrator, Franklin County
Practical Nursing Program

Kelly B. McCormack, CRNP, NPC, PennState Health

Michael Press, Senior Vice President, Recruiting
Operations, The Judge Group

Michelle M. Black, CRNP, Mount Nittany Health

Kari Orchard, Democratic Executive Director, House
Professional Licensure Committee

Pam Hughes, MSN, CRNP, FNP-C

Peggy Pearl, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Coalition of Nurse Practitioners

Stacy Parks, LPN

Jake Younts, Associate, Strokoff & Cowden, PC

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

- Lisa Storck, DNP, RN, Program Coordinator, St. Luke's School of Nursing
- Marian Shenberger, Professional Development Assistant, Pennsylvania State Nurses Association
- Adele Caruso, DNP, CRNP, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners
- Janyce L. Collier, MSN, RN, CNE
- Jean Marie Truman, Director of Assessment/Program Review, Associate Professor of Nursing, University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
- Wendy Manetti, Phd, CRNP, University of Scranton
- Tracy Campbell
- Jennifer Sullivano
- Sally Foster-Chang
- Theadora Krause
- Debbie Sines
- Daniel Bardo
- Kelly M. McCormick
- Peter Cunnius
- Deborah Bennett
- Deborah Feden
- Devin Nunemaker, Sargent's Court Reporting Service, Inc.

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2 State Board of Nursing

3 September 15, 2023

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6 Board of Nursing was held on Friday, September 15,
7 2023. Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, called the
8 meeting to order at 9:04 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.]

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14 Introduction of Board Staff

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

17 ***

18 Introduction of Board Counsel

19 [Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel,
20 identified Board Counsel.]

21 ***

22 Introduction of Board Prosecution

23 [Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor,
24 introduced new Prosecuting Attorney, Adrienne Doll.
25 Board prosecutors also introduced themselves.]

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2 Introduction of Attendees

3 [Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator, provided an

4 introduction of attendees.]

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6 Adoption of the Agenda

7 CHAIR KMETZ:

8 We have the agenda before us today.

9 Are there any additions or corrections?

10 Hearing none, may I have a motion for

11 approval of today's agenda?

12 DR. COUGHLIN:

13 So moved.

14 MS. MALADY:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR KMETZ:

17 All those in favor? Opposed?

18 Abstentions?

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,

22 informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded

23 and voluntary participation constituted consent to

24 being recorded.]

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1 Adoption of Minutes

2 CHAIR KMETZ:

3 We have the minutes of June 5 and the
4 minutes of July 20. Are there any
5 additions or corrections for the June 5
6 minutes? Hearing none, may I have a
7 motion for approval?

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 unanimously.]

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17 CHAIR KMETZ:

18 July 20 minutes. Any additions or
19 corrections? Hearing none, may I have
20 a motion for approval?

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 Report of Prosecutorial Division

6 [Chair Kmetz noted VRP Consent Agreement items 2
7 through 17.]

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9 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Bellfy's items 18 through 21
10 and 80. Ms. Bellfy also answered questions
11 concerning Ms. Boyd's and Mr. Sniscak's cases as
12 well.]

13 Ms. Bellfy noted that she would additionally be
14 covering Trista Boyd's and Matthew Sniscak's cases,
15 items 22-23 and 28-30 and 79.

16 Ms. Bellfy informed Board members that item 23
17 was withdrawn from consideration at this meeting.]

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19 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Evancho's items 24 through 26
20 and 81.]

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22 [Chair Kmetz noted Mr. Schertz's item 27.]

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24 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Szymanski's items 31 and 32.]

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1 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Tucker's items 33 through 35.
2 Ms. Tucker informed Board members item 34 would
3 be withdrawn from consideration at this meeting.]

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5 Regulation Update

6 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
7 introduced Jacqueline Wolfgang, Regulatory Counsel,
8 and informed Board members that Ms. Wolfgang has been
9 and would continue to review the Board's regulations.
10 She noted Ms. Wolfgang was reviewing 16A-5141
11 regarding the Nursing Education Programs regulation.
12 She reported 16A-5139 was still in the process of
13 being drafted.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the Board approved the
15 Continued Competency and Licensure by Endorsement
16 regulation, 16A-5143, in June and was with Regulatory
17 Counsel.

