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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

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BOARD MEMBERS:

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

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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
Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and
Prosecution Co-Liaison
T'rese Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor and
Prosecution Co-Liaison
Kathryn E. Bellfy, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Matthew Fogal, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Matthew Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Trista M. Boyd, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Adrienne Doll, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Alex Capitello, Legal Analyst, Office of Prosecution

DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BOARD STAFF:

Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary
Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator
Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor
Susan Bolig, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor
Kelly Hoffman, MSN, RN, Nursing Education Advisor
Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing
Education Advisor
Marguerite Witmer, MSN, RN-BC, MPA, Nursing Education
Advisor
Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BOARD STAFF: (Cont.)

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Tiffany Booher, MA, LPC, CAADC, CIP, CCSM, Director,
Peer Assistance Monitoring Programs, Foundation of
the Pennsylvania Medical Society

Susan C. Lewis, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program
Director, Fayette County Career & Technical
Institute

Lorie Filitsky, Fayette County Career & Technical
Institute

Elizabeth Shaw, BSN, RN, Faculty Member, Fayette
County Career & Technical Institute

Linda Caputi, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE, ANEF, Nursing
Education Consultant, Orleans Technical College

Rodney Brutton, Campus President, Orleans Technical
College

Christine Gillespie, Senior Vice President, Career &
Technical Education of JEVS Human Services/Orleans
Technical College

Waleska Maldonado, JEVS Human Services

Elvis Falbo, Consultant, Orleans Technical College

Carol Gullo Mest, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, FAANP, Chair,
Graduate Nursing Programs, DeSales University

Cindy Atwell, Practical Nursing Program Director,
Great Lakes Institute of Technology

Dawne Pelky, RN, Practical Nursing Instructor, Great
Lakes Institute of Technology

Khadijah Williams, MSN-ED, RN, Director of Nursing,
Prism Career Institute

Jessica Bellerby-Williamson, Student Services, Prism
Career Institute

Jeffery Mann, Campus Director, Prism Career Institute

Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Association of Private School Administrators

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

Janyce Collier, MSN, RN, CNE, JLM Consulting

Joann Meagon, Director, Pennsylvania Nurse Peer
Assistance Program

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Maria Grandinetti, PhD, RN, BSBA, CNE, Director of
Nursing, King's College
Dr. Christopher O'Brien, Dean of Health Services,
King's College
Larissa Hutchins, MSN, RN, CCRN, CCNS, NEA-BC,
Director of Nursing Professional Development,
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Kathleen Rundquist, MSN, RN, CNE, Nurse Administrator
and Financial Aid Administrator, Franklin County
Practical Nursing Program
Mindy Guinard, EdD, Interim Director of Nursing &
Health Sciences, Wilson College
Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Peggy Pearl, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
Coalition of Nurse Practitioners
Stephanie Woodruff, DNP, CRNA, CHSE, Somnia Nurse
Anesthesia Program
P. Daniel Altland, Esquire, Pennsylvania Association
of Nurse Anesthetists
Shauna Boscaccy, Esquire, Vice President, GSL
Strategies Group
Marcia Landman, MSN, BSN, RN, Practical Nursing
Program Director, United Career Institute
Andrea Wandling, PHR, SHRM-CP, Human Resources
Manager, Pennsylvania Association of Community
Health Centers
Nicole Campbell, Division Chief, Division of Law
Enforcement Education and Trade Schools,
Pennsylvania Department of Education
Jenny Piper, Board Administrator, Board of Private
Licensed Schools, Pennsylvania Department of
Education
Pam Hughes, MSN, CRNP, FNP-C, United Career Institute
Jean Marie Truman, Director of Assessment/Program
Review and Associate Professor of Nursing,
University of Pittsburgh at Bradford
Tyler Burke, Milliron & Goodman, LLC
Joshua Adams, DNP Student, Duquesne University
Jared Young, York County PA Career Link
Tiffany Unger
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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Gail's Otter Pilot
Sophia Mahoney, Sargent's Court Reporting Services,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Nursing

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Nursing was held on Monday, December 11,
7 2023. Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, called the
8 meeting to order at 9:00 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.]

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18 Introduction of Board Counsel

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

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22 Introduction of Board Prosecution

23 [Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and
24 Prosecution Co-Liaison, introduced Board
25 prosecutors.]

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2 Introduction of In-Person Attendees

3 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, requested an
4 introduction of those attending in person.]

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6 Introduction of Virtual Attendees

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

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10 Adoption of the Agenda

11 CHAIR KMETZ:

12 Our agenda is before us. Do we have
13 any additions or corrections? Hearing
14 none, may I have a motion for approval?

15 MS. HERTZLER:

16 Motion to approve the agenda.

17 DR. BUCHER:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR KMETZ:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
25 advised that the meeting was being recorded and

1 voluntary participation constituted consent to be
2 recorded.]

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4 Adoption of Minutes

5 CHAIR KMETZ:

6 The minutes of November are before you.

7 Do we have any additions or
8 corrections to those minutes? Hearing
9 none, may I have a motion for approval?

10 DR. COMPHER:

11 So moved.

12 MS. HERTZLER:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR KMETZ:

15 All those in favor? Opposed?

16 Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried. Dr. Hunsberger abstained from
18 voting on the motion.]

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20 Report of Prosecutorial Division

21 [Chair Kmetz noted VRP Consent Agreement items 2
22 through 15.]

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24 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Bellfy's items 16 through 19.]

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1 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Doll's items 20 and 21.]

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3 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Evancho's items 22, 23, and
4 62.]

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6 [Chair Kmetz noted Mr. Sniscak's items 24 and 25.]

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8 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Tucker's item 26.]

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10 Regulation Update

11 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
12 noted the Board would hold a regulation meeting to
13 discuss the Opioid Prescription and Education
14 regulation and Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) later in
15 the meeting.

16 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted that there was no
17 change to the status of the Volunteer License
18 regulation.

19 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted resubmitting revisions
20 to the Nursing Education Program regulations to
21 Regulatory Counsel, and a two-day meeting is
22 scheduled for Friday and Monday to go over the
23 revisions to the Annex and Preamble. None of the
24 revisions are substantive.

