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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF NURSING

TIME: 9:06 A.M.

Held at
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
2601 North Third Street
One Penn Center, Board Room C
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

July 20, 2022

State Board of Nursing
July 20, 2022

BOARD MEMBERS:

Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair
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Bridget E. Vincent, MSN, CRNP, APN-BC, CCRN
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Tina Siegel, LPN

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS:

Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel
Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
Ariel O'Malley, Esquire, Board Counsel
Todd Kriner, Esquire, Board Counsel
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Division
William Newport, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor in Charge,
Board Prosecution Co-Liaison
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Prosecution Co-Liaison
Trista Boyd, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Madison Hales, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Matthew T. Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Cynthia K. Montgomery, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel

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Wendy J. Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary
Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator
Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing
Education Advisor Annuitant
Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor
Susan Bolig, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor

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Ann Marie Zvorsky, MSN, RN, CNE, Nursing Practice
Advisor
Jonathan Cortez, Board Staff
Adrian Piechowicz, PaCP, Paralegal, Prosecution
K. Kalonji Johnson, Deputy Secretary for Regulatory
Programs, Department of State
Marc Farrell, Deputy Director, Office of Policy,
Department of State
Danie Bendesky, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs,
Department of State
Raymond Shapard, On-site End User Support, Contracted
Staff

ALSO PRESENT:

Vilma Davis, PNP, BC, PhD, Director and
Chair/Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing,
Lincoln University
Patricia A. Joseph, PhD, Provost; Dean, Office of the
Dean of the Faculty, Psychology and Human Services
Department, Lincoln University
Dana Wallace, Clinical Coordinator, Department of
Nursing, Lincoln University
Melodye Neal, MSN, RN, CPN, Assistant Professor,
Department of Nursing, Lincoln University
Joyce Taylor, RN, MSN, CCRN, Associate Professor,
Department of Nursing, Lincoln University
Diane Neikam, Department Assistant, Department of
Nursing, Lincoln University
Latisha Hayes, DNP, APRN-BC, CNE, Director of Nursing,
Prism Career Institute
Khadijah Williams, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing,
Prism Career Institute
Jeffrey Mann, Campus Director, Prism Career
Institute
Sharon Gordon, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing,
Prism Career Institute
Jessica Bellerby-Williamson, Student Services, Prism
Career Institute
Shay Diegel, BSN, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing,
Prism Career Institute
Debbie Dell, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program
Director, Great Lakes Institute of Technology

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5 ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)
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7 Valerie Meade, Associate Director of Education, Great
8 Lakes Institute of Technology
9 Suzanne Kibler, RN, Nursing Instructor, Great Lakes
10 Institute of Technology
11 Eric Berrios, Chief Executive Officer, Great Lakes
12 Institute of Technology
13 Alexandra Lybrook, RN, Nursing Instructor, Great Lakes
14 Institute of Technology
15 Christina Legg, RN, Nursing Instructor, Great Lakes
16 Institute of Technology
17 Rischelle Shaw, RN, Clinical Coordinator, Great Lakes
18 Institute of Technology
19 Joann Megon, RN, Executive Director, PNAP
20 Deborah Little, EdD, RN, CNE, Corporate Assistant Dean
21 of Nursing, Lincoln Technical Institute
22 Steven B. Litvack, Esquire, President, Jersey College
23 Colette Gargiulo, MSN-Ed, RN, Provost, Jersey College
24 Cheryl Osnayo, MSN, RN, Dean of Nursing, Jersey
25 College
26 Judith Williams, PhD, MSN, MS, RN-BC, Dean of Nursing,
27 Jersey College
28 Greg Karzhevsky, CEO/Chancellor, Jersey College
29 Park Smith III, Director of Institutional
30 Effectiveness, Jersey College
31 Brenda Simpson, Director Clinical Relations, Jersey
32 College
33 Cassidy Caudill, MPA, Institutional Effectiveness
34 Planner, Jersey College
35 Sarah Holloway, Esquire, Jersey College
36 Karen March, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, Professor/Director of
37 Graduate Nursing Program, York College of
38 Pennsylvania
39 Stacy Lutter, DEd, RN, BC, Chair of Nursing and
40 Interim Dean of Myers School of Nursing and Health
41 Sciences
42 Oma Riley-Giomariso, PhD, CRNP, Director of Nurse
43 Practitioner Program, York College
44 Shona Murphy, MSN-Ed, RN, Director of Practical
45 Nursing Program, Health & Technology Training
46 Institute
47 Teresa Collins, Executive Director, District 1199C
48 Training and Upgrading Fund
49 Matthew McCoy, DNP, CRNA, Pennsylvania Association of
50 Nurse Anesthetists

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

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7 Dan Atland, Pennsylvania Association of Nurse
8 Anesthetists
9 Shauna Boscaccy, Pennsylvania Association of
10 Nurse Anesthetists
11 Amalia Haupt, Nursing Student, Cedar Crest College
12 School of Nursing
13 Anastasia Dalja, Nursing Student, Cedar Crest College
14 School of Nursing
15 Kimberly Fawcett, Nursing Student, Cedar Crest College
16 School of Nursing
17 Isaac Smith, Nursing Student, Cedar Crest College
18 School of Nursing
19 Je Hseih, Nursing Student, Cedar Crest College School
20 of Nursing
21 Natalie Cantelmi, Nursing Student, Cedar Crest College
22 School of Nursing
23 Sabrina Ricciardi, Nursing Student, Cedar Crest
24 College School of Nursing
25 Sofiaiqbal Mirza-Glusiec, Nursing Student, Cedar Crest
26 College School of Nursing
27 Victoria Kraus, Nursing Student, Cedar Crest College
28 School of Nursing
29 Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, FNAP, FAAN,
30 Dean/Professor, Ross and Carol Nese College of
31 Nursing, Penn State University
32 Beth Ann Puckett, MSN, RN, GERO-BC, Director Practical
33 Nursing, Chester County Intermediate Unit
34 Adele Caruso, DNP, CRNP, Penn Medicine, PCNP
35 Kathleen A. Clark, RN, LECOM Senior Living
36 Julie Doyle, EdD, RN, Geisinger Lewistown Hospital
37 School of Nursing Faculty
38 Kathleen Rundquist, MSN, RN, Nurse Administrator and
39 Financial Aid Administrator, Franklin County
40 Practical Nursing Program
41 Michelle Davis, RN, MSN, Director of Nursing, Lincoln
42 Technical Institute - Allentown
43 Pam Hughes, Practical Nursing Director, United Career
44 Institute
45 Misha Patel, Esquire, Government Relations, Pennsylvania
46 Medical Society
47 Faith Morelli, Director, Western Area Career and
48 Technology Center
49 Tom Dougherty, Government Affairs, Pennsylvania State
50 Nurses Association

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7 Theresa McCurry, RN, BSN, Interim Director, Licensed
8 Practical Nursing Program, Western Area Career and
9 Technology Center
10 Madeline Edwards, BSN, RN
11 Kristen Yoder, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
12 Hospital School of Nursing
13 Patricia Nahabwe, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
14 Hospital School of Nursing
15 Abigail Minck, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
16 Hospital School of Nursing
17 Shyanne King, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
18 Hospital School of Nursing
19 Mary Hutchinson, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
20 Hospital School of Nursing
21 Lydia Hoover, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
22 Hospital School of Nursing
23 Madyson Stroup, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
24 Hospital School of Nursing
25 Alison Snyder, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
26 Hospital School of Nursing
27 Nathan Seidel, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
28 Hospital School of Nursing
29 Nancy Peachey, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
30 Hospital School of Nursing
31 Natalyn Edwards, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
32 Hospital School of Nursing
33 Laney Dowling, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
34 Hospital School of Nursing
35 Maddison Coudret, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
36 Hospital School of Nursing
37 Mikayla Boonie, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
38 Hospital School of Nursing
39 Jetta Bobb, Nursing Student, Geisinger Lewistown
40 Hospital School of Nursing
41 Tyler Burke, Milliron & Goodman, LLC
42 Heather Haines, Practical Nursing Program, Mifflin
43 County Academy of Science & Technology Practical
44 Nursing Program
45 Wesley Rish, Esquire, Law offices of Wesley Rish
46 Louise S. Frantz, RN, Nursing Coordinator, Practical
47 Nursing Program, Penn State Berks
48 Jen Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate
49 Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
50 Committee