18 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Board members that
19 16A-5146 regarding the Opioid Prescription and
20 Education and Organ Donation Education regulation
21 would be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*
22 tomorrow and trigger the 30-day public comment
23 period. She contacted the organ donation
24 organizations to advise them of a possible six to
25 eight month timeframe, noting they were not sure how

1 long it would take to produce the manuals.

2 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed 16A-5145 regarding
3 CRNA Licensure and was in the process of making
4 revisions based on Ms. Wolfgang's comments. She
5 mentioned there were questions regarding the fee,
6 which would be reviewed by the Board.

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted 16A-5147 regarding the
8 Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) would dovetail into the
9 presentation about partial implementation of the NLC.
10 She mentioned that the NLC had been partially
11 implemented in Pennsylvania on September 5th, meaning
12 that registered nurses and practical nurses who hold
13 a multistate license from another state may practice
14 in Pennsylvania and do not need to register in this
15 state in order to practice if they hold a multistate
16 license.

17 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated the Board sent an
18 email to all licensees advising them of partial
19 implementation, and there is a section on the Board's
20 web page devoted to the NLC. She also mentioned
21 upcoming NCSBN webinars regarding the Compact would
22 now be available, along with information concerning
23 health systems and schools.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed NCSBN's e-Notify,
25 where employers could provide to NCSBN the names and

1 license numbers of their employees and then NCSBN
2 could send a notice of the status of the license to
3 the employer and licensee. She mentioned that
4 nursing education programs may also use e-Notify.

5 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted, based upon
6 discussions with the Department of Health (DOH), that
7 hospitals must request a waiver from the DOH if DOH
8 regulations require a nurse license issued under the
9 Professional Nursing Law or under the Practical Nurse
10 Law.

11 Ms. Pachter Schulder mentioned the Board also had
12 conversations with the Department of Education,
13 Department of Health and Human Services, Department
14 of Aging, Department of Corrections, and Veterans
15 Affairs to make sure there are not any concerns. She
16 explained that they have to address the language in
17 their regulations or would not be able to use
18 licensees who have a multistate license to fill
19 positions.

20 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated full implementation
21 cannot occur because the Board still does not have
22 the authority to receive the Federal Bureau of
23 Investigation (FBI) background checks. She explained
24 that once it is approved by the FBI, then the
25 legislature would have to adopt the approved

1 language. Thereafter, the Bureau/Department may
2 request regulatory authority so temporary regulations
3 could be promulgated implanting full implementation.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that the first
5 piece is the FBI background check, the second piece
6 is the temporary regulations, and the third piece is
7 technology. She noted the Board was working with its
8 vendor to build the system to allow for full
9 implementation.

10 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated anyone who
11 wanted to obtain a CRNP, CNS, or Certified Nurse
12 Midwife certification at the current time would have
13 to hold a Pennsylvania RN license because an RN
14 license is a prerequisite in order to obtain
15 certification. She reported that the licensure
16 system was not yet set up to allow the Board to
17 recognize a multistate license thereby permitting a
18 multistate RN to apply for certification as a CRNP.

19 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated the Compact
20 identified in the legislation is for registered and
21 practical nurses only. She noted the Advanced
22 Practice Compact has not been adopted by the
23 legislature or even implemented by NCSBN because
24 currently there is not a minimum number of states to
25 participate.

1 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed issues with
2 legislation concerning nurse midwives, noting that
3 the Consensus Model includes nurse midwives as APRNs,
4 but in Pennsylvania they are certified by the State
5 Boards of Medicine or Osteopathic Medicine.

6 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed how close they are
7 to resolving the issue with the FBI. She explained
8 that language was sent to the FBI in June 2022, and
9 the FBI does not have a timeframe; for example, the
10 Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) has
11 30 days to respond.

12 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted NCSBN informed the
13 Board that there is federal legislation for
14 the States Handling Access to Reciprocity for
15 Employment (SHARE) Act that had been introduced but
16 did not believe that would be enacted this session.
17 She mentioned that not being able to get a multistate
18 license from Pennsylvania is not in the Board's hands
19 or the Department's hands.

20 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed 16A-66 regarding
21 the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
22 (BPOA) regulation about Crimes Directly Related to
23 the Profession. She informed Board members that Ms.
24 DeLaurentis and Mr. McDonald would be discussing
25 those regulations within the next couple of

1 meetings.]

