

MINUTES

BOARD OF NURSING AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES MEETING

February 12, 2026

Heber M. Wells Bldg.

ELECTRONIC MEETING – 8:30 a.m.

Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 8:34 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:44 A.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Jeff Busjahn

Board Secretary: Kelli Arriola

Compliance Specialist: Sharon Bennett

Assistant Attorney General: Steven Green

CONDUCTING:

Ralph Pittman, LPN - Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ralph Pittman, LPN

Sheryl Steadman, Ph.D., RN

Shane Yardley, Ph.D., RN

Curtis Nielsen, APRN-CRNA

Wendy Rusin, APRN

Mandi Lew, DNP, CNM, PMH-C

Derek Bradley, Public

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Erica Nelson, DNP, APRN, CNM

GUESTS:

Kelli Jacobsen, UPHP

Jennifer Avila Johnson, UPHP

Candice Gonzale, UPHP

Jessie Willden, UPHP

Ammon Sorensen, UPHP

Camille Farley, DOPL, Investigations

Brent Ericksen, DOPL, Investigations

Nathan Allred, DOPL, Investigations

Russell Godfrey, DOPL, Investigations

Dave Olsen, DOPL, Investigations

Mark Anderson, DOPL, Investigations

Silmara Charlesworth, Investigations

Lynne Anthony, Investigations

Kristen Shumway, DOPL, Legal Analyst

Katherine Borden, Galen College

Lauren Peterson, Western Governors University

Mary Kay Davis, Student
Piper Chenoweth, Student
Jacob Henderson, Student
Madilyn Church, Student
Lin Alsushi, Student

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mr. Pittman called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF January 8, 2025, MINUTES:

Mr. Nielsen motioned to approve the minutes.
Ms. Rusin seconded the motion.
The vote passes with one abstention.

LEGISLATIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:

Mr. Busjahn advised the board the legislation is currently in session.

INFORMAL ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS – Annette Bodily Ukena:

The proceedings were conducted by Mr. Green.

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part2_00:04 – 25:25 and Par3_00:10 – 19:50)

The chair called for a roll call to ensure a quorum. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane – Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Derek – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

Mr. Pittman asked if Ms. Ukena was present for this hearing.

Ms. Ukena was not present in person or virtually for the informal adjudication proceedings.

Mr. Pittman stated we will proceed as outlined by the agenda with the state to present the evidence to the board.

Mr. Green reviewed each allegation against Ms. Ukena with the Board.

Ms. Gonzalez the medical clinical coordinator for Ms. Ukena, could not advise if she is safe to practice as a nurse.

Mr. Green presented the Division's recommendation to revoke Ms. Ukena's license for a period of five years and required to provide to the division results of voluntary drug and alcohol testing for 12 consecutive months prior to re-application for licensure. Required to complete a mental health evaluation, substance use disorder evaluation, and a physical fitness-for-duty evaluation with a division approved licensed providers within 90 days prior to re-applying for licensure.

- 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. Yardley.

The chair called for a roll call vote. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes

- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Derek – Yes
- Mandi – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

The motion passes.

The meeting closed at 9:24 am and reopened at 9:39 am.

- Mr. Pittman motioned to go back to the open meeting.
The motion was seconded by Mr. Nielsen.
The chair called for a roll call vote. The votes were recorded as follows:
 - Ralph – Yes
 - Sheryl – Yes
 - Shane– Yes
 - Wendy – Yes
 - Erica - Yes
 - Derek – Yes
 - Curtis – Yes

Note Mandi was present for all proceedings.

The motion passes.

The Board deliberated and found all allegations against Ms. Ukena to be true and factual. The board recommends a five-year revocation of Ms. Ukena’s license. Required to provide to the division results of voluntary drug and alcohol testing for 12 consecutive months prior to re-application for licensure and demonstrating she has not used alcohol or drugs for which she does not have a current valid prescription. Required to complete a mental health evaluation, substance use disorder evaluation, and a physical fitness-for-duty evaluation with a division approved licensed providers within 90 days prior to re-applying for licensure. Each evaluation must clearly indicate Ms. Ukena can safely resume practice as registered nurse and imposing other sanctions as the Division Director deems just and appropriate.

Ms. Ukena has joined the meeting via virtual google meets.

Mr. Pittman motioned that all allegations presented to the board to be true and factual and the request for relief as presented be recommended to the division.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Yardley.

The chair called for a roll call vote. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Derek - Yes
- Mandi – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

The motion passes.

INFORMAL ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS – Jeff Green:

The proceedings were conducted by Mr. Green.

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part4_00:04 – 35:20 and Par5_00:03 – 00:03)

The chair called for a roll call to ensure a quorum. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes

- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Derek – Yes
- Mandi – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

Mr. Pittman asked if Mr. Jeff Green was present for this hearing. Mr. Jeff Green stated yes.

Mr. Jeff Green attended the proceedings via virtual google meet.

Mr. Pittman explained to Mr. Jeff Green the process of this proceeding.

Mr. Pittman asked Mr. Jeff Green if he has received a copy of the notice of agency action and exhibits for this hearing. Mr. Jeff Green stated yes.

Mr. Pittman asked Mr. Jeff Green if he understood the proceedings today. Mr. Jeff Green stated yes.