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Nicole Sidle, Majority Committee Executive Director,
House Professional Licensure Committee

Janyce L. Collier, MSN, RN, CNE, Nurse
Administrator/Financial Aid Administrator, Franklin
County Career & Technology Center Practical Nursing
Program

Seth Rolko, Democratic Executive Director, Senate
Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
Committee

Corey Dennis, Interim Program Director, Pennsylvania
Institute of Technology Practical Nursing Program

Beth Finkbiner, MSN, RN, Interim Program Director,
Geisinger Lewistown Hospital School of Nursing

Rebecca Stout, DNP, PhD, CRNA, Associate Dean of
Nursing Student Education, Geisinger Lewistown
Hospital of Nursing

Stacey M. Osborne, Faculty Member, Geisinger Lewistown
Hospital School of Nursing

Tiffany M. Goss, Faculty Member, Geisinger Lewistown
Hospital School of Nursing

Kimberly Pilker, MHA, BSN, RN, Program Director, Erie
Institute of Technology

Teresa M. Conte, PhD, Chair, Department of Nursing,
University of Scranton

Maggie Johnson RN, MSN, Practical Nursing Coordinator,
Northern Tier Career Center

Katrina Claghorn, MS, RD, LDN, Pennsylvania Academy of
Nutrition & Dietetics

Rebecca Seaman, EdD, Nursing Program Director,
Centenary University

Paige Schurr, EdD, RN, Hunterdon Healthcare

Anna Arvay, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine

Glynis Fitzgerald, Alvernia College

Reynande Francois, Moses Taylor Hospital

Sally

Theresa Brown

LaKeetra Josey

Jarrett Smith

Logan Vonada

Thanh Hoan Tuong

Thomas Mayer

Andrea Weaver

Caitlin Grimes

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Nursing was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2022.
7 Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, called the meeting to
8 order at 9:06 a.m.

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10 Introduction of Board Members

11 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, requested an
12 introduction of Board members.]

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14 Introduction of Board Staff

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16 Introduction of Gallery Attendees

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18 Introduction of Virtual Attendees

19 [Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator, provided an
20 introduction of audience members.]

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22 Adoption of the Agenda

23 CHAIR KMETZ:

24 The Agenda is before you. Any additions
25 or corrections? Hearing none, may I

1 have a motion for approval of today's
2 Agenda?

3 DR. COUGHLIN:

4 So moved.

5 DR. HUNSBERGER:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR KMETZ:

8 All those in favor? Opposed?

9 Abstentions?

10 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
11 voting on the motion.]

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13 Adoption of Minutes of June 10, 2022

14 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
15 noted the minutes from June will be on the September
16 agenda as they were received in July.]

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18 Adoption of Minutes of May 5, 2022

19 CHAIR KMETZ:

20 Motion for approval of the May minutes?

21 DR. COUGHLIN:

22 So moved.

23 MS. HERTZLER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR KMETZ:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
4 voting on the motion.]

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6 Report of Prosecutorial Division

7 [Chair Kmetz noted VRP Consent Agreements items 2
8 through 14.]

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10 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Boyd's item 15.]

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12 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Evancho's items 16 and 17.]

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14 [Chair Kmetz noted Mr. Hales' items 18 and 19.]

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16 [Chair Kmetz noted Mr. Sniscak's item 20.]

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18 [Chair Kmetz noted Ms. Szymanski's item 21.]

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20 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
21 reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded
22 and voluntary participation constitutes consent to be
23 recorded.]

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25 Regulation Update

1 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel, had
2 nothing further to report for 16A-5139 regarding the
3 Volunteer License.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted 16A-5141 regarding the
5 Nursing Education Programs has been on hold because of
6 working on writing other packages.

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Board members that
8 16A-5143 regarding Continued Competency and Licensure
9 by Endorsement is with the Office of General Counsel
10 (OGC). She mentioned that comments were received from
11 the OGC and that she would make any changes that were
12 not substantive but bring anything substantive to the
13 Board. After OGC approval, the proposed package would
14 go to the Attorney General's Office for review.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to the legislative
16 inquiry last month asking for the status of the Act 41
17 regulation. She provided an update, noting Office of
18 Policy and Budget have signed off. She noted the OGC
19 reviewed it and submitted comments, and those comments
20 are going to be reviewed.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to 16A-5144
22 regarding the CRNP Statement of Policy to include a
23 certified registered nurse practitioner's (CRNP)
24 authorization to order intravenous (IV) infusion and
25 be physically present when it is administered. As

1 currently written, a physician has to be physically
2 present in order for the registered nurse (RN) to
3 administer that medication.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted that since the
5 Statement of Policy has been published in the
6 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* there is a 30-day public comment
7 period. She mentioned receiving one comment so far,
8 and a hearing has been scheduled at the October
9 meeting for anyone who wants to speak on this
10 proposal. She noted the address to send public
11 comments is in the document published in the
12 *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. She recommended that anyone
13 who wishes to speak during the October hearing to
14 advise the Board.

15 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to 16A-5145
16 regarding Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
17 (CRNA) Licensure, noting prior discussion on the
18 exposure draft comments at the prior meeting and a
19 planned continued discussion.

20 Ms. Pachter Schulder addressed 16A-5146 regarding
21 Additional Continuing Education. She mentioned the
22 Board adopted the proposed form of that regulation
23 last month, noting it is for the opioid education for
24 CRNPs and organ donation education for RNs, RN-
25 Volunteers, CRNPs, CNSs, and will be for CRNAs. She

1 noted working on the preamble and Regulatory Analysis
2 Form.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to 16A-5147
4 regarding the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). She
5 stated the Department is working on trying to schedule
6 a meeting with the Federal Bureau of Investigation
7 (FBI) to find out what language will be acceptable to
8 the FBI for the federal fingerprint-based criminal
9 background check.

10 Ms. Pachter Schulder commented that states that
11 have been able to implement the Compact were able to
12 do so because their fingerprint requirement was
13 statutory required independent of the Compact and was
14 enacted prior to the Compact. She explained that once
15 there is acceptable language, the Department would go
16 back to the Legislature to amend the language followed
17 by the Governor's signature.

18 Ms. Pachter Schulder mentioned that Wendy Miller
19 is working with people from Budget and Revenue to
20 determine the fees for the Compact license so that
21 they can be included within the regulation. In
22 addition to needing a regulation in place to charge
23 fees, but also for the procedure of how Pennsylvania
24 current licensees would convert that license to a
25 multistate license.

1 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted that once the Compact
2 is implemented, multistate licensees who do not reside
3 in Pennsylvania would no longer need to hold a
4 separate license in Pennsylvania in order to practice
5 in Pennsylvania. Similarly, multistate licensees who
6 do not reside in Pennsylvania will not be required to
7 report criminal convictions or reciprocal discipline
8 to this Board.

9 Lastly, for the BPOA Regulation regarding
10 Crimes Directly Related to the Profession, this is a
11 regulation under the authority of the Commissioner of
12 BPOA and is beginning the regulatory process. She
13 provided a summary of Act 53 and reminded everyone
14 that there is the list of crimes directly related to
15 the profession, plus a statutory list of sexual
16 offenses, drug-related offenses, and violent offenses,
17 the latter of which is incorporated into crimes
18 related to the profession.]

