

## **BOARD OF NURSING**

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

### MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).

Date: Thursday, June 1, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room, First Floor  
HRH King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)  
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/96481496508>

Zoom Phone Number: (669) 900 6833  
Meeting ID: 964 8149 6508

Agenda: The agenda was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

Members Present: Carrie Oliveira, Chair  
Olivia Kim, BSN, BS, RN, LPN, NHA, Vice Chair  
Luzviminda Miguel, DNP, MSN Ed., RN  
Tammie Napoleon, DNP, APRN, PPCNP-BC  
Benjamin Ramos, RN  
Diana Jill Riggs, RN, MSN  
Amy Stone Murai, APRN

Member Excused: Karen Boyer, RN, MS, FNP

Staff Present: Chelsea Fukunaga, EO (“EO Fukunaga”)  
Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer (“EO Teshima”)  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary

Guests: Bradley Kuo, Hawaii'i Association of Professional Nurses  
Laura Reichhardt, Executive Director  
Marion Poirier, Hawaii American Nurses Association  
Karen-Ann Zaragoza  
Ludnie Mede  
Moses Odua  
Kathy Kump  
Lorna Linville  
Moses Odua  
Rhobertha Haley

For purposes of this hybrid meeting, the Chair will take roll call of the Board members to establish quorum and for motions that require a vote of the Board members.

Virtual Meeting  
Instructions:

A short video regarding virtual meetings was played for attendees.

The Chair provided information on internet and phone access for today's virtual meeting and announced that today's meeting was being recorded and that the recording will be posted on the Board's web page.

Call to Order:

The Chair took roll call of the Board members and excused Ms. Boyer.

In accordance with Act 220, SLH 2021, all Board members attending virtually confirmed that they were alone in their nonpublic location.

After taking roll, quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Chair's Report:

**Announcements**

The Chair recognized three members of the board whose terms expired:

- Vice Chair Olivia Kim, BSN, BS, RN, LPN, NHA - The Chair expressed her gratitude for the eight years of service each of them have given to the board and keeping the meetings moving with motions and minutes.
- APRN and representing Kauai County Tammie Napoleon, DNP, APRN, PPCNP – The Chair expressed her gratitude as well to Dr. Napoleon for her invaluable service and insights to nursing education and APRN education and practice;
- APRN Amy Stone Murai, APRN – The Chair thanked Ms. Stone Murai who served previously and provided historical insight has helped us understand why certain parts of the nursing regulations are what they are. Having background context is very meaningful, in reconstituting the regulations into a modern, where we are.

The Chair presented the outgoing members with Certificates of Appreciation from the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Professional and Vocational Licensing Division.

**Approval of the May 4, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

The Chair asked If there were any corrections of discussion to the open session minutes of the May 4, 2023 meetings. Executive session minutes will be forthcoming.

Ms. Murai, provided non-substantive editorial changes.

Being no further discussion, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the open session minutes of the May 4, 2023 meeting as amended.

Upon a motion by Ms. Murai, seconded by Dr. Napoleon, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the open session minutes of the May 4, 2023 meeting as amended.

Executive Officer's  
Report:

**2023 Legislative Session – Status Report on the following bills:**

EO Fukunaga reported on the following bills:

APRN Practice

**HB 650, HD2, SD1 Relating to Health**

Authorizes advanced practice registered nurses to practice medical-aid-in-dying. Authorizes licensed advanced practice registered nurses and clinical nurse specialists with psychiatric or mental health training and licensed marriage and family therapists to provide counseling to a qualified patient. Reduces from twenty to five days, the mandatory waiting period between the two oral requests required for a qualified patient to obtain a prescription for medication. Waives the mandatory waiting period for terminally ill qualified patients who are not expected to survive the mandatory waiting period. (SD1)

This bill was transmitted to the Governor's office on April 28, 2023.

**SB 599, SD1, HD2, CD1 Relating to Health**

Allows certain physician assistants to sign orders for respiratory therapy and plans of care. Expands the class of health care providers under whom respiratory therapists may practice respiratory care to include physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses. Effective 6/30/3000. (CD1)

This bill was transmitted to the Governor's office on May 3, 2023.

**2023 Renewal – Status Report**

EO Fukunaga reported that as of May 31, 2023, a total of 19,424 nurses have renewed their licenses.

The Center for Nursing reported that the responses to the survey is going well with about 1,400 completions ahead of where they were in 2019 and wanted to thank PVL and all the staff for addressing prior issues and making it more successful this renewal period.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or discussion on this agenda item. Seeing none, she announced the next agenda item.