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3 Pennsylvania Legislative Update - Legislation

4 Affecting Nurses/Nursing

5 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
6 addressed Senate Bill 75, which would add continuing
7 education requirements of 10 hours for drug and
8 alcohol addiction for RNs, CRNPs, and Clinical Nurse
9 Specialists (CNSs). She mentioned that it would only
10 leave a couple of hours for CRNPs to choose credits
11 they would like to take because the rest would be
12 taken if that legislation should come into fruition.

13 Dr. Bucher informed everyone of a co-sponsorship
14 memorandum asking for title recognition for advanced
15 practice registered nurses that would give APRN
16 designation in the state and is supposed to be
17 introduced when they come back into session. He
18 noted it is for CRNPs, CNSs, and CRNAs. He stated it
19 does not change scope of practice and is purely
20 designation of the APRN.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder mentioned that there is also
22 draft language that would add a scope of practice for
23 CRNAs. She noted that currently CRNAs only have
24 title protection.]

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1 Report of Board Chairperson

2 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, informed everyone
3 that Dr. Coughlin and Ms. Malady would be leaving the
4 State Board of Nursing after serving two consecutive
5 six-year terms plus their six-month USQs. She read a
6 proclamation from the Secretary of State and Acting
7 Commissioner Claggett.

8 Ms. Malady thanked the Board, and Dr. Coughlin
9 also thanked everyone, noting it to be an honor and a
10 pleasure to serve the State Board of Nursing.

11 Acting Commissioner Claggett thanked Dr. Coughlin
12 and Ms. Malady for their service.]

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14 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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16 Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening
17 Committee

18 [Sue E. Hertzler, LPN, noted the Probable Cause
19 Screening Committee moved on 13 Petitions for
20 Appropriate Relief, 30 Petitions for Mental and
21 Physical Evaluations, and 2 Petitions for Immediate
22 Temporary Suspension.]

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24 Report of Committees - Application Review Committee

25 [Kristin Malady, BSN, RN, noted the Application

1 Review Committee met several times via email and
2 moved those applications forward in the process. She
3 mentioned that most of the applications were
4 temporary practice permit (TPP) extensions.

5 Ms. Pachter Schulder commented that granting of a
6 TPP is totally discretionary for the Board.]

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8 Report of Committees - Advanced Practice (Education,
9 Regulation, & Application)
10 [Bridget E. Vincent, MSN, CRNP, APN-BC, CCRN,
11 requested information regarding the Compact license
12 and telemedicine CRNPs.

13 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that telemedicine
14 works whether someone is physically with a patient or
15 telemedicine. She explained that registered and
16 practical nurses from out of state with a multistate
17 license can practice in Pennsylvania via both
18 modalities. She noted that Pennsylvania was not
19 issuing multistate registered and practical nurse
20 licenses yet, and CRNPs are not going to be issued
21 multistate licenses because there is no legislation
22 enacting the CRNP Compact yet.

23 Ms. Pachter Schulder further explained that
24 someone could practice telemedicine within a state as
25 long as they are licensed within that state, but

1 Pennsylvania nurses who want to practice telemedicine
2 for patients in other states would need to contact
3 those states to find out their requirements.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder mentioned that Advanced
5 Practice Committee Meetings were held in the past,
6 where stakeholders from a variety of groups would
7 discuss their legislative agenda with the Board. She
8 asked whether the Board wished to schedule an
9 Advanced Practice Committee Meeting for the November
10 meeting, and the Board agreed.]

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

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15 Report of Committees - Dietitian-Nutritionist
16 Committee

17 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
18 noted Dr. Compher informed her of a compact that is
19 being considered amongst the association of states
20 for dietitian-nutritionists but was in the early
21 planning stages.]

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23 IT & Communication Issues Committee

24 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, encouraged anyone
25 who has password reset problems to contact the Help

1 Desk.]

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3 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on
4 Behalf of the Board

5 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, informed everyone
6 that five Board members attended NCSBN Annual Meeting
7 in Chicago. She stated the Next Generation National
8 Council Licensure Examination (NGN) for RNs and PNs
9 has launched, and quarterly results thus far are
10 good. She noted they did an analysis pre-COVID and
11 post-COVID, took out all COVID data, and the results
12 are right where they were in terms of results when
13 COVID ended.

