

The **Board of Examiners for Nursing** held a meeting on January 19, 2011 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Room 470-C, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Bouffard, RN, Chair
Mary M. Brown, RN
Tarah Cherry, Public Member
Jennifer Long, APRN
Jeffrey T. Marvin, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Heidi Darling, LPN
Danielle O'Connell, RN
Katherine Pellerin, RN
Maria Pietrantuono, RN

ALSO PRESENT: Joanne V. Yandow, Counsel to the Board, DPH
Diane Cybulski, Supervising Nurse Consultant, DPH
Pamela Pelletier, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Bonnie Pinkerton, Nurse Consultant, DPH
Matthew Antonetti, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Ellen M. Shanley, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, DPH
Janice E. Wojick, Administrative Assistant, DPH
Tynan E. Cooney, Court Reporter

Chair Patricia Bouffard called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM. Meeting started late due to inclement weather.

STUDENTS

There were no students in the audience.

RESIGNATION – DONNA ROBERTS, LPN & KATHY SHEA

The Board Office received notification from Donna Roberts on January 13, 2011 that she was resigning from the Board effective immediately and also from Kathy Shea on January 17, 2011 stating that she was also resigning from the Board effective immediately. Chair Bouffard will send a letter on behalf of the Board thanking both Donna and Kathy for their service. Donna and Kathy have been a great asset to the Board and to the nursing profession. The Board is grateful for their commitment to its mission providing for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Connecticut. The Board is very fortunate to have members willing to volunteer their time for the regulation of the profession of nursing. The Board wishes Donna and Kathy well in their future endeavors. They will truly be missed.

WAIVER REQUEST – SOUTHERN CT STATE UNIVERSITY

Pamela Pelletier presented the Board with a request for a six-month temporary faculty education waiver for Alicerene M. Gumbs. Ms. Gumbs is a matriculated student in an MSN Program and is scheduled to complete her degree in May 2011. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the six-month faculty education waiver contingent upon the receipt of the official transcript. The motion passed unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT HEARING REQUEST – MATTHEW BERUBE, RN

Matthew Berube was present with counsel, Attorney Louis Todisco, to request a reinstatement hearing. Mr. Berube's license was revoked January 16, 2008. Matthew Antonetti was present representing the Department of Public Health.

Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to grant Mr. Berube's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for April 20, 2011 at 9:00 AM at the Department of Public Health Complex in Room 470-C.

FACT FINDING – ELIZABETH DAVIS, LPN

All Board Members were e-mailed a copy of the transcript. Board Members who were not in attendance at the hearing were also mailed the hearing exhibits.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Davis be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded that Ms. Davis's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

RULING ON MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO REOPEN HEARING – Jennifer Prentiss, RN

Due to lack of a quorum on December 1, 2010, a decision was not made on Ms. Prentiss' Motion for Reconsideration of the Motion to Reopen Hearing, which had been denied previously by the Board. All members were provided with the transcript and documentation received from Ms. Prentiss.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded that Ms. Prentiss' request be denied. The motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDA OF DECISION

JENNIFER PRENTISS, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Prentiss which was e-mailed to all Board Members. Jennifer Long moved, seconded by Mary Brown, to affirm the Board's prior decision to revoke Ms. Prentiss' license. The motion passed unanimously.

MARIE FLEISCHER, RN

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision for Ms. Fleischer which was e-mailed to all Board Members. Jennifer Long moved and Mary brown seconded to affirm the Board's prior decision to dismiss the charges. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – NICOLE SANTO, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented an Interim Consent Order for Nicole Santo. Ms. Santo was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER – JENNIFER PEACOCK, RN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented an Interim Consent Order for Jennifer Peacock. Ms. Peacock was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Jennifer Long moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to grant the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – BELINDA GARNETT, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Belinda Garnett. Ms. Garnett was not present and did not have representation at this meeting. Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 2, 2011 at 9:30 AM at 61 Woodland Street in Hartford.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – STACEY WILLIAMS, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Stacey Williams. Ms. Williams was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Jennifer Long moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 2, 2011 at 9:30 AM at 61 Woodland Street in Hartford.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – DEIDRA TIDWELL, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Deidra Tidwell. Ms. Tidwell was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that the Motion for Summary Suspension be granted. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 2, 2011 at 9:30 AM at 61 Woodland Street in Hartford.

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION – STARR NELSON, RN

Legal Office Attorney Ellen M. Shanley presented the Board with a Motion for Summary Suspension for Starr Nelson. Ms. Nelson was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to grant the Motion for Summary Suspension. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Bouffard signed the Summary Suspension Order and the Notice of Hearing scheduling the hearing for February 2, 2011 at 9:30 AM at 61 Woodland Street in Hartford.

MODIFICATION OF CONSENT ORDER – ERINN TEMPESTA, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Modification of a Consent Order for Erinn Tempesta. The Board reviewed this case as a Prehearing Review at their October 20, 2010 meeting. It was the recommendation of the Board to increase the frequency of the urine screens and therapy reports with no change in the current length of probation.

Jennifer Long moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to accept this Consent Order Modification. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – LISA TOPHAM, RN & PATRICIA LAMB, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Lisa Topham and Patricia Lamb, companion cases.

Ms. Topham was present with counsel, Attorney Joseph Mager. Mary Brown moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order for Ms. Topham as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Lamb was present with counsel, Attorney Joseph Mager. Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to accept the Consent Order for Ms. Lamb as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – DOJOBAN KIET TOMEK, LPN

Legal Office Attorney Leslie Scoville presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Dojoban Kiet Tomek. The Respondent was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Mary Brown moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to accept the Consent Order for Ms. Tomek as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – THERESA GAROZZO, RN

Legal Office Attorney Joelle Newton presented the Board with a Prehearing Review/Consent Order for Theresa Garozzo. Ms. Garozzo was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Mary Brown moved and Jeffrey Marvin seconded to accept the Consent Order for Ms. Garozzi as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CEASE & DESIST CONSENT ORDER – ERIKA PALMER - UNLICENSED

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Cease & Desist Consent Order for Erika Palmer. Ms. Palmer was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Jeffrey Marvin moved and Tarah Cherry seconded to accept the Consent Order for Ms. Palmer as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PREHEARING REVIEW/CONSENT ORDER – CECILIA JAMES, APRN

Legal Office Attorney Matthew Antonetti presented the Board with a Prehearing Review, Consent Order for Cecilia James. Ms. James was not present and did not have representation at this meeting.

Jeffrey Marvin moved and Jennifer Long seconded to accept the Consent Order for Ms. James as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Break 10:10 AM – 10:25 AM

HEARING – LYNN GUION, RN

Legal Office Attorney David Tilles was present representing the Department of Public Health. Ms. Guion was not present and did not have representation at this hearing. There was no testimony provided. Attorney Tilles made an Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted. Mary Brown moved to accept the Oral Motion to Deem Allegations Admitted, which was seconded by Jennifer Long, and passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Guion be found on all charges. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Long moved and Mary Brown seconded that Ms. Guion's license be revoked. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

It was the unanimous decision of the Board Members present that this meeting be adjourned at 10:45 AM.