25 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Board members that

1 she has not reviewed the comments received from
2 Regulatory Counsel regarding the Continued Competency
3 and Licensure by Endorsement regulation.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted she is amending the
5 Preamble and Annex for 16A-5145 regarding CRNA
6 licensure.

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder also noted the Board still
8 has not received any word from the Federal Bureau of
9 Investigation (FBI) regarding federal fingerprint-
10 based criminal background checks for 16A-5147
11 regarding the NLC. She reported the federal
12 legislation for States Handling Access to Reciprocity
13 for Employment (SHARE) Act is not moving through
14 Congress and is in a hold pattern.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder advised that the Bureau
16 continues to move forward with making technological
17 changes to the Pennsylvania Licensing System (PALS)
18 so that the Board would be able to start issuing
19 multistate licenses once the NLC is fully
20 implemented. She mentioned there could be a new
21 RN/CRNP combined application, an RN/CNS combined
22 application, and eventually an RN/CRNA combined
23 application.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that until the RN
25 is issued the CRNP/CNS/CRNA certification would not

1 be able to be issued. She further explained that
2 waiting for information to process the certificate
3 would not hold up the RN process.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder had no further update
5 regarding the Commissioner's Crimes Directly Related
6 to the Profession regulation.]

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8 Pennsylvania Legislative Update - Legislation
9 Affecting Nurses/Nursing

10 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
11 addressed House Bill 1882, which was just introduced
12 on December 6 to protect consumers from fraudulent
13 licensees. She noted the Board would be granted
14 authority to rescind a license where there is
15 probable cause that it was based on fraudulent
16 documentation.

17 Ms. Pachter Schulder further noted it would not
18 be based on an order to show cause or a conclusion
19 from an adjudication or consent agreement. She also
20 reported some bills have moved a little bit but not
21 much further.]

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23 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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25 Report of Acting Commissioner

1 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
2 Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board
3 members that all Board meetings going forward would
4 be held at 2525 North 7th Street in a hybrid
5 fashion.]

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7 Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening
8 Committee

9 [Sue E. Hertzler, LPN, noted the Probable Cause
10 Screening Committee moved on 7 Petitions for
11 Appropriate Relief, 19 Petitions for Mental and
12 Physical Examinations, and no Petitions for Immediate
13 Temporary Suspensions.]

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15 Report of Committees - Application Review Committee
16 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, reported that the
17 Application Review Committee reviewed several
18 applications virtually.]

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

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23 Report of Committees - RN/PN Practice, Education, &
24 Regulation/Advanced Practice Committee
25 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, noted they would

1 return to this committee later during the meeting.]

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3 Report of Committees - Dietitian-Nutritionist

4 Committee - No Report

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6 IT & Communication Issues Committee

7 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, mentioned that the
8 Board had no technology issues today and was hopeful
9 that the new location would be better.]

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11 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on

12 Behalf of the Board - No Report

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14 Report of Executive Secretary

15 [Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary, noted
16 her attendance, along with Nurse Education Advisor
17 Kelly Hoffman, at the Pennsylvania Coalition of
18 Associate Degree Nursing Programs meeting on Friday,
19 November 17. She also noted she and Ms. Pachter
20 Schulder attended a meeting of the credentialing peer
21 group of the Pennsylvania Association of Community
22 Health Centers on Tuesday, December 5, with Director
23 of Operations Matt Eaton.

24 Ms. Miller reported that the State of Washington
25 has selected January 31, 2024 as their full

1 implementation date for the NLC and that an email was
2 provided to licensees who were residents of
3 Washington state that they would be able to apply for
4 a Washington multistate license which would allow
5 them to practice in all compact states including
6 Pennsylvania after January 31, and any Washington
7 resident holding a Pennsylvania registered nurse (RN)
8 or practical nurse (PN) single state license who
9 obtains a Washington multistate license does not need
10 to renew their Pennsylvania license.

11 Ms. Miller stated that a new Nursing Education
12 Advisor would be coming on board in January and the
13 Board would be interviewing a candidate for the
14 Nursing Practice Advisor position next week. She also
15 noted they are in the process of reposting the
16 Nursing Education Advisor position that was vacated
17 when Ms. Zvorsky retired.

18 Ms. Miller encouraged anybody with a background
19 in nursing education in Pennsylvania with a Master's
20 Degree who has been practicing in Pennsylvania for
21 five years to submit an application.]

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23 New Business - Election of Chair and Vice Chair

24 CHAIR KMETZ:

25 It's that time of the year to reelect a

1 Chair and a Vice Chair.

2 Do we have any nominations?

3 DR. HUNSBERGER:

4 I'll nominate Linda [Kmetz] to continue

5 as Chair for next year.

6 CHAIR KMETZ:

7 I accept. Do we have a second?

8 DR. BUCHER:

9 I second.

10 CHAIR KMETZ:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 CHAIR KMETZ:

16 I nominate Colby Hunsberger for Vice

17 Chair again.

18 MS. HERTZLER:

19 I'll second that.

20 DR. HUNSBERGER:

21 I will accept.

22 CHAIR KMETZ:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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2 CHAIR KMETZ:

3 The last time we did this, I believe I
4 nominated Dr. Bucher and would like to
5 nominate him again for Secretary.

6 DR. COMPHER:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR KMETZ:

9 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Appointment - DeSales University Proposal for a
13 Pediatric Primary Care CRNP MSN and Post-Master's
14 Certificate Program

15 [Carol Gullo Mest, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, FAANP, Chair,
16 Graduate Nursing Programs, presented on behalf of
17 DeSales University.]

18 Dr. Gullo Mest explained that the Pediatric
19 Primary Care CRNP MSN and Post-Master's Certificate
20 Program has an additional concentration in
21 developmental, behavioral, and mental health issues
22 in pediatric populations.