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20 Pennsylvania Legislative Update - Legislation

21 Affecting Nurses/Nursing

22 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
23 addressed Act 35 of 2022, which expedites licensure
24 for those in the military and their spouses. She
25 mentioned it also allows for those in the military to

1 renew their licenses before they are deployed.

2 Acting Commissioner Claggett commented that Act
3 35 will require the Department to create something
4 separate within the Pennsylvania Licensing System
5 (PALS) to expedite licenses.]

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7 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

8 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, welcomed new Board
9 member, Tina Siegel, LPN.

10 Ms. Siegel provided a brief summary of her
11 professional background.

12 Ms. Pachter Schulder commented that Ms. Siegel
13 was sworn into office just prior to this meeting, so
14 she was unable to read any of the documents on the
15 agenda and will be abstaining from all votes today.]

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17 Appointment - Proposal from Jersey College for a
18 Prelicensure Associate Degree in Applied Science in
19 Nursing (AAS) Program in Scranton, Pennsylvania.
20 Steven B. Litvack, Esquire, President; Colette
21 Gargiulo, MSN-Ed, RN, Provost; Cheryl Osnayo, MSN, RN,
22 Dean of Nursing; Judith Williams, PhD, MSN, MS, RN-BC,
23 Dean of Nursing; Greg Karzhevsky, CEO and Chancellor;
24 Park Smith, III, Director of Institutional
25 Effectiveness; and Brenda Simpson, Director Clinical

1 Relations, appeared before the Board on behalf of
2 Jersey College.

3 Mr. Litvack explained the approval process for
4 the proposed RN Program. He mentioned there is a two-
5 step approval process - one is from the Pennsylvania
6 Department of Education (PDE) and the second is Board
7 approval. He noted PDE recommended that the Program
8 go through the enterprise process because Jersey
9 College is an out-of-state institution applying to
10 offer education in the state of Pennsylvania. He
11 noted that the degree issued would actually fall under
12 the New Jersey Higher Education Commission. He
13 commented that Jersey College is authorized in the
14 state of New Jersey to have an AAS in Nursing.

15 Ms. Gargiulo commented that Jersey College is a
16 private postsecondary educational institution
17 specializing in nursing education and accredited by
18 the Council on Occupational Education and by the
19 Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.
20 She noted Jersey College was founded in 2003 and
21 graduated more than 9,500 nursing students, along with
22 having a consistent high entrance pass rate averaging
23 about 90 percent.

24 Ms. Gargiulo explained that they are looking into
25 other states because they are seeking to establish a

1 campus in Scranton in connection with Commonwealth
2 Health, which is part of an ongoing alliance they have
3 with Community Health Systems. She noted the mission
4 of their alliance is to educate a pipeline of
5 qualified nurses that are able to join the health care
6 workforce and contribute to meeting the total needs of
7 the community.

8 Ms. Gargiulo mentioned revitalizing a whole
9 paradigm, which are hospital-based nursing programs,
10 but the students will receive an AAS degree. She
11 reported the school will be onsite at Moses Taylor
12 Hospital so students will have a seamless integration
13 between the didactic and clinical and would take part
14 in the continuing education the hospital offers.

15 Ms. Gargiulo mentioned Jersey College has a
16 sister school in Ewing Township, New Jersey, and has a
17 number of students from Pennsylvania who go to Ewing
18 because it is close and are familiar with Pennsylvania
19 and hope to be successful.

20 Ms. Gargiulo addressed recruitment of faculty,
21 stating that Community Health System is their alliance
22 and is looking to take their employees and assist them
23 to become nurses. She stated they have employees who
24 may be interested in doing adjunct work and have a
25 talent acquisition program in place for the college to

1 identify people who are most qualified as far as
2 faculty.

3 Ms. Gargiulo mentioned starting out with three
4 full-time faculty and 30 students. She noted the
5 program to be a two-year program. She discussed
6 opportunities for students who fail the course.

7 Mr. Litvack addressed where Jersey College is in
8 terms of accreditation with Middle States and the two
9 identified on their proposal. He explained that
10 Middle States delayed them another year and asked them
11 to come back. He commented that Middle States does
12 not want them to have common ownership with colleges,
13 so they are working on separating those colleges.

14 Mr. Litvack commented that Jersey College wants
15 to have a class up and running and then would submit
16 to the Accreditation Commission for Education in
17 Nursing (ACEN) for approval.

18 Ms. Pachter Schulder shared information about the
19 Department of Labor and Industry's Apprenticeship
20 Program that may be of interest to the hospitals
21 affiliated with the program.

22 Chair Kmetz thanked Jersey College for their
23 presentation.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Jersey College that
25 the Board would have a decision on their proposal

1 after Executive Session and that they would also
2 receive a letter from the Board. She also informed
3 them that there would be a site visit, either
4 virtually or in person, upon approval from the Board.]

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6 Appointment - Proposal from York College of

7 Pennsylvania for Implementation of a

8 Family/Individual Across the Lifespan Certified

9 Registered Nurse Practitioner Program

10 Stacy Lutter, DEd, RN, BC, Chair of Nursing and

11 Interim Dean of Myers School of Nursing and Health

12 Sciences, and Oma Riley-Giomariso, PhD, CRNP, Director

13 of Nurse Practitioner Program, York College of

14 Pennsylvania, appeared before the Board on behalf of

15 York College.

16 [Dr. Lutter commented that York College has

17 established a reputation of nursing excellence in both

18 undergraduate and graduate education and has offered a

19 Bachelor of Science in Nursing since 1977 and a Master

20 of Science in Nursing since 2001.

21 Dr. Lutter stated the initial accreditation of

22 their master's programs was granted by the Commission

23 on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) in 2005. She

24 mentioned that all of their baccalaureate, master's,

25 and post-master's certificates were granted full

1 reaccreditation for 10 years in 2015. She reported
2 the adult nurse practitioner transitioned to adult-
3 gerontology nurse practitioner in response to the
4 American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP)
5 Position Statement in 2012.

6 Dr. Lutter mentioned they accepted their first
7 cohort of students into the Psychiatric-Mental Health
8 Nurse Practitioner Program in 2019. She stated the
9 Family Nurse Practitioner Program was developed in
10 response to the nursing education needs of their
11 constituents and in response to the nationwide
12 shortage of primary care providers. She noted that
13 the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Program is just
14 the addition of three new clinical courses, and the
15 FNP Program is timely and responsive to the needs of
16 the community and will prepare graduates to
17 productively work as nurse practitioners in a wide
18 variety of settings within the region and beyond.

19 Dr. Lutter noted having two full-time nurse
20 practitioners on their faculty, along with Dr. Riley-
21 Giomariso and Dr. Rachel Smith who would be joining
22 the faculty in August. She also noted having a
23 pediatric nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, and
24 adjunct faculty supervising students in the clinical
25 setting.

1 Dr. Lutter addressed interest in the program.
2 She reported hearing from graduates that it opens up
3 more career opportunities because some of the adult-
4 gerontology nurse practitioners are finding their
5 career opportunities to be somewhat limited. She
6 reported interest for post-master's certificates in
7 the FNPs by some of their former graduates, along with
8 interest in their psych-mental health as well.

9 Dr. Riley-Giomariso commented that the American
10 Association of Nurse Practitioners identifies that the
11 family nurse practitioner is the largest specialty, so
12 when they look at the data from the national task
13 force, about 88 percent of nurse practitioners are
14 practicing in a primary care setting.

15 Dr. Riley-Giomariso believed the primary care
16 nurse practitioner track would address not only the
17 nation's needs but the needs of our students when they
18 are graduating and seeking work in their specialty.
19 She mentioned having a pass rate of 100 percent over
20 the last three years.