14 Chair Kmetz mentioned that it is something to
15 keep in mind as schools come before the Board because
16 they are right where they need to be, and tests would
17 not be made more difficult. She mentioned that only
18 18 items are NGN and 130+ are regular items.

19 Chair Kmetz addressed artificial intelligence,
20 noting that it is just a matter of time before
21 everyone is taking the National Council Licensure
22 Examination® NCLEX®) at home.

23 Dr. Hunsberger mentioned being told that the hope
24 is within years to implement NCLEX® at home with the
25 use of artificial intelligence (AI). He noted the

1 same company is already trying it with the nurse aide
2 exam.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder commented that technology is
4 increasing and that the Board might want to explore
5 at-home English language proficiency examinations
6 again. She noted Ms. House provided initial data and
7 that the Board may want to ask her to see how many
8 states accept the at-home version of the test. She
9 commented that NCSBN was still working on their
10 position, but there may have been movement.

11 It was noted that the at-home English language
12 proficiency exam was part of what started NCSBN
13 considering AI because it was made so quickly and did
14 not account for difficulties. NCSBN previously found
15 security issues with at-home exams that were not
16 addressed. The Board questioned whether technology
17 was advanced to the point where there could be a safe
18 and secure at-home version of the NCLEX® with
19 monitoring.

20 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted Ms. House would
21 further check into the at-home version of English
22 language proficiency exams and asked Board
23 Administrator Miller to place that on the next
24 agenda, along with the advanced practice stakeholder
25 group report.

1 Ms. House stated it had been approximately a year
2 since she reviewed the test and offered to provide
3 information at the next meeting.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated the Board has a list
5 on its website of approved English language
6 proficiency exams and has made a decision not to
7 allow the at-home version of those tests based upon
8 NCSBN's recommendations regarding security when
9 people take the test at home versus at a testing
10 site.

11 Acting Commissioner Claggett asked how it would
12 impact the Board if they go against NCSBN's
13 recommendation. Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that
14 the Board could go against NCSBN but listened on that
15 point because it is based on psychometric data that
16 NCSBN has undertaken in terms of whether the tests
17 are secure.

18 Acting Commissioner Claggett commented that he is
19 for allowing the exams at home and is looking forward
20 to Ms. House's research.

21 Dr. Bucher thanked Acting Commissioner Claggett
22 and the Commonwealth for supporting their attendance
23 at the conference. He mentioned a motion was brought
24 up to look at the APRN Compact but that it was
25 defeated, so they would continue to move forward with

1 the compact the way it is. He also reported that Dr.
2 Barbara Blozen of New Jersey was elected as the
3 Region IV Director.]

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5 Report of Executive Secretary

6 [Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary,
7 provided a staffing update. She stated there are
8 currently two Nursing Education Advisors, noting Ms.
9 Zvorsky transitioned from a Practice Advisor to an
10 Education Advisor role in June, and welcomed Kelly
11 Hoffman back to the Nursing Education Advisor role as
12 of August 14. She mentioned that they would be
13 interviewing for a third Nursing Education Advisor in
14 early October.

15 Ms. Miller noted the Nursing Practice Advisors
16 are Leslie House and Sue Bolig, along with a third
17 Nursing Practice Advisor position which would be
18 posted soon. She also noted Dr. Sue Petula and Dr.
19 Peggy Witmer are still helping with new program
20 applications and curriculums.

21 Ms. Miller reminded everyone that the October 31
22 renewal is open for RN, CRNPs, CRNP Prescriptive
23 Authority, and CNSs, noting it opens 60 days prior to
24 the October 31 date. She reported 28 percent of RNs,
25 34 percent of CRNPs, 30 percent of Prescriptive

1 Authorities, and 39 percent of CNSs have renewed.

2 Ms. Miller encouraged everyone to review their
3 answers on the renewal application before they hit
4 submit. She mentioned the question about whether or
5 not someone holds national certification as a CRNP or
6 whether or not they completed their required
7 continuing education comes after several legal
8 questions to which most answers are no. She noted
9 that many people continue to hit no on continuing
10 education questions which turns an automated process
11 into a manual process, which creates delays.