23 Dr. Gullo Mest stated many families noted their
24 children were having severe developmental,
25 behavioral, and mental health issues during COVID and

1 prompted her to include the pediatric nurse
2 practitioner program. She mentioned the waiting time
3 could be 24 months or more for accessibility to
4 providers who can address that issue in pediatrics.
5 She stated the PNP could work in an outpatient
6 primary care practice but still give the overview and
7 the treatment of developmental, behavioral, and
8 mental health issues.

9 Dr. Gullo Mest addressed having a flex format,
10 where students could come into the classroom live and
11 provides an opportunity for applicants from across
12 the country. She discussed requirements for
13 certification and the addition of a 30-hour pediatric
14 psychopharmacology course. She noted having a
15 pediatric nurse practitioner with over 15 years of
16 experience who would be willing to oversee the
17 program. She also noted they have access to a
18 pediatric psychiatrist who is also willing to help
19 with some of the courses that focus on the mental
20 health needs.

21 Dr. Gullo Mest mentioned she would likely be
22 submitting an expanded curriculum to meet not only
23 the American Association of Colleges of Nursing
24 (AACN) Essentials but also the National Task Force
25 (NTF) Standards, which requires 750 clinical hours,

1 noting that would likely change before they launch
2 the program.

3 Dr. Gullo Mest stated many pediatric
4 practitioners, both nurse practitioners and
5 physicians, have agreed to take on their students,
6 along with having a long-term agreement with the
7 Children's Integrated Center for Success in
8 Allentown. She noted KidsPeace in Allentown has a
9 great opportunity to focus on behavioral and mental
10 health needs of children's families in the community
11 and does not only address the child. She also noted
12 having accessibility to student health centers at
13 Lehigh University and Lafayette College.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated the Board issues
15 certificates to CRNPs in specialties but approves
16 CRNP Programs by the Consensus Model populations and
17 therefore would be approving this program as a
18 pediatric primary care program without the mental
19 health subspecialty because the Board does not
20 approve or disapprove subspecialties.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder further explained that the
22 program is approved following a Board vote and then
23 whatever a student needs to obtain in order to get
24 the subspecialty would be DeSales University's
25 responsibility. She noted this program would be

1 listed on the approved list as a pediatric primary
2 care program.

3 Dr. Compher commented that eating disorders and
4 obesity are among the conditions that nurse
5 practitioners are likely to respond to for which
6 there are not a lot of resources and asked whether
7 their education program would give them the
8 background they need if no referral centers are
9 around.

10 Dr. Gullo Mest explained that focusing on the
11 issue of having psychopharmacology would be a big
12 help and the eating disorders and things like that
13 are all covered in the syllabi.

14 Chair Kmetz referred to the joint appointment
15 faculty member who would be their program director
16 and asked how many hours they would be devoting to
17 their joint appointment versus the position as a
18 program director. She also asked how they would use
19 simulation in a hybrid format when recruiting
20 students from across the country. She mentioned that
21 their preceptors are all in Pennsylvania and asked
22 how they would get preceptors in remote locations if
23 they anticipate getting more of a student body from
24 across the country.

25 Dr. Gullo Mest stated the individual would be

1 transferred to full-time faculty. She explained that
2 students are required to attend class at times, and
3 it is not 100% online. She mentioned that a lot of
4 times they have contacts with certain providers who
5 could be a preceptor, where they reach out to them
6 and get their curriculum vitae and information.

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the Board would
8 deliberate on this matter during Executive Session
9 and welcomed them to continue attending the meeting
10 virtually. She also noted the program would receive
11 a letter from the Board advising of the results.]

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13 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, exited the meeting
14 at 9:37 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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VICE CHAIR HUNSBERGER ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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18 Appointment - Fayette County Career & Technical

19 Institute - Extension of Provisional Status—Year 4

20 [Susan C. Lewis, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program

21 Director, Lorie Filitsky, and Elizabeth Shaw, BSN,

22 RN, Faculty Member, presented on behalf of Fayette

23 County Career & Technical Institute to discuss their

24 request for an extension of the program's provisional

25 status.

1 Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
2 referred to Fayette County Career & Technical
3 Institute's pass rate of 66.67% for the 2022-2023
4 examination year, noting fluctuations in the past few
5 years with some good quarters, like quarters 3 and 4
6 in the last examination year over 75%. She requested
7 information regarding the program's planned changes
8 to improve their pass rate.

9 Ms. Lewis noted a lot of instructor turnover was
10 part of the problem. She addressed the new
11 curriculum change and reported seeing improvements
12 with the new curriculum and implementation of
13 remediation. She mentioned developing a professional
14 development plan for their instructors and focusing
15 on teaching methodologies to help improve student
16 outcomes.

17 Ms. Lewis addressed their action plan, including
18 a new faculty orientation plan with mentors to assist
19 new instructors, along with developing a faculty
20 evaluation tool focusing on the eight National League
21 for Nursing (NLN) competencies for novice nursing
22 instructors. She reported having the same three
23 instructors but mentioned the difficulty in finding
24 another instructor and people who are prepared to
25 teach Next Generation NCLEX® questions and case

1 studies.

2 Ms. Lewis addressed Fayette's pass rate
3 turnaround with the implementation of Assessment
4 Technologies Institute (ATI) and preparation for the
5 Next Generation NCLEX® and believed they are on the
6 upswing.

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder asked when Ms. Lewis plans
8 on implementing the faculty development changes. Ms.
9 Lewis stated they would be implementing some of those
10 faculty development changes immediately before they
11 put it in their policies and procedures. She noted
12 their new term starts in January and have already had
13 a few professional development in-service days to
14 start the formative assessments and different
15 teaching methodologies. She also mentioned having an
16 instructional coach to help in real time as well.

17 Dr. Hunsberger asked whether they traced students
18 who have been unsuccessful back to exams within the
19 program.

20 Ms. Lewis noted utilizing many ATI modules and
21 students scoring better on their proctored exams with
22 the use F.A. Davis and Osmosis. She mentioned
23 considering using another test exam and working on
24 finding a cost-effect test bank system.

25 Dr. Hunsberger asked Ms. Lewis to consider

1 sending faculty to training to write their own
2 questions because many questions in commercial item
3 banks can be found on the internet.