21 Chair Kmetz requested information regarding the
22 \$645 credit.

23 Dr. Lutter explained that many of their students
24 are working professionals, and graduate student
25 scholarships are limited. She noted they have been

1 offering a discount to alumni but are expanding that
2 model and offering a discount to anyone who works in
3 their local region and are trying to attract people to
4 come back to school.

5 Chair Kmetz thanked York College of Pennsylvania
6 for their presentation.

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed York College that
8 the Board would deliberate on their proposal during
9 Executive Session and welcomed them to stay for the
10 decision at the end of the meeting.]

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12 Appointment - Prism Career Institute

13 Latisha Hayes, DNP, APRN-BC, CNE, Director of Nursing;
14 Khadijah Williams RN, Assistant Director of Nursing;
15 Jeffrey Mann, Campus Director; Sharon Gordon, RN,
16 Assistant Director of Nursing; and Jessica Bellerby-
17 Williamson, Student Services, appeared before the
18 Board on behalf of Prism Career Institute.

19 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
20 noted Prism Career Institute had an 82.76% pass rate
21 for first time test takers in the first quarter, a
22 79.41% pass rate in the second quarter, and dipped to
23 54.05% pass rate in the third quarter. She requested
24 more detail regarding the relationship between the 3.0
25 grade point average (GPA) and pass rate.

1 Dr. Hayes stated they implemented a mandatory
2 remediation policy in April 2021, where students who
3 achieved either less than 3.0 GPA or failed a course
4 were mandated to participate in remediation until
5 their GPA reached 3.0 or for the duration of the
6 course they had to retake.

7 Dr. Hayes explained that they developed the 3.0
8 number after reviewing statistics over five years and
9 found that students or graduates who achieved a 3.0
10 GPA or greater had a greater likelihood of passing the
11 NCLEX than students or graduates who achieve less than
12 a 3.0.

13 Dr. Hayes commented that the third quarter was a
14 bit of an anomaly and uncharacteristic of their
15 statistics and trends. She stated instead of making
16 drastic changes, they expanded their remediation
17 policy, where not only students who had a 3.0 GPA or
18 less had to sit in remediation but also have to go
19 through remediation for the duration of the term
20 whether or not they reach that 3.0.

21 Dr. Hayes reported no correlations between day or
22 evening programs but did see a trend where many of the
23 graduates had a self-directed delay of six months
24 before their test date. She noted instructing every
25 graduating class on the importance of not waiting to

1 take their test and offer faculty and staff to
2 graduates while waiting to test.

3 Dr. Hayes explained that Prism's list of first
4 time test takers includes a candidate who has taken
5 the exam previously. She noted that she has reported
6 this to Pearson VUE who were going to make the change
7 but appears they have not yet made the change.

8 Dr. Petula commented that the changes need to be
9 submitted to the Board and that they contact the
10 National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

11 Dr. Hayes stated the person she contacted
12 acknowledged the graduate did test and explained that
13 she would look further into it and provide an answer
14 to us.

15 Dr. Petula offered to look at the information for
16 Dr. Hayes.

17 Ms. Pachter Schulder acknowledged pass rate
18 improvement but stated the real conundrum for the
19 Board is that this is the eighth year of requesting an
20 extension of provisional status, so the Board is very
21 concerned with the program meeting that minimum pass
22 rate. She asked Dr. Hayes to explain the impact if
23 the Board were to choose to limit the number of
24 students to a class or limit the number of cohorts.

25 Dr. Hayes explained that they have already

1 decreased student admission by approximately 25
2 percent. She noted that the school is one of the only
3 schools in the area and is making a difference in the
4 lives of a lot of people from Philadelphia.

5 Dr. Hayes addressed remediation, noting it kicks
6 in as soon as the middle of the term starts, and by
7 the second exam, which is at the midterm, it is
8 determined whether they need to go into remediation or
9 not. She mentioned that approximately 10 percent of
10 students reach out by themselves for tutoring and
11 approximately 30 percent of a class need to sit
12 through remediation once midterm hits. She noted
13 their policy has expanded, where students are put into
14 remediation after the first quiz.

15 Dr. Hayes addressed the admission process where
16 they developed an Admissions Committee in January 2021
17 of interdisciplinary people consisting of admissions,
18 financial aid, student services, and nursing who look
19 at the potential student as an overall person to see
20 if there are any obstacles that may hinder them from
21 successful program completion. She noted they also
22 have a 21-day probationary period where the students
23 can try out our program but do not have any financial
24 responsibility to the school.

25 Dr. Hunsberger asked whether Prism Career

1 Institute has an Exam Review Committee. Dr. Hayes
2 noted they have a Curriculum Committee that reviews
3 each exam to make sure they compare to Mountain
4 Measurements and the Next Generation.

5 Chair Kmetz asked whether the people who are
6 doing the tutoring are aware of what is on the exam.
7 Dr. Hayes stated the people who are doing the tutoring
8 are aware of the material that is on the exam, but
9 they do not want to be teaching to the test and not
10 the overall understanding of the material. She
11 mentioned having a post-exam review where the
12 instructor does an item analysis and looks over the
13 overall content of what the students as a class had
14 gotten incorrect.

15 Dr. Hunsberger offered something he found to be
16 beneficial with noticing certain items were missed,
17 and across the board, chances are the instructor is at
18 fault. He addressed active learning, where he splits
19 students into groups and gives them the question and
20 asks them to tell him why each answer is wrong and why
21 the correct one is right because they remember that
22 information. Dr. Hayes agreed with the idea and noted
23 she would implement active learning.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Prism Career
25 Institute that the Board would have the results

1 following Executive Session and that they would also
2 receive a letter from the Board.]

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4 [The Board recessed from 10:46 a.m. until 11:57 a.m.]

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6 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, exited the meeting at
7 11:57 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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9 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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11 Appointment - Great Lakes Institute of Technology
12 Debbie Dell, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program
13 Director; Valerie Meade, Associate Director of
14 Education; Suzanne Kibler, RN, Nursing Instructor;
15 Eric Berrios, Chief Executive Officer; Alexandra
16 Lybrook, RN, Nursing Instructor; Christina Legg, RN,
17 Nursing Instructor; and Rischelle Shaw, RN, Clinical
18 Coordinator, appeared before the Board on behalf of
19 Great Lakes Institute of Technology.

20 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
21 noted Great Lakes Institute of Technology had a pass
22 rate of 50% in the first quarter, a pass rate of
23 77.78% in the second quarter, and 88.89% pass rate of
24 first time test takers in the last quarter. She
25 requested information on how many students still have

1 to test and what improvements have been made since
2 last time.

3 Ms. Dell reported that six students still need to
4 take the test.

5 Ms. Pachter Schulder asked whether there is any
6 correlation between how well students are doing in
7 class and their pass rate.

8 Ms. Dell stated they just started to evaluate
9 students' admission scores on the Health Education
10 Systems Incorporated (HESI) Exam and their first
11 quarter results. She noted they have been evaluating
12 when they see somebody do poorly on an exam and
13 evaluate what they actually scored on the HESI.

14 Ms. Dell mentioned that they are getting rid of
15 the HESI and utilizing the Test of Essential Academic
16 Skills (TEAS) Exam. She noted they have been
17 evaluating their TEAS scores with their scores on the
18 test exams in the quarters. She found that those who
19 score low on the TEAS Exam are the students who suffer
20 more and addressed tutoring.