12 Ms. Miller also cautioned that using the scroll
13 function on the mouse could flip answers from yes to
14 no.

15 Ms. Miller told everyone to allow at least
16 several days for the Child Abuse Continuing Education
17 to match with their renewal profile in the
18 Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS). She noted that
19 certificates uploaded by the individual cannot be
20 accepted and that the information must come from the
21 provider. She mentioned that they would have to
22 contact their provider if the information has not
23 been received after a few days.

24 Ms. Miller reported 44 prelicensure BSN nursing
25 education programs, 27 Associate Degree, 14 Diploma,

1 3 Master's entry RN programs, and 57 Practical
2 Nursing programs. She noted 115 CRNP programs that
3 are divided on the basis of population, specialty,
4 and degree, including 3 schools that offer a further
5 specialty in Emergency for family nurse
6 practitioners.

7 Ms. Miller mentioned that the numbers on their
8 website have been updated for licensees after the
9 April renewal closed, noting 240,222 RNs; 18,955
10 CRNPs; 277 CNSs; and 19,434 Prescriptive Authority
11 Collaborative Agreements. She mentioned they would
12 not see the effect to Practical Nurses until the
13 renewal cycle in June 2024.

14 Ms. Miller noted the transition was made in early
15 July taking the nursing education functions in
16 eppiccNURSE over into PALS but were still
17 troubleshooting issues. She stated nursing education
18 programs would be able to generate a list of their
19 faculty and generate a list of their clinical
20 agencies or clinical rotations.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder reminded everyone that a
22 faculty member would not be listed on the reports at
23 this time if the faculty member holds a multistate
24 license rather than a Pennsylvania license.

25 Ms. Miller stated the changeover in staff and

1 transition from eppiccNURSE into PALS caused a
2 backlog of approvals for faculty, clinical rotation,
3 and clinical agencies, noting Practice Advisors and
4 Education Advisors worked very hard to get that up to
5 date. She mentioned that PALS has confusing language
6 regarding program directors and that the Advisors are
7 contacting program directors via Outlook email.

8 Ms. Miller addressed program proposals and did
9 not believe that they have any program proposal that
10 has not had feedback. She noted some were
11 resubmitted based on feedback that was pending review
12 by advisors. She mentioned that the feedback would
13 be sent to programs within a few months.

14 Ms. Miller stated the curriculum changes received
15 feedback within a couple weeks.

16 Ms. Miller discussed her attendance at the
17 Pennsylvania Higher Education Nursing Schools
18 Association (PHENSA) meeting, along with Ms. House,
19 where updates were provided and questions were
20 answered.]

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22 New Business - Partial Implementation of NLC
23 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, noted item 51 on the
24 agenda was already discussed.]

25

1 New Business - Election of Vice Chair

2 CHAIR KMETZ:

3 Do we have any nominations for Vice
4 Chair?

5 DR. COUGHLIN:

6 I'd like to nominate Dr. Hunsberger for
7 Vice Chair.

8 CHAIR KMETZ:

9 Do I hear a second?

10 MS. MALADY:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR KMETZ:

13 All those in favor? Opposed?
14 Abstentions?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

16 ***

17 CHAIR KMETZ:

18 Do we have an alternate to Vice Chair
19 in the event Dr. Hunsberger is in
20 recusal because of his participation in
21 Probable Cause?

22 DR. COUGHLIN:

23 I'd like to nominate Dr. Bucher.

24 CHAIR KMETZ:

25 Second?

1 MS. MALADY:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR KMETZ:

4 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

6 ***

7 New Business - List of Committees

8 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, noted Ms. Hertzler
9 and Ms. Kerns are on the Probable Cause Screening
10 Committee and also placed Dr. Bucher on that
11 committee. Ms. Siegel was placed on the Application
12 Review Committee.

13 Dr. Kmetz noted Advanced Practice (Education,
14 Regulation, & Application) has generally been the
15 whole Board.

16 Dr. Kmetz asked who would like to join Ms. Kerns
17 on Budget, and she offered to join Ms. Kerns.

18 Dr. Kmetz referred to the IT & Communication
19 Issues Committee, and Dr. Coughlin suggested that the
20 Committee also be done as a whole at the current
21 time.]