Mr. Steven Green reviewed each allegation against Mr. Jeff Green with the Board.

Ms. Gonzalez the medical clinical coordinator for Mr. Jeff Green, could not advise if he is safe to practice as a nurse.

Mr. Steven Green presented the Division’s recommendation to revoke Mr. Jeff Green’s license for a period of five years and required to provide to the division results of voluntary drug and alcohol testing for 12 consecutive months prior to re-application for licensure. Required to complete a mental health evaluation, substance use disorder evaluation, and a physical evaluation with a division approved licensed providers within 90 days prior to re-applying for licensure.

Mr. Jeff Green provided statement to the board.

- 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 Mr. Nielsen.

The chair called for a roll call vote. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Derek – Yes
- Mandi – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

The motion passes.

The meeting closed at 11:04 am and reopened at 11:16 am.

- Mr. Pittman motioned to go back to the open meeting.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Yardley.

The chair called for a roll call vote. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Erica - Yes
- Derek – Yes
- Mandi – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

The motion passes.

The Board deliberated and found all allegations against Mr. Jeff Green to be true and factual. The board recommends a five-year revocation of Mr. Jeff Green's license. Required to provide to the division results of drug and alcohol testing for 12 consecutive months prior to re-application for licensure and demonstrating he has not used alcohol or drugs for which he does not have a current valid prescription. The division is not required to accept testing results from other government authorities or drug testing facilities to satisfy these requirements. Mr. Jeff Green must accurately complete and sign any and all testing results release forms requested by the division or the testing service. Required to complete a mental health evaluation, substance use disorder evaluation, and a physical fitness-for-duty evaluation with a division approved licensed providers within 90 days prior to re-applying for licensure. Each evaluation must clearly indicate Mr. Jeff Green can safely resume practice as registered nurse and imposing other sanctions as the Division Director deems just and appropriate.

Mr. Pittman motioned that all allegations presented to the board to be true and factual and the request for relief as presented be recommended to the division.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Yardley.

The chair called for a roll call vote. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Derek - Yes
- Mandi – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

The motion passes.

INFORMAL ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS – Diana Katherine Aylett:

The proceedings were conducted by Mr. Green.

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part6_00:04 – 44:06 and Par7_00:05 – 07:18)

The chair called for a roll call to ensure a quorum. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Derek – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

Mr. Pittman asked if Ms. Aylett was present for this hearing. Ms. Aylett stated yes.

Ms. Aylett attended the proceedings via virtual google meet.

Mr. Pittman explained to Ms. Aylett the process of this proceeding.

Mr. Pittman asked Ms. Aylett if she has received a copy of the notice of agency action and exhibits for this hearing. Ms. Aylett stated yes.

Mr. Pittman asked Ms. Aylett if she understood the proceedings today. Ms. Aylett stated yes.

Mr. Green reviewed each allegation against Ms. Aylett with the Board.

Mr. Green presented the Division's recommendation to revoke Ms. Aylett's license for a period of five years and required to provide the division results of voluntary drug and alcohol testing for 12 consecutive months prior to re-application for licensure. Required to complete a mental health evaluation, substance use disorder evaluation, and a physical evaluation with a division approved licensed providers within 90 days prior to re-applying for licensure.

Ms. Aylett provided statement to the board.

- 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. Yardley.

The chair called for a roll call vote. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Derek – Yes
- Mandi – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

The motion passes.

The meeting closed at 1:12 pm and reopened at 1:46 pm.

- Mr. Pittman motioned to go back to the open meeting.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nielsen.

The chair called for a roll call vote. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Erica - Yes
- Derek – Yes
- Mandi – Yes
- Curtis – Yes

The motion passes.

The Board deliberated and found all allegations against Ms. Aylett to be true and factual. The board recommends a four-year revocation of Ms. Aylett’s license. Required to provide to the division results of drug and alcohol testing for 12 consecutive months prior to re-application for licensure and demonstrating she has not used alcohol or drugs for which she does not have a current valid prescription. The division is not required to accept testing results from other government authorities or drug testing facilities to satisfy these requirements. Ms. Aylett must accurately complete and sign any and all testing results release forms requested by the division or the testing service. Required to complete a mental health evaluation, substance use disorder evaluation, and a physical evaluation with a division approved licensed providers within 90 days prior to re-applying for licensure. Each evaluation must clearly indicate Ms. Aylett can safely resume practice as registered nurse and imposing other sanctions as the Division Director deems just and appropriate.

Mr. Pittman motioned that all allegations presented to the board to be true and factual and the request for relief as presented be recommended to the division.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Nielsen.

The chair called for a roll call vote. The votes were recorded as follows:

- Ralph – Yes
- Sheryl – Yes
- Shane– Yes
- Wendy – Yes
- Derek - Yes
- Mandi – Yes

- Curtis – Yes
The motion passes.

INFORMAL ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS – Michelle Marie Herring:
The proceedings were re-scheduled to April or May of 2026.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: MARCH 26, 2026

ADJOURN: 2:14 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 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.

03/26/2026

Date Approved


Ralph Pittman (Mar 26, 2026 16:03:41 MDT)

Ralph Pittman - Board of Nursing & Certified Nurse Midwives

03/27/2026

Date Approved



Jeff Busjahn - Bureau Manager, DOPL