21 A faculty member commented that students struggle
22 in anatomy and physiology, noting that she meets with
23 the student usually after the first exam if they do
24 not do great and discuss study strategies if they also
25 do poorly on the second exam. She stated she prepares

1 a report for Ms. Dell who also meets with the
2 students. She mentioned some students are referred to
3 Student Services for help with childcare and
4 transportation. It was noted that consultants from
5 Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) are teaching
6 the faculty strategies on how to write their tests and
7 would be implemented as soon as the curriculum is
8 approved. She commented that she is starting to teach
9 the juniors to be able to recognize how to answer
10 NCLEX® questions and how to apply the knowledge they
11 learned even though they are not in the new
12 curriculum. She noted they have been rewriting
13 questions, looking at the ATI book, and what
14 requirements are for teaching students.

15 Faculty noted they also have an ATI Live Review
16 toward the end of the quarter, content coverage,
17 demographic report of the exam provided to the
18 students, and tutoring for success before the NCLEX®.
19 She mentioned that ATI also allows them to open ATI
20 Live Review for 30 days until they take their NCLEX.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Great Lakes
22 Institute that the Board would provide a decision
23 after Executive Session.]

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25 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, reentered the meeting

1 at 11:31 a.m.]

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CHAIR KMETZ RESUMED THE CHAIR

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5 Appointment - Health & Technology Training Institute
6 Shona Murphy, MSN-Ed, RN, Director of Practical
7 Nursing Program, appeared before the Board on behalf
8 of Health & Technology Training Institute.

9 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
10 noted Health & Technology Training Institute's overall
11 pass rate is 86.67% but requested information
12 regarding the dip in the pass rate to 75% in the third
13 quarter.

14 Ms. Murphy addressed the class of 2020, class of
15 2021, and class of 2022. She stated the class of 2022
16 had 17 students, with 4 who have been waiting as early
17 as the end of May for their authorization to test from
18 the state. She noted that the students who did not
19 pass the NCLEX® should not have moved to level 2, and
20 revisions were made in the program where students must
21 maintain a level 2 on ATI predictors as well as
22 changing student policy to make sure they are bringing
23 in students who are ready and prepared for the
24 program.

25 Chair Kmetz asked whether they conducted the

1 analysis as requested by the Board to see whether
2 there is a correlation between graduate GPA and exam
3 results.

4 Ms. Murphy stated there were students in the
5 program who did not make the 80% which is their policy
6 to complete the course successfully and were the
7 students who were not successful with the NCLEX®. She
8 mentioned that anyone not able to maintain an 80%
9 throughout the course would not be able to move to the
10 next level if remediation does not work.

11 Chair Kmetz asked whether there was a correlation
12 between pre-admission scores and students' GPA and
13 have they seen any outcomes of that or done a
14 retrospective analysis to say what are the TEAS
15 scores, what is the GPA, and what is NCLEX success.

16 Ms. Murphy explained that data would not be
17 available until after the class of 2024. She
18 mentioned having a pre-nursing program that a lot of
19 students do take advantage of the offer to help them
20 prepare. She mentioned students are just not putting
21 the time in. She believed having the TEAS Exam at
22 59%, which is proficient, will allow them to have more
23 knowledge in the science area where students seem to
24 struggle in level 1 with anatomy and physiology (A&P).

25 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to the two students

1 who applied in May but had not yet received their
2 Authorization to Test (ATT), noting the Board did not
3 get Nursing Education Verifications (NEVs) on those
4 students until June.

5 Ms. Murphy stated she submitted the NEV
6 information on May 30, but the students have not
7 received their ATTs to date.

8 Chair Kmetz asked whether they are using Mountain
9 Measurements to evaluate their curriculum. Ms. Murphy
10 reported utilizing Evolve Adaptive Quizzing to track
11 students' performance and ATI. She noted they would
12 be starting to use Mountain Measurements hopefully by
13 the first week of August.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Health & Technology
15 Training Institute that the Board would have the
16 results after discussion during Executive Session.]

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18 Appointment - Lincoln University

19 Vilma Davis, PNP, BC, PhD, Director and

20 Chair/Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing;

21 Patricia A. Joseph, PhD, Provost, Dean, Office of the

22 Dean of the Faculty, Psychology and Human Services

23 Department; Joyce Taylor, RN, MSN, CCRN, Associate

24 Professor, Nursing Department; and Diane Neikam,

25 Department Assistant, Nursing Department, appeared

1 before the Board on behalf of Lincoln University.
2 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
3 informed Lincoln University that the Board still does
4 not have any NEVs for the students to test.

5 Dr. Davis explained that she attempted to submit
6 seven NEVs into the Education Program Portal and
7 Information Communication Channel (eppiccNURSE). She
8 explained that she did not understand that the
9 Registrar also had to send in the NEVs.

10 Ms. Wendy Miller informed Dr. Davis that the
11 registrar does not need to send anything, and she just
12 needs to submit the NEVs. She suggested working with
13 Linda Groce from the Board Office because the Board
14 does not have any NEVs from her. Ms. Miller noted
15 that she will have Ms. Groce contact Dr. Davis this
16 afternoon to walk her through the process because she
17 may be using the wrong pass code.

18 Ms. Pachter Schulder asked when the new NCLEX®
19 questions would be incorporated into the curriculum
20 from the August 17 exam writing session.

21 Dr. Davis explained that the new questions would
22 start at the beginning of the semester but wanted to
23 make sure faculty knows everything and goes through
24 training.

25 Chair Kmetz asked how their courses are directly

1 aligned with the NCLEX® test plan.

2 Ms. Taylor stated the NCLEX® test plan has been
3 addressed in all the addendums. She mentioned there
4 is also a column for the NCLEX® test plan and is the
5 course alignment they are asking the faculty to
6 develop. She noted they are aligning learning
7 outcomes with the NCLEX® test plan and that the NCLEX®
8 test plan has been integrated throughout all reports,
9 courses, and weekly topic schedule.

10 Ms. Taylor noted a whole afternoon was spent with
11 each faculty member during the faculty retreat going
12 over each course and through the whole crosswalk,
13 along with reducing any redundancy.

14 Dr. Coughlin asked how they selected their
15 consultant to ensure students are getting the in-depth
16 understanding of the course materials.

17 Dr. Davis explained that Loretta Manning was
18 brought in on the recommendation of Lenora Campbell
19 because of the suggestion from the State Board of
20 Nursing that Lincoln University have a consultant to
21 help students with their review course for the NCLEX®.

22 She noted faculty also attended the review course to
23 learn additional strategies of teaching.

24 Chair Kmetz requested information regarding item
25 writing and how items are being evaluated for being

1 application level and what data analytics are being
2 used to measure reliability and validity.

3 Dr. Davis noted a committee looks at the
4 questions and vets them to make sure they meet the
5 requirements. She mentioned an opportunity on August
6 17 to go through a course with NurseTim to ensure
7 questions meet criteria and testing clinical judgment.

8 Ms. Taylor discussed using the Canvas Learning
9 Management System and will be incorporating an item
10 analysis and item discrimination and also decided to
11 use ATI for mastery assessments. She mentioned they
12 will be building their own tests in ATI where they can
13 track data and have more improved data analytics. She
14 noted the Clinical Judgment Measuring Model is being
15 used to guide item writing.

16 Ms. Taylor noted injecting a lot of end-of-course
17 reports which is allowing a lot of rigors and a lot of
18 data to be collected, where every instructor is
19 required to do an end of course ATI Report and is
20 where weaknesses are identified with the students and
21 courses so changes could be made.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the extension of
23 Lincoln University's provisional status would be
24 discussed during Executive Session.]

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1 Appointment - Pennsylvania Association of Nurse
2 Anesthetists

3 [Matthew McCoy, DNP, CRNA, Immediate Past President of
4 Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists,
5 presented to the Board to discuss House Bill 1956,
6 which would license certified anesthesiologist
7 assistants in Pennsylvania. He mentioned there
8 currently has not been a great deal of movement on the
9 Bill.