Reports:

**Hawai'i State Center for Nursing – Laura Reichhardt, Executive Director**

Ms. Reichhardt reported on the following:

- The improved design of the nursing license renewal platform with the connection to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Nursing Workforce supply survey is working wonderfully. She reported that they have received more responses at this point in time than they had in 2019 and that they are having the best year in history and wanted to thank the board, PVL staff, renewal staff at the DCCA for all of your support;
- Their team is working on several events coming up, a simulation conference in October and an evidence-based conference in November and that they are very happy to be able to be putting on these meaningful events for our local nurses;
- That they have received and partnered with several grants for the nurse residency program and are expecting to have large increases in nurse residency program enrollment for Hawaii. She also stated that they will be venturing into two new initiatives, one is "special transitioning into practice" to help local nurses

to get specialty training into those roles that nurses would have to go to the mainland to get that experience or local employers have to recruit from the mainland. The other initiative is supporting and bringing residency programs into the long-term care setting which is greatly needed and they hope will have a huge improvement in the recruitment and retention space for long term care facilities. They are hoping that this residency program model will allow employers to offer new graduate hiring; and

- Hiring for two positions with a third opening soon. One is a Graduate position, for someone to address retention and recruitment issues around temporary licensing since SB63 did not pass. She is working on the job description.

#### **Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses – Bradley Kuo, Legislative Coordinator**

Mr. Kuo reported on the following:

- He recognized Dr. Joseph Giovannoni for his instrumental part in assisting with the Italy conference, "United in Human Caring".
  - Conference will take place June 22 – 23 in Florence, Italy.
  - Several APRNs from Hawaii will be presenting and attending and also others from around the world.
  - Provide 8.75 credits CEU's for conference supported by HAPN.
- They continue to plan HAPN's fall conference to include both APRNs and PAs.
  - One day conference.
  - November 2023 (date TBD).
- They are still awaiting approval by the Governor on several APRN bills
  - Pick up from where we left off in January continuing to lobby legislature's core(four) bills that should have but did not pass last term.

#### **Hawai'i American Nurses Association – Marion Poirier, Secretary**

Ms. Poirier reported on the following:

- Nancy (President), Katie (former President), Linda are going to Washington, DC to ANA membership Assembly, June 14 – 16.
  - Includes a Hill Day to visit all 4 congressional offices.
  - Brian Fykes, general member, will also be attending.
  - Report about Hill Day will be published in newsletter "The Hawaii Nurse" is issued to over 7,000 Hawaii nurses and healthcare stakeholders;
- Advocacy committee between legislative sessions are developing advocacy institute to educate nurses further about participation and policy making process;
- ANA trying to make a big push to make their goal of 500 members by end of the year. Currently we have 414 members.
- Planning Lobbying Day for September 2023 sponsored by ANA.

The Chair asked if there were any questions or discussion on the reports provided. Seeing none, she thanked the representatives of these organizations and announced the next agenda item.

At this time, she announced that the Board will be reviewing applications for Hawaii nurse license and asked if any applicants were in attendance to please raise your hand now and informed them that the Board will be discussing their application and should the Board have any questions, Board staff will be calling you so that you can address the Board.

Executive Session: At 9:23 a.m., upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Vice Chair, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move into executive session in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5 “To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;” and “To consult with the Board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities;”, and that the Board will vote on the applications after coming out of executive session.

At 9:59 a.m., upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Vice Chair, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Applications:

**Ratification Lists**

Upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Dr. Napoleon, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following ratification lists:

LPNs, license numbers 20655-20678;  
RNs, license numbers 112124-112451; and  
APRNs and APRNs with prescriptive authority

**Applications**

The Chair called for a motion in regard to the applications.

Licensed Practical Nurses

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Dr. Napoleon, it was voted on and unanimously carried to deny the following application pursuant to section 457-12(a)(1), HRS:

**Ginette Antoine Paul**

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Riggs, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following application:

**Karen-Ann Zaragoza**

The Board was not persuaded from the applicant’s statement and statement from the applicant’s attorney as they did not indicate accountability or express remorse that resulted in the charges and current probation status and therefore, upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Dr. Napoleon, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following application with conditions that she notify all nurse employers of her probation stipulations pursuant to the January 5, 2023 Order from the Court, including basis for the action, notify all nurse employers of the conditions on her Hawaii nurse license and report any changes of probation status to Board of Nursing within 10 days:

**Jennifer Treherne**

Registered Nurses

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Riggs, it was voted on with the Chair, Vice Chair, Dr. Napoleon, Ms. Riggs, Mr. Ramos, Ms. Miguel voting yes and Ms. Stone Murai abstaining, to approve the following RN applications:

**Moses Odua  
Ludnie V. Mede  
Kristi Ann Warner  
Jessica Dockter  
Mark Neider  
Daniel Scott  
Stephanie Smith  
Christopher Wilson**

The motion carried.

There being no further agenda items, the Chair announced the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, July 6, 2023  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor 335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Virtual: Zoom Webinar

Ms. Miguel stated that she will be unable to attend the July meeting.

EO Teshima stated that for the July meeting we may have quorum issues with the current vacancy with three members terming out and the excused absence for Ms. Miguel but staff will confirm and notify the members.

With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Taken by:

Reviewed by:

/s/ Marc Yoshimura  
Marc Yoshimura  
Secretary

/s/ Chelsea Fukunaga  
Chelsea Fukunaga  
Executive Officer

[ X ] Minutes approved as is.

[ ] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_