

MINUTES
BOARD OF NURSING AND CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES
MEETING

May 14, 2026

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

CONVENED: 8:31 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:28 A.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Jeff Busjahn
Board Secretary: Kelli Arriola
Compliance Specialist:
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
Wendy Rusin, APRN

Derek Bradley, Public
Mandi Lew, DNP, CNM, PMH-C

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Curtis Nielsen, APRN-CRNA
Erica Nelson, DNP, APRN, CNM

GUESTS:

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
Lynne Anthony, DOPL, Investigations
Juan Chavez, DOPL, Investigations
Mark Anderson, DOPL, Investigations
Kirsten Shumway, DOPL Legal Analyst
Lauren Peterson, DOPL

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Mr. Pittman called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 2026, MINUTES:

Dr. Steadman motioned to approve the minutes.

Dr. Lew seconded the motion.

The vote passes with one abstention.

NCSBN 2026 MIDYEAR MEETING DISCUSSION:

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part1_03:50 – 25:54)

Dr. Steadman and Ms. Rusin attended the NCSBN 2026 Midyear meeting and provided the board with some of the key topics. Nursing education core competencies (the essentials), the potential for grandfathering master's prepared nurses into doctoral degrees, and the large scale of the nursing workforce in Utah. Ms. Rusin mentioned the potential for developing a dashboard to monitor board work, stipend orders, and the oversight of nursing education programs. An update was provided regarding the April 29, 2026, APRN roundtable, which covered federal legislation related CRNA supervision, nurse practitioners, and workforce development. The board was pleased with the enactment of provisions granting prescriptive authority to CRNAs in Utah.

LEGISLATIVE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN:

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part1_26:02 – 27:07)

Mr. Busjahn advised he is currently working on a proposed rule change in response to recent legislative updates to the code. He will presenting the proposed changes to the board at a future date.

APPLICATION DISSCUSSION:

This discussion was tabled to avoid potential conflicts of interest during future proceedings.

INFORMAL ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDINGS – Michelle Marie Herring:

The proceedings were conducted by Mr. Green.

(Refer to audio for specifics. Audio_Part2_00:03 – 01:00:19 and Part3_00:05 – 13:07)

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

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

Ms. Herring attended the proceedings via virtual google meet.

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

Mr. Pittman asked Ms. Herring if she had received a copy of the notice of agency action & exhibits for this hearing. Ms. Herring stated yes.

Mr. Pittman asked Ms. Herring if she understood the proceedings today. Ms. Herring said for the most part.

Mr. Green clarified the proceedings today for Ms. Herring.

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

Mr. Green presented the Division's recommendation to revoke Ms. Herring's license and prohibiting her from applying for any license with the division of professional licensing for a period of five years and provide results of voluntary drug and alcohol testing for 12 consecutive months prior to re-application for licensure, demonstrate no drug & alcohol use which they do not have current valid prescription. 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 indicate safe to practice as a registered nurse.

Ms. Herring provided a 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. Lew.

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

The motion passes.

The meeting closed at 10:03 am and reopened at 10:15 am.

- Dr. Steadman motioned to go back to the open meeting.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rusin.

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

The motion passes.

The Board deliberated and found all allegations against Ms. Herring to be true and factual. The board recommends revoking Ms. Herring's license for a period of five years, required to provide 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. The division is not required to accept testing results from other government authorities or drug testing facilities to satisfy these requirements. Ms. Herring 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. Herring can safely practice as a nurse and imposing other sanctions as the Division Director deems just and appropriate.

Mr. Pittman motioned to accept the board's findings and recommendations presented to the division.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Rusin.

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

The motion passes.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: JUNE 11, 2026

ADJOURN: 10:28 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 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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Ralph Pittman

Ralph Pittman (Jun 11, 2026 11:56:14 MDT)

Date Approved

Ralph Pittman - Board of Nursing & Certified Nurse Midwives

06/11/2026

Jeff Busjahn

Date Approved

Jeff Busjahn - Bureau Manager, DOPL