10 Dr. McCoy noted the Pennsylvania Society of
11 Anesthesiologists tried to circumvent the legislative
12 process and introduce what is known as delegate
13 authority. He mentioned the importance of the
14 information being on the State Board of Nursing's
15 radar. He said that it was recently mentioned at a
16 State Board of Medicine meeting that neither the State
17 Board of Medicine nor the State Board of Nursing had
18 an opinion on the bill.

19 Dr. McCoy noted it would not decrease the cost of
20 anesthesia services, and there are no corresponding
21 benefits. He commented that CRNAs are certified
22 registered nurse anesthetists who are independently
23 licensed to practice in all 50 states with training
24 that enables them to practice in every environment and
25 without the presence of a physician anesthesiologist.

1 Dr. McCoy stated certified anesthesiologist
2 assistants must be supervised at all times. He noted
3 that anesthesiologist assistants are only currently
4 licensed to practice in 14 states. He mentioned two
5 or three other states where they are allowed to
6 practice without a licensed delegated authority.

7 Dr. McCoy addressed differences in training where
8 a certified registered nurse anesthetist must have a
9 registered nurse background, but there is no
10 requirement for any previous health care knowledge or
11 experience for an anesthesiologist assistant.

12 Dr. McCoy stated Pennsylvania produces over 300
13 new CRNAs each year and far more than any other state.
14 He reported that the number of CRNAs in the
15 Commonwealth is relatively stable and allowing
16 anesthesiologist assistants to be licensed would not
17 impact the vacancy rate for CRNAs, but it may make the
18 state less attractive for CRNA talent.

19 Dr. McCoy commented that the quality an
20 anesthesiologist assistant provides is not proven and
21 there are no studies to prove safety. He noted PANA
22 adamantly opposes licensed anesthesiologist assistants
23 in Pennsylvania.

24 The Board discussed whether it desires to send a
25 letter to the Legislative Liaison about the Bill and

1 debated whether the Board should note that it found
2 PANA's information "informative" or "instructive."
3 The Board determined that it was not necessary to put
4 the bill back on the agenda since it had reviewed it
5 previously. The Board settled on the adjective
6 "informative."

7 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

8 The motion would be to send a copy of
9 Dr. Bennett's letter to the Legislative
10 and Policy Offices advising them that
11 the Board finds the information in
12 PANA's letter informative.

13 MS. KERNS:

14 I'm okay with that.

15 DR. COUGHLIN:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR KMETZ:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
21 voting on the motion.]

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23 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, exited the meeting at
24 12:26 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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1 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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3 Appointment - Western Area Career & Technology
4 Center

5 Faith Morelli, Director, and Theresa McCurry, RN, BSN,
6 Interim Director, Practical Nursing Program, appeared
7 before the Board on behalf of Western Area Career &
8 Technology Center.

9 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
10 noted Western Area Career and Technology Center is
11 before the Board for another extension of its
12 provisional status. During the first quarter it had a
13 57.5% pass rate of first time test takers. There were
14 no test takers in the second quarter and one tester
15 who failed in the third quarter. She requested
16 information regarding improvements and outstanding
17 test takers.

18 Ms. Morelli explained that there are currently
19 three outstanding graduates who have yet to test - two
20 have not told them when they are testing yet, and one
21 who decided that nursing was not for the graduate.

22 Ms. McCurry stated their last director abruptly
23 quit in February, and she was made interim in March
24 but has been actively trying to get a new
25 administrator and appointed Ms. Morelli effective

1 August 1.

2 Ms. Morelli noted she was there as an advisor to
3 help look at their NCLEX® pass rates and things that
4 could be done because she was there for their LPN-RN
5 program through a different facility, Community
6 College of Baltimore County (CCBC). She stated she
7 would be taking on the director role and has started
8 putting together an action plan immediately as far as
9 changes in the NCLEX® pass rate and to improve student
10 test construction and implementation throughout the
11 program.

12 Ms. Morelli noted putting together a test
13 remediation plan so any student who gets less than 80
14 percent on a test is not only going to do the test
15 review with the class but would complete a remediation
16 plan. She mentioned they are going to initiate online
17 testing through a learning management system that
18 would provide more data to look at tests and work on
19 construction. She also mentioned initiating a
20 newsletter to have better correspondence with students
21 in the program to be able to reach out to them after
22 graduation.

23 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the Board's concern
24 with the statistics that draw together success of a
25 nursing education and the length of stay of the

1 program director, where the more changes there are the
2 less likely there is success.

3 Ms. Morelli mentioned teaching the LPN program
4 and being there for six years but leaving to run an RN
5 program in West Virginia and then left the country to
6 initiate a program in Jamaica. She stated she is
7 dedicated to changing the program and has been working
8 on an action plan to initiate changes so that she is
9 seen as a person in charge when she comes onboard in
10 August.

11 Ms. Morelli mentioned she would be initiating
12 test review and looking at test construction for
13 faculty development and test blueprinting. She noted
14 she did not see a need for curriculum change, but
15 Mountain Measurements is possible. She stated they
16 have nine students currently and are looking at their
17 test grades throughout the program and how they are
18 increasing their test rates from the beginning of the
19 program to the end.

20 Ms. Pachter Schulder informed Western Area Career
21 & Technology Center that the Board would deliberate on
22 the extension of their provisional status during
23 Executive Session and have a decision later in the
24 meeting.]

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1 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, reentered the meeting
2 at 12:38 p.m.]

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4 CHAIR KMETZ RESUMED THE CHAIR

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6 Committee Meetings - RN/PN Practice, Education, &
7 Regulation/Advanced Practice

8 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
9 referred to RN/PN Practice, Education &
10 Regulation/Advanced Practice, and Board members
11 decided to postpone discussion until the next meeting
12 due to the elongated appointments.]

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14 Report of Acting Commissioner

15 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
16 Professional and Occupational Affairs, addressed the
17 current communications about the length of time the
18 State Board of Nursing takes to process a temporary
19 practice permit (TPP), Authorization to Test (ATT),
20 and NCLEX® results for nurses who attended schools in
21 Pennsylvania.

22 Acting Commissioner Claggett stated when an
23 applicant's Nursing Education Verification (NEV)
24 matches, there has been a system adjustment so that
25 PALS automatically issues the TPP. He noted that for

1 applicants whose NEVs match but also submitted a
2 criminal history record check (CHRC), the CHRC will be
3 reviewed. He mentioned that those who apply and have
4 not sent their criminal history record check yet would
5 still be issued a TPP but will not be issued a license
6 until the CHRC is received and reviewed. He stated
7 applicants who apply and have a criminal history
8 record would not be issued a TPP and would be sent to
9 Counsel.

10 Acting Commissioner Claggett reported around 570
11 applicants are waiting for their TPPs to be issued and
12 that a script will be run to clean up the backlog,
13 where 350 of that 570 would receive their TPP. He
14 indicated that a script would be run weekly to catch
15 applicants once their NEV matches and would
16 automatically issue a TPP. He stated the remaining
17 120 would be cleaned up by the middle of next week by
18 Nurse Board staff.

19 Acting Commissioner Claggett stated the ATTs will
20 follow a similar process, where once the NEV matches,
21 the ATT would automatically be issued, but this will
22 not be implemented until the end of September because
23 more system changes need to be made.

24 Acting Commissioner Claggett noted the same thing
25 would happen with the NCLEX® results and would also

1 not be implemented until September 30. He commented
2 that a program would be run, and a license will be
3 issued automatically going forward.

4 Ms. Pachter Schulder further explained that all
5 that review that is normally done in advance would not
6 be done until either in the interim or after the
7 NCLEX® is passed. She commented that the advantage of
8 the TPP is the graduate nurses get to work sooner
9 while under direct supervision because they have not
10 passed the examination yet. She noted that once they
11 pass the exam, while they are waiting for their
12 license to be issued, if there is any delay, they can
13 still be working.

