

MINUTES

BOARD OF NURSING MEETING

December 14, 2023
Heber M. Wells Bldg.
ELECTRONIC MEETING – 8:30 a.m.
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 8:33 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:09 A.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Jeff Busjahn
Board Secretary: Thomas Togisala
Compliance Specialist: Sharon Bennett

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.
Kristi Vick, APRN-CRNA
Ellen Brown, MSN, APRN

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

David Skalka, JD, APRN, FNP-C
Justin A. Andersen, Public Member

GUESTS:

Joan Gallegos - Utah Action Coalition
Kelli Arriola – DOPL, Licensing Specialist
Kristan Prigmore – DOPL, Investigative Technician

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Ms. Echeverria called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023, MINUTES:

Mr. Pittman motioned to approve the minutes.

Dr. Gee seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE DECEMBER 5, 2023, MINUTES:

Dr. Gee motioned to approve the minutes.

Dr. Wall seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

LEGISLATIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:

N/A

RN APPRENTICE DISCUSSION:

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part1_04:22 – 25:45)

Joan Gallegos from Utah Action Coalition would like to propose an additional 75 days from the exam fail date to retake exam before license would expire.

PROBATIONER WRITTEN REQUESTS AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS:

Ms. Bennett provided the Board with a brief update on their probationer reports.

BOARD BUSINESS:

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PROBATIONER INTERVIEWS:

Glen Chuntat – No Show – File reviewed by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. Echeverria motioned to accept Mr. Chuant's mental health and substance use disorder evaluation with condition to follow recommendations.

Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Ms. Echeverria motioned to extend Mr. Chuant's physical evaluation due date to January 30, 2024.

Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Ms. Echeverria motioned to have Mr. Chonat rewrite essay with more accountability and resubmit it by January 15, 2023.

Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Whitney Carter - Interview conducted by Mr. Fannesbeck.

Ms. Carter has a pending job offer as a Quality Assurance Nurse.

Ms. Carter has a good support system with employer and family.

Mr. Fannesbeck motioned to accept Ms. Carter's essay.

Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Mr. Fannesbeck motioned to accept Ms. Carter's mental health and substance evaluation with condition to follow recommendations.

Ms. Brown seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Brandon Aven – Interview conducted by Ms. Vick.

This is Mr. Aven's first interview with the Board.

Mr. Aven had an out-of-range UA, over hydration.

Ms. Vick motioned to approve non-nurse to be direct supervisor only at current employer.

Dr. Gee seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Jeff Green – Interview conducted by Dr. Gee.

Mr. Green is not working as a nurse.

Mr. Green has one no show to the Board meeting August 10, 2023.

No motions were made.

Diane Crossley - Interview conducted by Mr. Pittman.

Ms. Crossley has requested early termination.

Ms. Crossley is working as a nurse sporadically due to health issues.

Mr. Pittman motioned to recommend early termination.

Dr. Hofmann seconded the motion.

The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Britanie Bailey - Interview conducted by Ms. Vick.

Ms. Bailey is not working as a nurse.

Ms. Bailey has two no shows and missed check-ins.

Ms. Vick's motioned to accept Ms. Bailey's essay.
Dr. Gee seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Ms. Vick's motioned to fine Ms. Bailey \$500.00 for non-compliance.
Ms. Brown seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Allison Covington - Interview conducted by Mr. Fannesbeck.
Ms. Covington is working as a nurse.
Ms. Covington has a good support system with her family.
Ms. Covington has three missed check-ins.
Ms. Covington has no show to Board Meeting on November 9, 2023.

Mr. Fannesbeck motioned to fine Ms. Covington \$1000.00 for non-compliance.
Mr. Wall seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Daniel Barney - Interviewed by Ms. Echeverria.
Mr. Barney has no missed check-ins.
Mr. Barney has completed meetings and therapy.

- Mr. Pittman motioned to close the meeting in accordance with 52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
The motion was seconded by Dr. Gee.
The vote in favor was unanimous.
The meeting was closed at 10:27 and reopened at 10:31.

Barbara Herrera - Interviewed by Dr. Gee.
Ms. Herrera was terminated from job for not following standard operating procedures.
Ms. Herrera requested to have direct supervision removed.
Dr. Gee's recommendation is that no stipulations be lifted.
No motions were made.

Shannon Borowski - Interviewed by Ms. Vick.
Ms. Vick's motioned to accept Ms. Borowski's essay.
Ms. Brown seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

- Mr. Pittman motioned to close the meeting in accordance with 52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
The motion was seconded by Ms. Vick.
The vote in favor was unanimous.
The meeting was closed at 10:54 and reopened at 10:58.

Ms. Vick's motioned to fine Ms. Borowski \$500.00 for non-compliance.
Ms. Brown seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Douglas Beckstrand – Interview conducted by Dr. Wall.

Mr. Beckstrand is working as a nurse.
Mr. Beckstrand attends a support group every Sunday.
Mr. Beckstrand attends therapy when needed.
No motions were made.

Ellie Villaruz – Interview conducted by Mr. Pittman.

Mr. Villaruz has relocated to California.
Mr. Villaruz is working with the California Board to be licensed in California.
Mr. Villaruz is not working as a nurse.
Mr. Pittman encouraged Mr. Villaruz to check with Utah Therapist if telehealth is an option while living in California.
No motions were made.

Lorin Ward – Interview conducted by Mr. Pittman.

Mr. Ward is not working as a nurse.
Mr. Ward has missed five check-ins and four no shows.

- Mr. Pittman motioned to close the meeting in accordance with 52-4-205(1)(a) to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
The motion was seconded by Dr. Wall.
The vote in favor was unanimous.
The meeting was closed at 11:19 and reopened at 11:24.

Mr. Pittman motioned to refer Mr. Ward's file back to the division for non-compliance for additional action.

Dr. Gee seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Mr. Pittman motioned that Mr. Ward continue therapy, submit monthly therapy reports indicating fit to practice and any recommendations on meetings, treatment, or additional therapy.

Dr. Wall seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimously approved.

Shauna Eden – File reviewed by Ms. Echeverria.

Ms. Eden is not working as a nurse.
Ms. Eden has been attending meetings.
Ms. Eden has one positive Peth test and one out of range.

REQUEST AND APPROVALS:

David Quist – File reviewed by Ms. Vick.
Ms. Vick motioned to accept Mr. Quist’s essay.
Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

Cody Rasmussen – File reviewed by Ms. Vick.
Ms. Vick motioned allowing Mr. Rasmussen to work at the dental office under direct supervision of Dr. Howel.
Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

Elaine Tonga – File reviewed by Dr. Gee.
Dr. Gee motioned to grant early termination.
Mr. Pittman seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

Sherri Oliver – File reviewed by Ms. Ms. Echeverria.
Ms. Echeverria motioned to accept Ms. Oliver’s mental health and substance disorder evaluations.
Dr. Gee seconded the motion.
The vote in favor was unanimous.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: MARCH 13, 2024

ADJOURN: 11:24 A.M.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 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.

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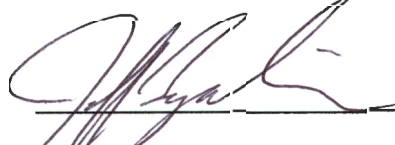
Date Approved

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Luisa Echeverria RN

Luisa Echeverria - Board of Nursing Member



Jeff Busjahn - Bureau Manager, DOPL