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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: 2:14 P.M.

Board Room B  
One Penn Center  
2601 North Third Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

Thursday, January 17, 2019

State Board of Nursing

January 17, 2019

BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBERS:

- Ann Michele Coughlin, MBA, MSN, RN, Chair - Absent
- Ian J. Harlow, Commissioner, Professional and Occupational Affairs - Absent
- Kristin Malady, BSN, RN, Vice Chair
- Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN - Absent
- Sue E. Hertzler, LPN
- Linda A. Kerns, Esquire, Public Member - Absent
- Kessey J. Kieselhorst, MPA, RD, LDN, CPHQ - Absent
- Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN
- Sherri Luchs, RN
- John M. O'Donnell, DrPH, RN, CRNA, MSN
- Jason R. Owen, Esquire, Public Member - Absent
- Bridget E. Vincent, MSN, CRNP, APN-BC, CCRN

BUREAU/DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

- Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel
- Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator
- Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor
- Sue Petula, Ph.D., MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing Education Advisor

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ALSO PRESENT:

- Janyce L. Collier, MSN, RN, CNE, Nurse  
Administrator/Financial Aid Administrator, Franklin  
County Career & Technology Center Practical Nursing  
Program
- Lisa Balint, RN, MBA, Supervisor, Health Sciences,  
Western Area Career & Technology Center
- Alicia B. Lentz, MSN-Ed, RN, Practical Nursing  
Coordinator, Mifflin County Academy of Science &  
Technology Practical Nursing Program
- Wayne E. Reich Jr., RN, MSN, MBA, Director of Nursing,  
Bachelor's Degrees, Pennsylvania College of  
Technology
- Diane Smith, PhD, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing,  
Associate Degrees, Pennsylvania College of  
Technology
- Valerie Myers, EdD, MSN, RN, Assistant Dean of  
Nursing, Pennsylvania College of Technology
- Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce & Professional  
Services, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association  
of Pennsylvania
- Kelly Stephens, MSN, RN, Director of Professional  
Development, Pennsylvania State Nurses Association

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2 State Board of Nursing

3 January 17, 2019

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5 The State Board of Nursing Meeting commenced on  
6 Thursday, January 17, 2019. Kristin Malady, BSN, RN,  
7 Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

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9 [Vice Chair Malady requested the members of the Board  
10 and staff to introduce themselves.]

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12 RN/PN Practice, Education and Regulation Committee

13 The Board reviewed a draft Annex for the Nursing  
14 Education Program regulations, 16A-5142.

15 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
16 directed the Board's attention to the draft Annex as  
17 well as the comments provided by Dr. Kmetz.

18 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted that the Board was to  
19 have had a discussion at this meeting with Patricia  
20 Landis of the Pennsylvania Department of Education  
21 regarding minimum admissions criteria including the  
22 requirement for certain amount of math and science, as  
23 well as the impact of such requirements on  
24 individuals with GEDs®, the equivalent to high school  
25 diploma, individuals who are homeschooled, and

1 individuals who enter the profession later in life.

2       The Board discussed possible restrictions that  
3 can be imposed on programs who are on provisional  
4 status in proposed § 21.912. The Board discussed its  
5 agreement with the ability to restrict and limit  
6 admissions to schools that do not meet the standards  
7 as noted in § 21.912(c). It noted the difference  
8 between classes and cohorts, where groups enter  
9 multiple times throughout the year. Many university-  
10 and college-based programs and practical nursing  
11 programs admit more than once per year. The Board  
12 expressed its desire to limit the number of students  
13 admitted in an academic year without differentiating  
14 between classes and cohorts.

15       The Board also discussed the limitation on the  
16 addition of any delivery methods beyond those  
17 initially approved in § 21.912(c)(3). The delivery  
18 methods include distance learning, coursework online,  
19 face-to-face education or a hybrid and limiting  
20 delivery methods to those which are demonstrated by  
21 evidence to be effective. It was recommended that as  
22 part of its performance improvement plan, the program  
23 must conduct an ongoing analysis to determine the most  
24 successful method.

25       The Board discussed mandating a minimum retention

1 standard within § 21.915(a)(10). The rationale against  
2 including such a minimum standard is that it would  
3 restrict programs from accepting students who might  
4 not meet the program/university's admission standards  
5 thereby reducing the diversity of the student pool.  
6 Conversely, the Board discussed the fairness of  
7 allowing a great percentage of students who cannot  
8 meet the rigors of the program or pass the exam into  
9 programs. The Board decided to defer a decision until  
10 it reviews the Accreditation Commission for Education  
11 in Nursing (ACEN) and other national standards.

