

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF NURSING MEETING

December 5, 2023  
Heber M. Wells Bldg.  
ELECTRONIC MEETING – 8:30 a.m.  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 8:30 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:09 A.M.

### **DOPL STAFF PRESENT:**

Bureau Manager: Jeff Busjahn  
Board Secretary: Thomas Togisala

### **CONDUCTING:**

Luisa Echeverria, RN – Chair

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Luisa Echeverria, RN  
Ralph Pittman, LPN  
Linda Hofmann, RN, Ph.D.  
Drew Fannesbeck, RN  
Joshua B. Wall – PhD, RN, CEN, CFRN  
Julie Gee, RN, Ph.D.

### **BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

David Skalka, JD, APRN, FNP-C  
Ellen Brown, MSN, APRN  
Justin A. Andersen, Public Member  
Kristi Vick, APRN-CRNA

### **GUESTS:**

Suzanne Winslow  
David Haskell  
Suzie Campbell  
Jonathan Malan  
Alexander Bybee – DOPL  
Lauren Beheshti – DOPL  
Rachel Ardern  
Tim Cottrell

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Ms. Echeverria called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

## **BOARD BUSINESS:**

### **NURSE LICENSURE ENDORSEMENT PATHWAYS DISCUSSION:**

This discussion is referencing an endorsement pathway for internationally trained medical doctors and if their training qualifies them to obtain a registered nurse license in the State of Utah.

58-1-302. License by endorsement is the pathway that brings this discussion to the attention of the Board and the public. Specifically, (i)(A), (B), (ii) below:

#### **58-1-302. License by endorsement.**

(1) As used in this section, "license" means an authorization that permits the holder to engage in the practice of a profession regulated under this title.

(2) Subject to Subsections (4) through (7), the division shall issue a license to an applicant who has been licensed in another state, district, or territory of the United States if:

(a) the division determines that the license issued in the other state, district, or territory encompasses a similar scope of practice as the license sought in this state;

(b) the applicant has at least one year of experience practicing under the license issued in the other state, district, or territory; and

(c) the applicant's license is in good standing in the other state, district, or territory where the license was issued.

(3) Subject to Subsections (4) through (7), the division may issue a license to an applicant who:

(a) has been licensed in another state, district, or territory of the United States, or in a jurisdiction outside of the United States, if:

**(i) (A) the division determines that the applicant's education, experience, and skills demonstrate competency in the profession for which the licensure is sought in this state; and (B) the applicant has at least one year of experience practicing under the license issued in the other state, district, territory, or jurisdiction; or**

**(ii) the division determines that the licensure requirements of the other state, district, territory, or jurisdiction at the time the license was issued were substantially similar to the current requirements for the license sought in this state; or**

Ms. Echeverria shared concerns from the nursing leaders of Utah and that they're not in support of this licensure pathway through endorsement. The Utah Nurses Association, Physicians Licensing Board and Utah Medical Association are also in opposition to this pathway. There is an existing pathway for internationally trained medical physicians to obtain a license and they should proceed through that process.

Mr. Busjahn presented a presentation on what that pathway would look like. Mr. Bybee and Ms. Beheshti presented a drafted flowchart on how a foreign educated physician can obtain a license through Utah. The Board of Nursing and the Nursing Education Peer Advisory Committee questioned this pathway and found that the team of individuals who will review foreign credentialing are not qualified to determine foreign education, because they are not educated in the medical and nursing field. Another concern is that this pathway is not portable to other states, because they wouldn't meet another state's licensing requirements. The scopes of practices for medical physicians and nursing are completely different and do not align. Questions, concerns, additional feedback were shared throughout the meeting. For specific details of this discussion, please refer to the audio.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: DECEMBER 14, 2023**

**ADJOURN: 10:09 A.M.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:09 A.M.**

**Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred. For specific details, refer to the audio recording.**

12/14/2023

**Date Approved**

12/19/2023

**Date Approved**

*Luisa Echeverria MSN*

**Luisa Echeverria - Board of Nursing Member**



**Jeff Busjahn - Bureau Manager, DOPL**