4 Dr. Hunsberger noted being impressed with Fayette
5 and appreciated their professional development plan
6 to invest not only in their curriculum but also their
7 instructors.

8 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Ms. Lewis that the
9 Board would discuss the extension of provisional
10 status in Executive Session and welcomed her to
11 continue to attend in person but noted she could
12 attend virtually and would also receive a letter from
13 the Board.]

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15 Appointment - Great Lakes Institute of Technology -

16 Extension of Provisional Status-Year 6

17 [Cindy Atwell, Practical Nursing Program Director,

18 and Dawne Pelky, RN, Practical Nursing Program

19 Instructor, presented on behalf of Great Lakes

20 Institute of Technology's request for an extension of

21 its provisional status.

22 Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,

23 noted that Great Lakes Institute's pass rate is

24 currently at 66.67%, with pass rates of 57.14% in the

25 first quarter, 77.78% in the second quarter, 0% in

1 the third quarter and 62.50% in the last quarter and
2 requested an update in terms of the closure of the
3 program and what is being done for students.

4 Ms. Atwell reported all four students passed
5 their National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX®)
6 on their first attempt in the September 2023
7 graduating class. She noted changes have been made
8 to the curriculum with ATI and it is working. She
9 also noted utilizing F.A. Davis, where instructors
10 are no longer making up their own exams. She
11 mentioned working closely with students and have
12 added tutoring. She noted a class would be
13 graduating in December and then one more class of 10
14 students graduating in March 2024, which would be the
15 end of the program.

16 Dr. Hunsberger commented that it is much better
17 for faculty to learn to write their own questions and
18 have a program going from easier questions to more
19 difficult questions to have more success. He also
20 mentioned that all commercial item bank questions are
21 available online, and students could see the
22 questions ahead of time.

23 Dr. Hunsberger requested more information
24 regarding simulation and student satisfaction surveys
25 with the simulation. Ms. Pelky stated they have been

1 doing more simulation, especially with maternity and
2 other things like cardiac and respiratory problems
3 with Lucy.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the importance of the
5 Board to ensure that the remaining students are
6 getting an education that would prepare them for the
7 practice of nursing. She commented that having them
8 return again several more times may not be in their
9 interest or even in the Board's interest in light of
10 the closure after the March term. She stated the
11 Board is going to deliberate during Executive Session
12 in terms of the length of the extension and welcomed
13 Great Lakes Institute to participate virtually but
14 also noted they would receive a letter from the Board
15 concerning their decision.]

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17 [The Board recessed from 10:00 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.]

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19 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, reentered the
20 meeting at 10:15 a.m.]

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22 CHAIR KMETZ REASSUMED THE CHAIR

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24 Appointment - Prism Career Institute - Extension of
25 Provisional Status-Year 10

1 [Khadijah Williams, MSN-ED, RN, Director of Nursing;
2 Jessica Bellerby-Williamson, Student Services; and
3 Jeffery Mann, Campus Director, presented on behalf of
4 Prism Career Institute's request for an extension of
5 its provisional approval status.

6 Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
7 commented that the Board is pleased with the 2022-
8 2023 76% NCLEX® pass rate level given that the prior
9 year the pass rate was 70.77% but needs Prism Career
10 Institute to get to the 80% level.

11 Dr. Williams acknowledged not getting to 80% last
12 year but noted they began working with a consultant
13 to help ensure their curriculum is in alignment with
14 the blueprint for NCLEX® for student success. She
15 believed they are seeing the fruits of the
16 consultant's recommendations, including grade
17 percentages being at least 85-90% assessment based
18 and enhancing PowerPoints, along with utilizing F.A.
19 Davis.

20 Dr. Williams addressed the percentage of exam
21 questions versus other types of measurement where
22 exam percentage is about 35%, final and midterm 25%,
23 along with ATI assignments. She mentioned the
24 importance of ensuring that most of the grade is
25 through assessments.

1 Dr. Kmetz asked whether there was a relationship
2 between the students' quality point average (QPA) and
3 first-time NCLEX® pass rate.

4 Dr. Williams explained that they researched that
5 over the years, and it varied and was not consistent.
6 She discussed utilizing Mountain Measurements and
7 enhancing topics in the curriculum that were issues
8 for students. She noted working with ATI and F.A.
9 Davis to ensure they are maximizing resources for
10 students with critical thinking and clinical
11 judgment. She also discussed utilizing test banks as
12 a guide.

13 Dr. Kmetz asked whether any feedback was received
14 from students regarding why they were unsuccessful
15 passing NCLEX® the first time. Dr. Williams stated a
16 lot of the feedback is anxiety and not reading the
17 question. She mentioned assisting students with the
18 testing environment and managing time on questions in
19 their testing strategy course.

20 Dr. Hunsberger asked whether Prism Career
21 Institute administers exams through ATI and whether
22 there is a review at the end of the program.

23 Dr. Williams noted utilizing the Canvass Learning
24 Management System, along with proctored exams through
25 ATI. She noted they have an ATI three-day review,

1 which will be paid by the school effective January 2,
2 2024.

3 Ms. Hertzler asked whether students are now
4 testing sooner.

5 Dr. Williams noted they promote that student
6 should test as quickly as possible because they are
7 less likely to pass if they wait. She mentioned
8 having a career service representative who works with
9 students directly through the testing process.

10 Mr. Mann thanked the Board for their support and
11 Ms. Hoffman for her assistance with the Education
12 Program Portal and Information Communication Channel
13 (eppiccNURSE). He also thanked the Board for their
14 suggestion of getting a consultant.

15 Dr. Williams mentioned not being in contact with
16 the consultant recently but noted hiring an academic
17 coordinator in July 2023 to ensure they are meeting
18 guidelines and recommendations. She addressed
19 students who have taken the test since October,
20 noting 22 takers and 19 who passed with 11
21 outstanding and 9 graduates who graduated in the
22 previous cohort.