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23 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
24 at 10:30 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
25 Session with Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board

1 Counsel; Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Board Counsel;
2 Ariel E. O'Malley, Esquire, Board Counsel; Todd P.
3 Kriner, Esquire, Board Counsel; and Megan E. Castor,
4 Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting
5 quasi-judicial deliberations on the matters on the
6 agenda under Consent Agreements, Report of Board
7 Counsel, and Report of Prosecutorial Division. The
8 Board returned to Open Session at 11:29 a.m.]

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10 MOTIONS

11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 During Executive Session, the Board
13 engaged in quasi-judicial deliberations
14 on the matters that are listed on the
15 agenda under the Consent Agreements,
16 Report of Prosecutorial Division, and
17 Report of Board Counsel.

18 Board members who recused
19 themselves will be identified with each
20 particular motion.

21 Is there a motion to adopt the VRP
22 Consent Agreement items 2 through 17?

23

24 DR. COUGHLIN:

25 So moved.

1 MS. MALADY:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR KMETZ:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

7 ***

8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9 Is there a motion to approve the
10 following Consent Agreements, for which
11 there are no recusals, at Case No. 20-
12 51-007981, Case No. 22-51-006251, Case
13 No. 23-51-001352, Case No. 23-51-
14 002591, Case No. 22-51-001156, Case No.
15 22-51-004434, Case No. 21-51-012872,
16 Case No. 23-51-005173, Case No. 23-51-
17 006517, Case No. 21-51-016903, Case
18 Nos. 21-51-012887 & 23-51-010452, Case
19 No. 21-51-015876, Case No. 22-51-
20 011832, Case No. 22-51-011831, Case No.
21 18-51-007169?

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. The Respondent's
5 name at Case No. 20-51-007981 is James Lester
6 McKeithan, RN; Case No. 22-51-006251, Edna Campbell,
7 LPN; Case No. 23-51-001352, Regina Paula DeLaurentis,
8 LPN; Case No. 23-51-002591, Angel Louise Mari Gagne,
9 LPN; Case No. 22-51-001156, Memuna Jalloh, LPN; Case
10 No. 22-51-004434, Larry G. Markley, LPN; Case No. 21-
11 51-012872, Amelia A. Jones, RN, LPN; Case No. 23-51-
12 005173, Dickson Twum Yeboah, LPN,; Case No. 23-51-
13 006517, Daniel Willie, RN; Case No. 21-51-016903,
14 Miranda Zongcho Nagwah, RN, LPN; Case Nos. 21-51-
15 012887 & 23-51-010452, Ivonne Chinyama, RN, LPN; Case
16 No. 21-51-015876, Senor Villette, RN, LPN; Case No.
17 22-51-011832, Angela R. Snowden, RN, LPN; Case No.
18 22-51-011831, Nicholas Focham Ngwa, RN, LPN; and Case
19 No. 18-51-007169, Erika Monique Rivera, RN]

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21 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

22 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent
23 Agreement at Case No. 22-51-017709, for
24 which members Hertzler and Kerns are
25 recused?

1 DR. COUGHLIN:

2 So moved.

3 DR. HUNSBERGER:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR KMETZ:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried. Hertzler and Kerns recused
9 themselves from deliberations and voting on the
10 motion. The Respondent's name is Elsie Enid Rivera,
11 RN]

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13 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

14 Is there a motion to adopt the
15 following Consent Agreements, for which
16 members Hertzler, Kerns, and Hunsberger
17 are recused, at Case No. 23-51-000579
18 and Case No. 23-51-000013?

19 DR. COUGHLIN:

20 So moved.

21 MS. MALADY:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR KMETZ:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?

25 Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and
2 Hunsberger recused themselves from deliberations and
3 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name at Case
4 No. 23-51-000579 is Meghan Lynn Small, RN, and Case
5 No. 23-51-000013 is Kurt C. Schaber, RN.]

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7 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

8 Items 23 and 34 were withdrawn.

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion to deny as too
12 lenient the Consent Agreement at Case
13 No. 20-51-001914?

14 DR. COUGHLIN:

15 So moved.

16 DR. HUNSBERGER:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR KMETZ:

19 All those in favor? Opposed?

20 Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

22 ***

23 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

24 Is there a motion to grant
25 Reinstatement to Petitioner Marci

1 Bigney, RN, Case No. 18-51-03903, to
2 former case status, for which member
3 Kerns is recused?

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. Member Kerns recused herself
12 from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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14 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

15 Is there a motion to approve the
16 Settlement Agreement in the matter of
17 Barbara McGrenra Doeer, RN, Case No.
18 21-51-003258, for which members
19 Hertzler and Kerns are recused?