12       Next, the Board discussed whether to include a  
13 minimum admission requirement in § 21.917.  
14 Specifically requiring a minimum amount of math and  
15 science, with a lab, or obtaining a certain percentage  
16 on a Predictor Test as a minimum admission  
17 requirement.

18       The Board noted that it has never favored  
19 permitting Health Education Systems Incorporated  
20 (HESI) or Assessment Technology Institute (ATI) scores  
21 for failed coursework but questioned the Board on  
22 whether such a requirement would assist individuals  
23 entering the profession later in life.

24       The Board expressed its concern that individuals  
25 with a GED or homeschooling would have to return to a

1 university or community college to get those courses  
2 as there is no equivalent with a GED.

3 Alicia B. Lentz, MSN-Ed, RN, Practical Nursing  
4 Coordinator, Mifflin County Academy of Science &  
5 Technology Practical Nursing Program, commented that  
6 retention is not always attributed to academic failure  
7 and that people leave for many reasons.

8 Ms. Lentz explained that most homeschooled  
9 students receive a GED, while approved cyber school  
10 programs in Pennsylvania include the requirement that  
11 students take an in-personal lab program.

12 Ms. Lentz noted that her program uses the Kaplan  
13 Nursing Admission Assessment to determine admissions.  
14 She suggested that students who finished her program  
15 and graduated but did not pass the National Council  
16 Licensure Examination (NCLEX), were due to their delay  
17 in testing after graduation and how they utilized the  
18 NCLEX preparation materials. She noted that the  
19 majority of the students had math and science in high  
20 school and were younger students. She added that many  
21 students who did not do well in high school are  
22 motivated to do well in the program.

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

1 Program, stated her school uses the PSB Aptitude Test  
2 and has a 100% pass rate.

3 Ms. Collier referred to her accreditation through  
4 the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing  
5 (ACEN) and the school is required to set their  
6 expected level of achievement. She mentioned holding  
7 the program responsible to set the level of pass rate  
8 and enforcing the school to conduct the analysis as  
9 opposed to the Board prescribing a specific minimum.

10 The Board discussed whether the nursing  
11 accreditation bodies enforce their standards regarding  
12 retention rates.

13 Dr. Kmetz commented that ACEN requires an  
14 ACEN-accredited school to set their own program  
15 completion rates, and those program completion rates  
16 are based on 150% of the total program, which is the  
17 US Department of Education's requirement. She  
18 clarified that accreditors require schools to set  
19 their own program completion rates and hold schools  
20 accountable or the Board picks a rate. She noted that  
21 calculating the rate by cohorts or by year becomes  
22 difficult where programs admit students more than one  
23 time a year. She stated that ACEN does require an 80%  
24 pass rate.

25 The Board noted that a 20% attrition rate may be



1 a pretty high attrition rate. Dr. Petula commented  
2 that the average percentage of attrition is 28% for  
3 LPN and RN programs in Pennsylvania. She noted that  
4 the RN pass rate was 94.8% and PN pass rate was around  
5 84% this year.

6 The Board expressed its desire to add a provision  
7 to 21.915 requiring programs to conduct a curriculum  
8 review based on the deficiencies identified in the  
9 evaluation of program's pass rate.

10 Dr. Petula recommended that curriculum review be  
11 ongoing along with continuous analysis of all the  
12 program components. The Board discussed that in  
13 certain instances the Board may desire a consultant to  
14 evaluate the entire curriculum for programs with  
15 repeated provisional status.

16 Next, the Board discussed the importance of  
17 program's tests mimicking the types of questions on  
18 the licensure exam. Ms. Lentz commented on the  
19 Pearson VUE test, where students do not know how to  
20 answer probably half of the questions.

21 Ms. Collier addressed the importance of faculty  
22 development in being able to write tests that mimic  
23 NCLEX-type questions.

24 Dr. Petula stated that Pennsylvania is  
25 participating in the Delphi study that is being

1 conducted by the National Council of State Boards of  
2 Nursing (NCSBN), which will be released at the Midyear  
3 Meeting in March, identifying indicators for quality  
4 pre-licensure programs beyond NCLEX® pass rates and  
5 completion rates.