23 Ms. Pachter Schulder advised that the Board will
24 deliberate in Executive Session and welcomed them to
25 continue to listen but that they would also receive a

1 letter from the Board regarding their decision. She
2 anticipated the Board would have them return sooner
3 than the next examination year.

4 Mr. Mann referred to an item on the docket from
5 the Department of Education in July 2024, where Prism
6 Career Institute would have to reduce program hours
7 from 1560 to 1500. He stated those 60 hours are used
8 for preparatory math and test-taking strategies.

9 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that those are
10 federal regulations of the U.S. Department of
11 Education and not something the Board could control.
12 She stated programs have made a request to the Board
13 to consider increasing the number of hours from 1500.
14 She noted the legislature would have to do that
15 because the required hours are set in the statute.
16 She encouraged anyone who feels strongly about the
17 need to change the minimum education hours to contact
18 their legislators about such a change.

19 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the U.S. Department of
20 Education had not implemented the regulations
21 previously and may or may not enforce them on July 1.
22 She mentioned that programs who need to decrease
23 their number of hours may have to submit a curriculum
24 change in order to obtain the Title funding. She
25 explained that if the federal regulation is

1 implemented by the USDOE and there is not a statute
2 change, then affected programs would need to get that
3 curriculum change to the Board.]

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5 Miscellaneous - Appointment - Orleans Technical
6 College Proposal for Implementation of a
7 Pre-licensure Practical Nursing Program
8 [Rodney Brutton, Campus President; Elvis Falbo,
9 Consultant; and Linda Caputi, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE,
10 ANEF, Nursing Education Consultant, presented on
11 behalf of Orleans Technical College.

12 Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
13 noted that this application was on the agenda last
14 month, but the matter was tabled because the
15 information provided during the presentation to the
16 Board was different than what was in the written
17 proposal. She noted the Board also had questions
18 about the various clinical sites for student
19 experiences in Obstetrics (OB) and maybe Med-Surg.
20 She asked Orleans Technical College to explain where
21 these clinical experiences are going to take place.

22 Mr. Brutton outlined Orleans' simulation plan as
23 it relates to OB, pediatrics, and mental health. Mr.
24 Falbo advised that Orleans would be purchasing
25 simulation equipment for the pediatrics program with

1 manikins and software, along with Laerdal Scenario
2 Cloud. Mr. Falbo noted they would be utilizing mid-
3 fidelity manikin, along with tapping into the Laerdal
4 Scenario Cloud for scenarios for OB.

5 Mr. Falbo indicated that they would be using
6 standardized patients for mental health because it
7 increases fidelity for the student and greater
8 interaction. He referred to plan B regarding the
9 budget, faculty development, and training. He stated
10 all of the simulations would be following the
11 International Nursing Association for Clinical
12 Simulation and Learning (INACSL). Mr. Falbo noted a
13 pre-brief and actual simulation done by a facilitator
14 simulationist would be provided, along with a robust
15 debrief.

16 Mr. Brutton addressed staff and faculty, noting
17 not only the nurse administrator but all full-time
18 faculty would be trained at Drexel University's
19 simulation program. He noted the Practical Nurse
20 program is not expected to start till June 2024 and
21 would be purchasing the equipment within the next
22 couple of weeks to ensure the equipment is on site.
23 He also noted that provides time to hire faculty and
24 staff and build out the simulation lab.

25 Chair Kmetz asked whether any of the faculty

1 would be simulation certified or whether there is a
2 plan to have somebody simulation certified on the
3 site. Mr. Brutton explained that it is part of the
4 staff development through Drexel University where the
5 nurse administrator as well as all full-time faculty
6 would be trained through Drexel's simulation program.

7 Dr. Hunsberger asked whether they had a nurse
8 educator's input regarding the proposed Practical
9 Nurse program. Dr. Caputi stated she would continue
10 to work with staff as they hire the director and
11 faculty regarding item writing and the importance of
12 knowing how to write different level test questions
13 and active learning.

14 Dr. Kmetz requested information concerning
15 obtaining acute care hospital partners. Mr. Brutton
16 noted reaching out to several area hospitals for
17 acute care clinical experience but none of them were
18 interested in practical nursing program partnerships
19 and have partnered with the PHMC outpatient
20 ambulatory care setting to allow students to get that
21 clinical or practical experience in those specialty
22 areas to include mental health, pediatric nursing,
23 and OB. Dr. Kmetz encouraged Orleans to continue to
24 periodically reach out because the market trend is
25 seeing more and more LPNs coming back into acute care

1 and may open up more interest.

2 Chair Kmetz referred to total clinical hours and
3 asked what percentage would be by simulation in acute
4 care and via outpatient. Mr. Brutton stated 50%
5 would be simulation and the remaining 50% with
6 outpatient until they find acute care. He noted
7 students would not receive any medical-surgical,
8 operating room, or emergency room experience unless
9 they supplement that through simulation.

10 Mr. Falbo stated there are simulation scenarios
11 available where they could tap into acute settings
12 and apply that to the LPN level.

13 Dr. Hunsberger asked how many students would
14 actually go through it with simulation being at 50%.
15 He also asked whether they are prepared for the cost
16 of simulation. Mr. Falbo addressed best standards
17 when performing simulation and mentioned keeping it
18 simple so the ratio is not as big to help increase
19 learning.

20 Mr. Brutton stated they are focusing on
21 simulation as it relates to pediatric, mental health,
22 and OB care and not the entire program.

23 Chair Kmetz asked where they would get medical-
24 surgical experience caring for adult clients. Dr.
25 Caputi explained that it would be in the clinic and

1 outpatient areas where they have rehab that the
2 patients would go to before they are discharged.

3 Mr. Brutton provided examples of facilities,
4 including St. John Neumann and Fox Subacute that
5 offer all of the scope of care for those who are in a
6 rehabilitation or extended care facility.

7 Dr. Hunsberger expressed concern with students
8 being prepared in rehabilitation facilities because
9 clients need 3 hours of therapy a day, where 3 out of
10 the 8 hours would not be with patients. He also
11 stated students would not see changes in conditions
12 because those patients have already made it through
13 the acute care stage.

