

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, July 11, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: PVL Exam Room 330
HRH King Kalakaua Building, 3rd Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)
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Zoom Phone Number: (669) 900 6833
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Agenda: The agenda was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

Members Present: Carrie Oliveira, Chair
Diana Jill Riggs, RN, MSN, Vice Chair
Karen Boyer, RN, MS, FNP
Sheri Shields-Hanson, MSN, RN
Bradley Kuo, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CARN-AP, PMHNP
Terrence Aratani, Public Member

Staff Present: Alexander Pang, Executive Officer (“EO Pang”)
Chelsea Fukunaga, Executive Officer (“EO Fukunaga”)
Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer (“EO Teshima”)
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG Wong”)
Lei Ana Green, Executive Officer (Observing Tech Support)
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary

Guests: Laura Reichhardt, Executive Director, Hawai'i State Center for Nursing
Linda Beechinor, Executive Director, Hawaii American Nurses Association
Jeremy Creekmore, President, Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses
Aaron Lief, Applicant
George Glover, Applicant

Jennifer Vasquez, Applicant
Storai Momeni, Applicant
JG
K. Farrell
Benjamin Kilinski
BJ Bartleson

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 asked members attending virtually to indicate if they were alone in a non-public place.

After taking roll, quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m.

Chair's Report:

Announcements

The Chair announced that she and EO Pang will be attending the Nurse Licensure Compact Commission and NCSBN Annual Meetings, August 27 – 30, 2024 in Chicago, Illinois.

Correction to Agenda:

The Chair clarified that there is a correction to agenda item number 4.c. under the Executive Officer's Report. It should read "Twelfth" Proclamation Relating to Wildfires instead of "Eleventh...".

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of the June 6, 2024 Open and Executive Session Minutes, May 2, 2024 Executive Session Minutes, February 1, 2024 Executive Session Minutes

The Chair asked if there were any discussion or corrections to the minutes of the June 6, 2024 Open and Executive Session minutes, May 2, 2024 Executive Session minutes or February 1, 2024 Executive Session minutes.

Seeing none, upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Kuo, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the aforementioned minutes.

The Chair announced the next agenda item.

Executive Officer's
Report:

Amendments to Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") Chapter 89, Relating to Nurses – Proposed Amendments to HAR §16-89-22, Pertaining to Temporary Permits – Status Report

EO Pang reported no change to the status of the rules as reported at the June meeting.

Random Audit – Status Report

EO Pang reported that EO Teshima has prepared a checklist deficiency notice to be sent by email or mail to those licensees who were selected for the continuing competency audit and are either deficient or have not responded.

Twelfth Proclamation Relating to Wildfires

EO Pang reported that on July 2, 2024, Governor Green signed the 12th Proclamation that still includes the suspension of certain laws including chapters 457 and 16-89 that would require a license to practice nursing in this State. This proclamation is due to expire on August 31, 2024 unless terminated or superseded by a separate proclamation.

The Chair asked if there was anyone attending wishing to testify on this specific agenda item.

Staff reported that no one raised their hand.

The Chair announced the next agenda item.

Reports:

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

Ms. Reichhardt reported on the following:

Updates:

Workforce

- Workforce supply infographics are being drafted! Stay tuned
- Education Capacity report for 2022-2023 is being drafted. Coming this summer
- 2024-2036 workforce projections bid for proposals is closed and several proposals were received. Goal to present workforce projections by license type in early 2025. Hawaii has not had workforce projections since 2003 (UH Manoa) and this is a good time to assess workforce needs because we have had so much fluctuation in the last 5 years.

Quality Outcomes and Best Practices

- Nursing CNE Podcast will be posted next week. Carrie Oliveira and I discuss how national research and assessments relate to Hawaii as well as what the nursing workforce survey tells us about our state's nurses.
- We will be hosting our FIRST statewide nurse research symposium in October. This will be a great opportunity to share the work and contributions of nurses in our state.

Recruitment and Retention

- Hawaii Nursing Transition to Practice program has had incredible outcomes since its inception. Since our inception, we have impacted 4,000 nurses across our spectrum of programs (new grad acute care NRP, new grad LTC NRP, specialty training for nurses, preceptor training), which is approximately 25% of our total in-state workforce. In 2.5 years we have supported preceptor training of approx. 5% of our nurses and in one year we have supported specialty training of approx. 5% of our nurses.

Policy

- Preceptor Tax Credit 5 year program evaluation report submitted to DOH who provided it to the Legislature by June 30, 2024 per Act 43, SLH 2018. We have exceeded the base workforce growth we needed to make this cost-neutral from the state, and grown the number of providers who now serve as preceptors.

Hawai'i American Nurses Association – Linda Beechinor, Executive Director

Ms. Beechinor reported on the following:

- Their attendance at the June ANA Membership Assembly in Washington, DC at which time they had a “lobby” day and took 500 nurses to the hill. The Guam delegation and Hawaii met with the Guam congressperson and Hawaii’s four congresspersons to discuss:
 - The new Medicare rules for staffing ratios. She stated that they heard support from Hawaii’s congresspersons except for Ed Case who stated he would take their opinions under consideration;
 - Nurse faculty shortage reduction act;
 - “I Can” act – improving care and access for APRNs that removes barriers to Medicare/Medicaid nationally;
 - Restricting mandatory over-time;
- ANA supports safe staffing initiatives including ratios if that is appropriate;
- Last month supported Sigma Theta Tau Conference held in Honolulu. It was an international conference for the Honor Society for Nurses and for which they supported the conference by doing all of their CEs;
- Hawaii ANA Conference and Membership meeting to be held on October 17, 2024 at the Honolulu Country Club; and
- Still searching for an Executive Director

Ms. Bartleson wanted to thank Ms. Beechinor for being an outstanding Director for nurses here they are really trying to support her and succession planning and getting the right fit for Hawaii. She also stated that she has been working with few members of Hawaii Association of Nurse Leaders and have had the opportunity to lobby on the hill for AONL along similar lines of advancing faculty and work force safety. They are hoping to get Representative Tokuda to meet with the nurses at Maui Memorial to learn more about nurses.

Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses – Jeremy Creekmore

Mr. Creekmore reported on the following:

- Now that the Legislative Session has concluded, they are focusing on membership engagements and their new Executive Officer, Lindsey;
- They continue their legislative efforts and actions regarding staffing issues for Hawaii

The Chair asked if there was anyone wishing to provide testimony on the previous reports.

Staff reported no one raised their hand.

The Chair announced the next agenda item. She explained that the Board will be moving into executive session and that if they have any questions for an applicant in attendance, that we will call you in to join the Board. She asked if any applicants attending, to please raise your hand now so that we know that you are in attendance and the Board will call you on the number indicated on your application if they have any questions.

The following applicants raised their hands:

Aaron Lief
Jennifer Vasquez
Storai Momeni

Executive
Session:

The Chair motioned to move into executive session in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5(a)(1) and (4) "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".

It was seconded by the Vice Chair, voted on and unanimously carried to move into executive session at 9:29 a.m.

Upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Mr. Kuo, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move out of executive session at 10:37 a.m.

Applications:

Ratification Lists

The Chair moved to accept/approve the ratification list for:

LPNs – 21064 – 21083 (29)
RNs – 119053 - 119735 (682)
APRNs

The motion was seconded by the Vice Chair, voted on and unanimously carried to accept/approve the ratification lists for LPNs, RNs and APRNs.

EO Fukunaga reported that some applicants are raising their hands.

The Chair stated that the Board will go through with the voting on the applications and after that if the applicant still has questions or wish to address the Board, they will be allowed to do so after the Board votes on the applications.

Applications

Licensed Practical Nurses

The Chair asked for a motion in regard to the LPN application.

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

Austina Smith

Registered Nurses

The Chair called for a motion for the following RN applications.

Storai Momeni
Lois Ann Dupas
Ryan Lee Decker
Jordan Jones
Molly Altman (APRN)
Nicholas Clem
George Glover
Deborah Ann Gadson
Shetara Hall
Ashley Thompson

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair seconded by Mr. Kuo, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the aforementioned RN applications.

Aaron Lief

Upon a motion by Ms. Boyer, seconded by Mr. Aratani, to approve the following application with the condition that he be monitored for six months:

Aaron Lief

It was voted on with the Chair, the Vice Chair, Mr. Kuo, Ms. Shields-Hanson and Mr. Aratani voting no and Ms. Boyer voting yes. The motion did not carry.

The Chair asked for another motion in regard to this application.

Upon a motion by Mr. Kuo, seconded by the Vice Chair, to approve the following application without conditions:

Aaron Lief

It was voted on with the Chair, the Vice Chair, Mr. Kuo, Ms. Shields-Hanson and Mr. Aratani voting yes and Ms. Boyer voting no. The motion carried.

The Chair called for a motion in regard to the RN application for the following individual:

Jennifer Marie Vasquez

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Boyer, it was voted on and unanimously carried to deny the application for Ms. Vasquez pursuant to HRS 436B-19(12) and (13).

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

The Chair called for a motion for the APRN application.

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Kuo, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the APRN application for:

Molly Altman

Staff reported that Mr. Glover, Ms. Momeni and Ms. Vasquez had raised their hands.

Mr. Glover wanted to thank the Board.

Ms. Momeni wanted clarification if her license was approved or not.

The Chair informed Ms. Momeni that the Board approved her license.

Ms. Momeni thanked the Board and also added that she will report the disposition of the California pending matter.

Ms. Vasquez wanted clarification on the next step/process.

EO Teshima informed her that she will be receiving a letter from the Board.

The Chair clarified it will include the basis for the denial.

The Chair asked if there was anyone else wishing to provide testimony on this agenda item.

Staff report that no one raised their hand.

The Chair announced the next agenda item.

Election of Chair and
Vice Chair Pursuant to
HRS 436B-6:

EO Pang informed the Board that pursuant to HRS 436B-6, upon the qualification and appointment of members, and annually thereafter, the board shall elect one member as chair and one member as vice-chair.

He stated that normally, a Board member's term expires on June 30th and after the appointments and/or reappointments of Board members by the Legislature, the Board will hold their annual election.

EO Pang informed the members that the Board may chose to maintain their current Chair and Vice Chair for another year, or if anyone else wanted to volunteer for the Chair or Vice Chair's position to raise their hand now.

Seeing no volunteers, he asked if it was the consensus of the Board, including the current Chair and Vice Chair, that Ms. Oliveira and Ms. Riggs continue to serve in the capacity of Chair and Vice Chair.

All members responded in the affirmative.

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

Next Meeting:

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2024
Time: 9:00 a.m.
In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room

King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Zoom Webinar

Virtual:

Ms. Boyer stated that she will not be able to attend the August meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Taken by:

Reviewed by:

/s/ Lee Ann Teshima
Lee Ann Teshima
Executive Officer

/s/ Alexander Pang
Alexander Pang
Executive Officer

Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____

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