14 Ms. Pachter Schulder asked what happens if
15 someone does not apply for a TPP initially. Ms. Wendy
16 Miller explained that people applying for licensure by
17 exam can request a TPP at the time that they submit
18 their application for licensure by exam but could also
19 submit a separate application for a graduate temporary
20 practice permit. She noted it is only for endorsement
21 applications that it must be requested as part of the
22 application. She mentioned there is an increasing
23 drive for TPPs coming from potential employers but
24 does not know what percentage of graduates apply for
25 the TPP.

1 Acting Commissioner Claggett addressed a
2 misconception that the Nurse Board is only open from
3 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. He informed everyone that
4 the Nurse Board is processing applications between the
5 hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and phone lines are
6 open from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.]

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8 Report of Committees - Probable Cause Screening
9 Committee

10 [Sue E. Hertzler, LPN, reported the Probable Cause
11 Screening Committee moved on 8 Petitions for
12 Appropriate Relief, 27 Petitions for Mental and
13 Physical Examinations, and there were no Immediate
14 Temporary Suspension Petitions.]

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16 Report of Committees - Application Review Committee
17 [Dr. Kmetz reported that the Board reviewed and moved
18 on pending applications.]

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20 Report of Committees - Advanced Practice (Education,
21 Regulation, & Application) - No Report

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23 Report of Committees - RN/PN Practice, Education, &
24 Regulation Committee - No Report

25 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, noted discussion was

1 deferred until the next meeting.]

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3 Report of Committees - Dietitian-Nutritionist

4 Committee - No Report

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6 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on

7 Behalf of the Board - No Report

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9 Report of Executive Secretary

10 [Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary, informed
11 Board members that the June 2022 LPN renewal wrapped
12 up on June 30 showing 85.87% of eligible LPNs had
13 renewed prior to the deadline. She noted the
14 September 2022 LDN renewal will be opening soon and
15 will be open about 60 days prior to the September 30th
16 expiration date.

17 Ms. Miller addressed the NCSBN Annual Meeting
18 August 17-19, noting the Board voted to send up to
19 five people to the meeting. She stated Dr. Kmetz and
20 Dr. Coughlin would be attending in person and asked
21 whether any other Board members are planning to attend
22 because they need two voting delegates and one or two
23 alternates. No other Board members indicated that
24 they would be attending]

25 Ms. Miller informed the Board that she and Ms.

1 Pachter Schulder were invited to attend the Nurse
2 Licensure Compact (NLC) Commission's Licensure Compact
3 training for the Ohio Board of Nursing in Columbus,
4 OH, in August.

5 CHAIR KMETZ:

6 Is there a motion to have two members
7 attend the Ohio Board NLC Training?

8 DR. COUGHLIN:

9 So moved.

10 MS. KIESELHORST:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR KMETZ:

13 All those in favor? Opposed?

14 Abstentions?

15 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
16 voting on the motion.]

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18 Miscellaneous - Executive Order 2022-01

19 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
20 addressed Governor Wolf's Executive Order 2022-01
21 regarding reproductive health asking the Board to
22 adopt a policy regarding the impact of a reciprocal
23 discipline on a Pennsylvania license where the
24 licensee violates a reproductive health law in another
25 state. The Board discussed the Executive Order.]

1 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

2 The motion you have been discussing
3 would be that where a licensee violates
4 the law of another state with regard to
5 reproductive health and also has a
6 license in Pennsylvania, that unless
7 there is another violation of
8 Pennsylvania law, the Board would not
9 impose discipline.

10 [The Board discussed the motion.]

11 DR. KMETZ:

12 We need a motion and a second.

13 DR. COUGHLIN:

14 So moved.

15 MS. KIESELHORST:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR KMETZ:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

21 Two abstentions, one opposed.

22 [The motion carried. Member Kerns opposed the motion.
23 Members Hertzler and Siegel abstained from voting on
24 the motion.]

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1 [The Board recessed from 12:53 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.]

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3 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
4 1:00 p.m., the Board entered into Executive Session
5 with Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel;
6 Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Board Counsel; Ariel
7 O'Malley, Esquire, Board Counsel; Todd Kriner,
8 Esquire, Board Counsel; and Megan E. Castor, Esquire,
9 Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-
10 judicial deliberations on the matters listed on the
11 agenda under the Report of Board Counsel, Report of
12 Prosecutorial Division, and Appointments. The Board
13 returned to open session at 2:34 p.m.]

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15 MOTIONS

16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

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On the matters on the agenda listed
under Report of Prosecutorial Division,
Report of Board Counsel, and also
Appointments, Board members who recuse
themselves from various matters will
identify themselves with the motion.

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Is there a motion to adopt the VRP
Consent Agreements at items 2 through
14?

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1 DR. COUGHLIN:

2 So moved.

3 DR. HUNSBERGER:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR KMETZ:

6 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
8 voting on the motion.]

9 ***

10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion to adopt the following
12 Consent Agreement, for which there is no
13 recusal, at Case No. Case No. 19-51-
14 009374?

15 DR. COUGHLIN:

16 So moved.

17 DR. HUNSBERGER:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR KMETZ:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
23 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is Evelyn
24 Anthony, RN, LPN.]

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1 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

2 Is there a motion to reject the
3 following Consent Agreements on the
4 grounds that they are too lenient at
5 Case No. 19-51-001853, Case No. 21-51-
6 000839, and Case No. 19-51-011145?

7 DR. COUGHLIN:

8 So moved.

9 DR. HUNSBERGER:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR KMETZ:

12 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
14 voting on the motion.]

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16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

17 Is there a motion to adopt the following
18 Consent Agreements for which members
19 Hertzler and Kerns are recused at Case
20 No. 21-51-008891, Case No. 22-51-001450,
21 and Case No. 21-51-011396?

22 DR. COUGHLIN:

23 So moved.

24 DR. HUNSBERGER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR KMETZ:

2 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
4 voting on the motion. Members Hertzler and Kerns
5 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
6 the motion. The Respondent's name in Case No. 21-51-
7 008891 is Sheri Elaine Westfall, RN; Case No. 22-51-
8 001450, Jill Ireland Sweeney, RN; and Case No. 21-51-
9 011396, Tanya L. D'Anjou, LPN.]

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Is there a motion to grant an Extension
13 of the Provisional Licenses of Ivonne T.
14 Chinyama, RN, Case No. 22-51-007349;
15 Prince Mofoluso Adeparusi, RN, Case No.
16 21-51-009833; and Amelia A. Jones, RN,
17 Case No. 21-51-009825?

18 DR. COUGHLIN:

19 So moved.

20 DR. HUNSBERGER:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR KMETZ:

23 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
25 voting on the motion.]

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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

3 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel
4 to prepare Adjudications and Orders in
5 the matters of Fatmatu Bah, RN, Case No.
6 21-51-009840; Ayodeji Sunkanmi Ogundare,
7 Case No. 21-51-009617; Olasumbo
8 Akinmusire, RN, Case No. 21-51-009216;
9 Pennewon Sedeia Garmie, RN, Case No. 21-
10 51-009240; Nathan Ondieki Mokaya, RN,
11 Case No. 21-51-013407; and Mbalu Soloku,
12 RN, Case No. 21-51-011128?

13 DR. COUGHLIN:

14 So moved.

15 DR. HUNSBERGER:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR KMETZ:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
21 voting on the motion.]

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23 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

24 Is there a motion to grant the Motion to
25 Withdraw the VRP at Case No. 20-51-

1 009436 and vacate the penalty?