14 Dr. Caputi commented that there is a lot of
15 experience students can receive from rehab, subacute
16 care, and transitional care. She also mentioned some
17 of the long-term care facilities have challenging
18 patients. She mentioned that acute care facilities
19 are not hiring LPNs onto those acute care floors but
20 that the director would constantly look for
21 facilities. She noted they may have to do more acute
22 care kind of scenarios and simulations in the
23 simulation lab with an adult simulator at that point
24 as well until they are able to get into an acute care
25 facility. She noted they would be utilizing in-

1 person face-to-face simulation and no virtual
2 simulation would be used in the program.

3 Chair Kmetz stated the Board is trying to
4 determine the student's exposure to medical-surgical
5 adult health because they have to be able to practice
6 to the full extent of their licensure and meet
7 regulations for education.

8 Dr. Caputi referred to the transitional care,
9 rehab, and subacute care. She again noted they could
10 work on augmenting with simulation and maybe do more
11 standardized patients as an adult even before they
12 get a manikin until Mr. Brutton finds agencies
13 willing to host LPN students.

14 Dr. Hunsberger expressed concern with there being
15 a need for the program in their community if they are
16 unable to find a medical-surgical unit.

17 Mr. Brutton referred to their application and
18 feasibility study and said that there is a clearly
19 identified need for LPNs, not only by their clinical
20 partners but also external employer partners. He
21 also reported their outreach identified a number of
22 interested job seekers who would be interested in
23 joining their practical nursing program. He thought
24 their existing partners covered the scope of care,
25 including med-surg, so additional outreach would be

1 made and specifically asking about the scope of care
2 the Board is requesting.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder again asked where they
4 anticipate acute care experiences coming from, noting
5 they only mentioned a long-term care nursing
6 facility. Dr. Petula commented that long-term care
7 certainly has a variety of very complex patients, but
8 the concern is to make certain that the program
9 evaluates the skill mix because LPNs do need to be
10 under the supervision of an RN and not paired with
11 another LPN. She referred to the National League for
12 Nursing, noting it has an excellent Simulation
13 Innovation Resource Center.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder questioned whether the
15 employers or the individuals who responded to their
16 survey concerning the need for LPNs are the ones that
17 have made clinical opportunities available to their
18 students.

19 Mr. Brutton noted Ms. Pachter Schulder to be
20 correct, stating that St. John Neumann is an adult
21 long-term care facility, as well as Fox Subacute.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Orleans Technical
23 College that the Board would deliberate during
24 Executive Session and welcomed them to continue
25 listening virtually but also noted they would receive

1 a letter from the Board.]

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3 Report of Committees - RN/PN Practice, Education, &
4 Regulation/Advanced Practice Committee

5 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,

6 noted the information is available under the

7 Regulation Update at item 5. She referred to 16A-

8 5146 regarding the Opioid and Organ Donation

9 Education regulation. She directed the Board's

10 attention to the Final Annex, Final Preamble, final

11 Regulatory Analysis Form attached to the agenda.

12 Ms. Pachter Schulder also referred to the letter

13 received from the Independent Regulatory Review

14 Commission letting the Board know that because there

15 was no public comment, no legislative comment, and no

16 comment from the Independent Regulatory Review

17 Commission that the regulation would be deemed

18 approved if the Board adopts it without any change.

19 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated the organ donation

20 organizations would have the modules available by

21 January to be able to implement the regulation.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained the provisions in

23 the Final Annex and asked for Board approval.]

24 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

25 Would someone be willing to make a

1 motion to adopt 16A-5146 in final form?

2 DR. HUNSBERGER:

3 So moved.

4 DR. BUCHER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR KMETZ:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
12 informed Board members that the Office of General
13 Counsel received questions as a result of partial
14 implementation, asking what impact the NLC has on
15 other regulations within the Commonwealth where the
16 regulations require an RN license or CRNP
17 certificate.

18 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted that the Board has
19 appreciated when regulations from other agencies say,
20 "an RN license issued by the State Board of Nursing"
21 or "an RN license under the Professional Nursing Law"
22 or "an LPN license under the Practical Nurse Law."
23 She indicated that some agencies are concerned that a
24 privilege to practice through the NLC does not fit
25 within the regulatory language.

1 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated that the Office of
2 General Counsel sent a letter to Acting Commissioner
3 Claggett asking the Board to consider issuing a
4 Statement of Policy that would explain the legal
5 impact of a privilege to practice.

6 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated that the Statement of
7 Policy is easy for the Board to adopt because it is
8 exactly what the NLC says, but the concern was for
9 other agencies where if it were not somewhere in a
10 Statement of Policy, that there could be confusion as
11 to that legal impact.

12 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted that the Department of
13 Health and Department of Human Services will be
14 jointly promulgating this Statement of Policy.]

15 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

16 Are you willing to adopt this Statement
17 of Policy which is Interpretations
18 Regarding the Applicability of Nursing
19 Standards and Qualifications to all
20 Nurses Practicing in this Commonwealth
21 as a Statement of Policy of the Board?

22 DR. HUNSBERGER:

23 So moved.

24 MS. HERTZLER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR KMETZ:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
7 explained that unlike the last Statement of Policy for
8 CRNPs which amended § 21.413(d) which was required to
9 follow the procedures set out in § 21.401, the NLC
10 Statement of Policy does not involve the practice of
11 nursing so those additional requirements § 21.401 do
12 not have to be followed.]

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14 [Rodney Brutton, Campus President, Orleans
15 Technical College, discussed Template C with med/surg
16 and noted Orleans has a partnership with Sage Life.
17 He argued that it is clear in their application and
18 the scope of care in alignment with the specific
19 courses that Sage Life provides that med/surg
20 experience for its students.

21 He provided a description of the facility as
22 being a long-term care facility that provides care
23 that covers med/surg, mental health, rehab, and long-
24 term care of elderly and older adults. It was noted
25 the Department of Health certificates submitted

1 indicate personal care home and not long-term care.