20 DR. COUGHLIN:

21 So moved.

22 DR. BUCHER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR KMETZ:

25 All those in favor? Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

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

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel
8 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in
9 the matter of Erin M. Ailes, RN, Case
10 No. 18-51-006134?

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 grant a License by
22 Endorsement to Shantay Howell, LPN,
23 Case No. 23-51-004528?

24 DR. COUGHLIN:

25 So moved.

1 MS. HERTZLER:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR KMETZ:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9 Is there a motion to grant
10 reinstatement to unrestricted status to
11 Stacy Lee Parks, LPN, Case Nos. 17-51-
12 04651 & 22-51-012524?

13 DR. COUGHLIN:

14 So moved.

15 DR. BUCHER:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR KMETZ:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23 Is there a motion to deny the Motion to
24 Enter Default and Deem Facts Admitted
25 for Garry Roger Dormevil, RN, Case No.

1 21-51-020242?

2 DR. COUGHLIN:

3 So moved.

4 MS. HERTZLER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR KMETZ:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Is there a motion to grant the Motion
13 to Enter Default, deem the facts
14 admitted, and authorize Counsel to
15 prepare Adjudications and Orders in the
16 matters of Stephanie Renee Gray, LPN,
17 Case No. 23-51-006203, and Lora L.
18 Lowry, RN, Case No. 22-51-006550?

19 DR. COUGHLIN:

20 So moved.

21 DR. HUNSBERGER:

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,
6 for which there are no recusals, in the
7 matter of Susan Maholic Arnold, LPN,
8 Case No. 21-51-004613?

9 DR. COUGHLIN:

10 So moved.

11 MS. HERTZLER:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR KMETZ:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

19 Is there a motion to adopt the Hearing
20 Examiner's Proposal for Michelle
21 Hawkins, LPN, Case No. 21-51-020257,
22 for which members Hertzler and Kerns
23 are recused?

24 DR. COUGHLIN:

25 So moved.

1 DR. HUNSBERGER:

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.]

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel
12 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in
13 the matter of Steven Terry Stahl, RN,
14 Case No. 21-51-008144, for which
15 members Hertzler and Kerns are recused?

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. Members Hertzler and Kerns
24 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
25 the motion.]

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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

3 Is there a motion to adopt the
4 following Draft Adjudications and
5 Orders, for which there are no
6 recusals, for Dean Marks Ambrozak, RN,
7 Case No. 21-51-011638; Alice Del Davis,
8 RN, LPN, Case No. 21-51-001396; Jean E.
9 Kane, RN, Case No. 19-51-003604; Joseph
10 J. Leszczynski, RN, Case No. 17-51-
11 012489; Anthony M. Hinson, RN, Case No.
12 21-51-018839; Daphne Darlene Mumma,
13 LPN, Case no. 20-51-008586; Danielle
14 Mertz, RN, Case No. 20-51-010662; and
15 Stephanie Lee Shumaker, RN, Case No.
16 22-51-010343?

17 DR. COUGHLIN:

18 So moved.

19 MS. HERTZLER:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR KMETZ:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 51-000752, and Erin D. Oakes, LPN, Case
2 No. 21-51-007706, for which members
3 Hertzler and Kerns are recused?

4 DR. COUGHLIN:

5 So moved.

6 MS. MALADY:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR KMETZ:

9 All those in favor? Opposed?

10 Abstentions?

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

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15 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

16 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
17 Adjudication and Order in the matter of
18 Shawn Dale Kennedy, RN, Case No. 22-51-
19 013673, for which members Kerns,
20 Hertzler and Hunsberger are recused?

21 DR. COUGHLIN:

22 So moved.

23 MS. MALADY:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR KMETZ:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

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

6 ***

7 Adjournment

8 CHAIR KMETZ:

9 Could we have a motion to adjourn?

10 DR. COUGHLIN:

11 So moved.

12 MS. MALADY:

13 Second.

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15 [There being no further business, the State Board of
16 Nursing Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.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.



Devin Nunemaker,

Minute Clerk

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