2 MS. HERTZLER:

3 So moved.

4 DR. COUGHLIN:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR KMETZ:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
10 voting on the motion.]

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12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13 Is there a motion to enter default, deem
14 facts admitted, and authorize Counsel to
15 prepare Adjudications and Orders in the
16 matters of Ashley Harrington, RN, Case
17 No. 19-51-011815; Christopher Thomas
18 Hill, RN, Case No. 21-51-006680; John W.
19 Kaplon, RN, Case No. 19-51-014223; and
20 Daniel Winslow Scott, LPN, Case No. 19-
21 51-003152?

22 DR. COUGHLIN:

23 So moved.

24 DR. HUNSBERGER:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR KMETZ:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
5 voting on the motion.]

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7 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

8 Is there a motion to enter default, deem
9 facts admitted and authorize Counsel to
10 prepare Adjudications and Orders in the
11 matters of Peggy A. Elgogary, LPN, Case
12 No. 20-51-007460 and Ashley Ann Raucci,
13 LPN, Case No. 19-51-016675, for which
14 members Hertzler and Kerns are recused?

15 DR. COUGHLIN:

16 So moved.

17 DR. HUNSBERGER:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR KMETZ:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns
23 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
24 the motion. Member Siegel abstained from voting on
25 the motion.]

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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

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Is there a Motion to adopt the Hearing
Examiner's Proposal in the Matter of
Lisa A. Bernard, LPN, Case No. 21-51-
010558?

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DR. COUGHLIN:

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So moved.

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DR. HUNSBERGER:

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CHAIR KMETZ:

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All those in favor? Opposed?

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Abstentions?

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[The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
voting on the motion.]

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MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

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Is there a Motion to adopt the Hearing
Examiner's Proposal in the Matter of
Jennifer K. Miller, RN, LPN, Case No.
21-51-007713, for which members Hertzler
and Kerns are recused?

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DR. COUGHLIN:

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So moved.

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DR. HUNSBERGER:

1 Second.

2 CHAIR KMETZ:

3 All those in favor? Opposed?

4 Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns
6 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
7 the motion. Member Siegel abstained from voting on
8 the motion.]

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion to adopt but correct
12 the Hearing Examiner's Proposal in the
13 matter of Camellia Kebeh Gbpaywhea, LPN,
14 Case No. 20-51-010438?

15 DR. COUGHLIN:

16 So moved.

17 DR. HUNSBERGER:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR KMETZ:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
23 voting on the motion.]

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25 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

1 Is there a motion to adopt and correct
2 the Hearing Examiner's Proposal in the
3 matter of Michelle Lynn Kriess, RN, Case
4 No. 21-51-005869, for which members
5 Hertzler and Kerns are recused?

6 DR. COUGHLIN:

7 So moved.

8 DR. HUNSBERGER:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR KMETZ:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns
14 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
15 the motion. Member Siegel abstained from voting on
16 the motion.]

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18 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

19 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel
20 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in
21 the Matter of Diana Watts, LPN, Case No.
22 21-51-016531, for which members Hertzler
23 and Kerns are recused?

24 DR. COUGHLIN:

25 So moved.

1 DR. HUNSBERGER:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR KMETZ:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns
7 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
8 the motion. Member Siegel abstained from voting on
9 the motion.]

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Is there a motion to adopt the following
13 Draft Adjudications and Orders, for
14 which members Hertzler and Kerns are
15 recused, for Thomas J. Czyzycki, LPN,
16 Case No. 20-51-003467; Shelly Coller
17 Deeds, LPN, Case No. 20-51-012579;
18 Marlene Mahoney Kemerer, RN, Case No.
19 19-51-014770; and Charlotte Ann Swiger,
20 RN, Case No. 20-51-012502?

21 DR. COUGHLIN:

22 So moved.

23 DR. HUNSBERGER:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR KMETZ:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Kerns
4 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on
5 the motion. Member Siegel abstained from voting on
6 the motion.]

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8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
10 Adjudications and Orders for which there
11 are no recusals for Amanda Ann
12 Ferdinand, LPN, Case No. 19-51-009911;
13 Marlene Cesar, RN, CRNP, Case No. 19-51-
14 002952; Julie Johnston, RN, LPN, Case
15 No. 20-51-001518; and Patty Jo Olson,
16 RN, Case No. 20-51-009663?

17 DR. COUGHLIN:

18 So moved.

19 DR. HUNSBERGER:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR KMETZ:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
25 voting on the motion.]

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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

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7 DR. COUGHLIN:

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9 DR. HUNSBERGER:

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11 CHAIR KMETZ:

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14 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
15 voting on the motion.]

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17 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

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24 DR. COUGHLIN:

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1 DR. HUNSBERGER:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR KMETZ:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
7 voting on the motion.]

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9 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

10 Is there a motion to extend the
11 Provisional Status for Lincoln
12 University until the end of the
13 examination year and require the program
14 to appear before the Board at its
15 December meeting to discuss its annual
16 results?

17 DR. COUGHLIN:

18 So moved.

19 DR. HUNSBERGER:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR KMETZ:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
25 voting on the motion.]

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MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

Is there a motion to extend the
Provisional Status of Health &
Technology Training Institute until the
end of the examination year and require
the program to appear before the Board
at its December meeting unless the
program's annual passing score is above
the minimum 80 percent pass rate?

DR. COUGHLIN:

So moved.

DR. HUNSBERGER:

Second.

CHAIR KMETZ:

All those in favor? Opposed?

Abstentions?

[The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
voting on the motion.]

MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

Is there a motion to extend the
Provisional Status of Prism Career
Institute until after the examination
year, directing them to provide the

1 Board with two months of a breakdown by
2 cohort of entrance exams for GPA pass
3 rates, that they return at the December
4 meeting, and that they hire a consultant
5 who would review their exams and
6 curriculum?

7 DR. COUGHLIN:

8 So moved.

9 DR. HUNSBERGER:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR KMETZ:

12 All those in favor? Opposed?

13 Abstentions?

14 [The motion carried. Member Siegel abstained from
15 voting on the motion.]

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17 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN ASSUMED THE CHAIR

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19 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, exited the meeting at
20 1:32 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23 For the matters in which the Chair
24 swings to Dr. Coughlin in that Dr. Kmetz
25 is recused, is there a motion for both

1 Great Lakes Institute of Technology and
2 Western Area Career and Technology
3 Center to extend their Provisional
4 Status until the end of the examination
5 year, and if they have not reached the
6 minimum 80 percent pass rate, they also
7 appear before the Board in person at the
8 December meeting?

9 DR. HUNSBERGER:

10 So moved.

11 MS. KIESELHORST:

12 Second.

13 VICE CHAIR COUGHLIN:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried. Member Kmetz recused herself
17 from deliberations and voting on the motion. Member
18 Siegel abstained from voting on the motion.]

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20 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, Chair, reentered the meeting
21 at 1:32 p.m.]

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23 CHAIR KMETZ RESUMED THE CHAIR

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25 For the Board's Information - Scam Calls to Licensees

1 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
2 referred to item 70 regarding scam calls to licensees
3 for the Board's review. She noted information could
4 be found on the Board's website.]

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6 Adjournment

7 CHAIR KMETZ:

8 May I have a motion to adjourn?

9 DR. COUGHLIN:

10 So moved.

11 DR. HUNSBERGER:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR KMETZ:

14 Opposed? Abstentions?

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16 [There being no further business, the State Board of
17 Nursing Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.]

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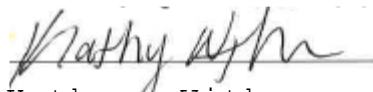
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Nursing meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Nursing meeting.



Kathryn Witherow,

Minute Clerk

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31		Pennsylvania
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34		of Pennsylvania for Implementation of
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TIME	AGENDA
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