2 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that the personal
3 care home is not an acute care facility or long-term
4 care facility. She inquired if the Board's
5 information based on that certificate is incorrect.
6 It was noted that per the website, the home consists
7 of independent living, assisted living and personal
8 care, memory care, and respite and restorative stay.

9 Mr. Brutton indicated that students would have
10 access to all sites.

11 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated any decision the
12 Board makes would be subject to being provided with
13 certificates that indicate more than just assisted
14 living.]

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16 Miscellaneous

17 2022-2023 NCLEX® Pass Rate Results

18 [Ms. Pachter Schulder referred members to NCLEX® Pass
19 Rate Results for further discussion. She noted the
20 RN pass rate for the national average is 86.74, and
21 that Pennsylvania was 90.70, and for the PN, the
22 national average was 84.49 and Pennsylvania was
23 83.34. So noted that there are many more states that
24 are catching up or have caught up and maybe even
25 surpassed Pennsylvania's pass rate which in the past

1 was in the top ten.

2 Chair Kmetz indicated that this was addressed at
3 NCSBN's Annual Meeting by Phil Dickison due to the
4 nationwide concern that NCLEX® was going to be more
5 difficult with the advent of the NextGen version.
6 Nonetheless, the pass rates superseded anything that
7 the licensing boards ever thought they would, and it
8 was pointed out very succinctly that when the COVID
9 years are taken out, the pass rates on the NCLEX® are
10 the same as they were before COVID in terms of
11 results.

12 It was noted that there are students who are not
13 good test takers, students who are anxious, and that
14 the idea with a clinical judgment model is these
15 nurses need to better prepare to be able to make
16 clinical judgment. Also the Covid challenges
17 affected different programs in different ways, and
18 different programs came up with different strategies
19 to compensate—some which were very successful and
20 some which were not so successful. It was also noted
21 that it is still a question that has to be answered
22 through additional research of the performance of
23 these individuals in the clinical arena.]

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25 English Language Proficiency Examinations Update

1 [Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor,
2 updated the Board about English Language Proficiency
3 (ELP) Examinations and reported that NCSBN has not
4 issued an update since the Board last discussed these
5 examinations in 2020. The Board discussed whether it
6 should accept at-home versions of ELP examinations,
7 which it currently does not.

8 Ms. House explained that ProctorU and Yardstick
9 merged and have increased their ability to be more
10 precise in the security of their options. She
11 indicated that the available option for the
12 additional security when a person is testing on their
13 at-home computer is called Live+, advanced software
14 with human oversight and validation to create a
15 testing environment that prevents cheating, reduces
16 workload, and ensures an equitable experience for
17 test takers. Proctors continuously monitor the
18 session and have active interventions if misconduct
19 does occur and a comprehensive reporting system that
20 goes along with that.

21 Ms. House indicated that it also detects patterns
22 of suspicious activity like extra movement or someone
23 else entering a room and that an interventionist
24 would be brought into the session to determine if
25 there is a situation and would follow through by

1 making the company aware of it. All else would
2 remain the same with regard to testing at home.

3 She reported that NCSBN CEO Phil Dickison, did a
4 presentation regarding remote proctoring form at the
5 Midyear Meeting for 2021 and indicated this is time
6 to begin researching it more and putting things into
7 action as it is becoming more prevalent.

8 Ms. House was asked to provide additional
9 information about whether other boards of nursing
10 have decided to allow the at home option. She was
11 also asked to ascertain which of the Board-approved
12 providers include a similar Live+ action as an
13 alternative.

14 Ms. House noted that CGFNS announced on its
15 website that at-home versions of the test would not
16 be accepted. Ms. Pachter Schulder indicated that a
17 list of all the exams currently approved by the Board
18 are listed on the Board's website.]

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20 Public Comment Continued

21 [Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Pennsylvania
22 Association of Private School Administrators,
23 mentioned the previously discussed federal
24 regulations tying Title funding to the statutory
25 amount of education required for licensure. He

1 acknowledged that there would have to be a change in
2 the legislation to increase the number of hours from
3 1500 to a higher amount used by the majority of
4 current Pennsylvania Practical Nurse Programs. Under
5 these regulations, Title funding would not be
6 available for programs in excess of the statutory
7 amount. He questioned whether the Board was aware of
8 the federal regulations and questioned whether the
9 Board will be able to review/approve curriculum
10 changes implicated by the federal regulations. Ms.
11 Pachter Schulder advised that the Board is well aware
12 and anticipates review of those curriculum changes.]

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14 [The Board recessed from 12:02 p.m. until 12:45 p.m.]

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16 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
17 at 12:45 p.m. the Board entered into Executive
18 Session with Board Counsel Judith Pachter Schulder,
19 Esquire; Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire; Ariel E.
20 O'Malley, Esquire; Todd P. Kriner, Esquire; and
21 Megan E. Castor, Esquire, for the purpose of
22 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on the
23 matters listed under the Report of Prosecution,
24 Report of Board Counsel, and Appointments. The Board
25 returned to Open Session at 1:25 p.m.]

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2 MOTIONS

3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 During Executive Session, the Board
5 engaged in quasi-judicial deliberations
6 on the matters of the Report of
7 Prosecutorial Division, Report of Board
8 Counsel, and the Appointments. Board
9 members who recused themselves will be
10 identified in each individual motion.

11 Is there a motion to adopt the VRP
12 Consent Agreements at items 2 through
13 15?

14 MS. HERTZLER:

15 So moved.

16 DR. COMPHER:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR KMETZ:

19 All those in favor? Opposed?

20 Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

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

1 there are no recusals: 22-51-001160;
2 23-51-007618; 23-51-013399; 23-51-
3 016737; 22-51-011829; 22-51-017452, and
4 22-51-015662?

5 DR. COMPHER:

6 So moved.

7 MS. HERTZLER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR KMETZ:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried unanimously. Respondent's name
13 for 22-51-001160 is Gilbert Alamur, LPN; 23-51-
14 007618, Heidi Hornicek Landick, RN; 23-51-013399,
15 Melissa Ann Jerina, RN; 23-51-016737, Michael L.
16 Carbaugh, LPN; 22-51-011829, Tiffany Campbell, RN,
17 LPN; 22-51-017452, Denise M. Davis, RN; and 22-51-
18 015662, Lisa Royal Sawyer, RN.]

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20 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

21 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent
22 Agreement in the matter of 21-51-002821
23 for which members Hertzler and Kerns
24 are recused?

25 DR. BUCHER:

1 So moved.

2 DR. HUNSBERGER:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR KMETZ:

5 All those in favor? Opposed?

6 Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns
8 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.
9 Respondent's name is Leslie Marie Callahan, LPN.]

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Is there a motion to approve the
13 following Consent Agreements for which
14 members Hertzler, Kerns and Hunsberger
15 are recused: 22-51-009032; 23-51-
16 005872; and 23-51-010053?

17 DR. BUCHER:

18 So moved.

19 DR. COMPHER:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR KMETZ:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Kerns, and
25 Hunsberger recused from deliberations and voting on

1 the motion. Respondent's name for 22-51-009032 is
2 Brandy Moyer, LPN; 23-51-005872 is Alana Fusco, RN;
3 and 23-51-010053, Amber L. Piotrowicz, RN.]

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5 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

6 Is there a motion to grant the Motion
7 to Enter Default, to deem the facts
8 admitted and to authorize Counsel to
9 prepare an Adjudication and Order in
10 the matter of Kiara Patterson, LPN, 20-
11 51-012783, for which members Hertzler
12 and Kerns are recused?

13 DR. COMPHER:

14 So moved.

15 DR. BUCHER:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR KMETZ:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns
21 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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23 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

24 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent
25 Agreement in Case No. 23-51-008981 for

1 which members Hertzler and Hunsberger
2 are recused?

3 DR. BUCHER:

4 So moved.

5 DR. COMPHER:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR KMETZ:

8 All those in favor? Opposed?

9 Abstentions?

10 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Hunsberger
11 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.

12 Respondent's name is Tina Marie Williams, RN.]

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14 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

15 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel
16 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in
17 the matter of Kim Marie Boysha, LPN,
18 Case No. 20-51-007675?

19 DR. BUCHER:

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:

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MS. HERTZLER:

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So moved.

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DR. HUNSBERGER:

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Second.

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CHAIR KMETZ:

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All those in favor? Opposed?

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Abstentions?

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

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Is there a motion to adopt the following Draft Adjudications and Orders for which members Hertzler, Hunsberger, and Kerns are recused: Ryan Eileen Bradish, LPN, Case No. 22-51-

1 013501; and Amanda Eger, LPN, Case No.
2 22-51-012828?

3 DR. COMPHER:

4 So moved.

5 DR. BUCHER:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR KMETZ:

8 All those in favor? Opposed?

9 Abstentions?

10 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler, Hunsberger,
11 and Kerns recused from deliberations and voting on
12 the motion.]

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14 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

15 In the matter of Kathryn Blake, RN, for
16 which members Hertzler and Kerns are
17 recused, Case No. 21-51-007517, is
18 there a motion to adopt the Draft
19 Adjudication and Order?

20 DR. COMPHER:

21 So moved.

22 DR. HUNSBERGER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR KMETZ:

25 All those in favor? Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

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

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5 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

6 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
7 Adjudications and Orders for which
8 there are no recusals for Patricia M.
9 Farkas, LPN, Case No. 19-51-007049, and
10 Hope Lynn Williams, RN, Case No. 22-51-
11 017420?

12 DR. HUNSBERGER:

13 So moved.

14 DR. COMPHER:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR KMETZ:

17 All those in favor? Opposed?

18 Abstentions?

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

22 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
23 Adjudication and Order for the matter
24 of Diana Watts, LPN, Case No. 21-51-
25 016531, for which members Hertzler and

1 Kerns are recused?

2 DR. BUCHER:

3 So moved.

4 DR. HUNSBERGER:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR KMETZ:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

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

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12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13 Is there a motion to approve DeSales
14 University's Proposal for a Pediatric
15 Primary Care CRNP MSN and Post-Master's
16 Certificate Program?

17 DR. HUNSBERGER:

18 So moved.

19 DR. BUCHER:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR KMETZ:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

25 ***

1 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

2 Is there a motion to grant an extension
3 of provisional status to Prism Career
4 Institute until May 3, 2024?

5 DR. BUCHER:

6 So moved.

7 MS. HERTZLER:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR KMETZ:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?
11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 VICE CHAIR HUNSBERGER ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

17 Is there a motion to extend provisional
18 status to Fayette County Career &
19 Technical Institute until May 3, 2024?

20 DR. COMPHER:

21 So moved.

22 MS. HERTZLER:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR KMETZ:

25 All those in favor? Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

2 [The motion carried. Chair Kmetz recused from
3 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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5 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

6 For Great Lakes Institute of
7 Technology, is there a motion to
8 approve provisional status until the
9 end of the program which it has
10 reported to us would be March of 2024?

11 DR. BUCHER:

12 So moved.

13 DR. COMPHER:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR KMETZ:

16 All those in favor? Opposed?

17 Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried. Chair Kmetz recused from
19 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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21 CHAIR KMETZ RESUMED THE CHAIR

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23 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

24 Is there a motion for Orleans Technical
25 College's Proposal for Implementation

1 of a Pre-Licensure Practical Nursing
2 Program, to approve the program subject
3 to Orleans providing additional acute
4 or subacute sites to handle the student
5 population for the sites' census?

6 DR. BUCHER:

7 So moved.

8 MS. HERTZLER:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR KMETZ:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Adjournment

16 CHAIR KMETZ:

17 I will entertain a motion for
18 adjournment.

19 DR. HUNSBERGER:

20 So moved.

21 MS. HERTZLER:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR KMETZ:

24 All those in favor?

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1 [There being no further business, the State Board of
2 Nursing meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.]

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5 CERTIFICATE

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

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15 Sophia Mahoney,
16 Minute Clerk
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14		Implementation of a Pre-licensure
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