6 Dr. Petula cited a presentation by Dr. Tamara  
7 Odom-Maryon at NCSBN's Scientific Symposium concerning  
8 the influences of nursing school characteristics on  
9 NCLEX pass rates. She noted institutional policies  
10 related to faculty credentialing of the institution,  
11 both in the practical nursing programs and college-  
12 and university-based programs, that could influence  
13 the nursing program.

14 It was noted that the test plan using practice  
15 analysis was crucial, as well as the importance of  
16 good debriefing and clinical judgement.

17 Dr. Petula recommended that the Board read the  
18 editorial by Dr. Linda Caputi in the January-February  
19 2019 issue of Nursing Education Perspectives. She has  
20 done extensive work in simulation and nursing  
21 judgment, along with Dr. Christine Tanner. She also  
22 noted seminal work by Ms. Joan Kavanagh and Ms.  
23 Christine Szweda regarding the education practice gap  
24 and the construction of curriculums.

25 Dr. Petula also mentioned a faculty credentialing

1 study. She referenced a preadmission test, noting  
2 that the programs that were most successful on NCLEX  
3 did not have the test.

4 Dr. Petula noted the tremendous responsibility on  
5 faculty to not only be good educators but to also  
6 maintain clinical practice.

7 Dr. Petula commented that the regulation states  
8 that instructors must maintain expertise in their area  
9 of instruction. She stated that nursing competence  
10 was developed from health policies and procedures of  
11 the organization. She noted a concern with regard to  
12 students being able to obtain those types of  
13 experiential learning experiences.

14 Dr. Petula referred to quality indicators, noting  
15 evidence-based curriculum that emphasizes critical  
16 thinking and clinical reasoning skills, as well as  
17 evidence-based curriculum that emphasizes quality and  
18 safety standards for patient care.

19 The Board expressed its desire to include minimum  
20 admission, progression, and grading standards.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder directed the Board's  
22 attention to Proposed Section 21.915(a)(10) regarding  
23 setting a retention standard. Previously, the Board  
24 decided to recognize the ACEN standard and utilize  
25 that deviation from the national standard.

1 Dr. Kmetz noted, and the Board concurred, that  
2 for programs that are accredited, there is no need to  
3 insert a provision in the Board's regulations because  
4 the retention rates are contained in the accreditation  
5 standards. Ms. Collier concurred.

6 As drafted, in Sections 21.901 and 21.916, in  
7 addition to the controlling institution maintaining  
8 Board-recognized accreditation, existing nursing  
9 education programs shall obtain and maintain nursing  
10 program accreditation from a Board-recognized nursing  
11 accreditation agency. The accreditation was expanded  
12 from regional accreditation to Board-recognized  
13 accreditation in the event that the Board chooses to  
14 recognize others. Ms. Pachter Schulder noted one  
15 change from the last draft being that the timeframe  
16 for programmatic accreditation will be commensurate  
17 with the length of the program but no later than three  
18 years after being granted initial approval.

19 Ms. Collier appreciated the greater than regional  
20 accreditation as it will benefit smaller career and  
21 tech centers. She explained the approval by PDE and  
22 the ineligibility for accreditation without two  
23 additional full-time programs.

24 Ms. Lentz commented that most accrediting bodies  
25 require at least two full-time adult programs.

1 At the next regulation meeting the Board will  
2 review revisions to the faculty and curriculum  
3 provisions.]

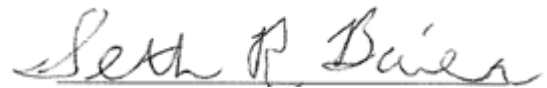
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5 [The State Board of Nursing adjourned at 3:46 p.m.]

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8 CERTIFICATE

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10 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary  
11 minutes of the State Board of Nursing RN/PN Practice,  
12 Education, & Regulation Committee Meeting, was reduced  
13 to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the  
14 minutes accurately summarize the substance of the  
15 State Board of Nursing RN/PN Practice, Education, &  
16 Regulation Committee Meeting.

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20 Seth R. Baier,

21 Minute Clerk

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STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
RN/PN PRACTICE, EDUCATION,  
& REGULATION COMMITTEE  
REFERENCE INDEX

January 17, 2019

TIME	AGENDA
2:14	Official Call to Order
2:15	Introduction of Board Members/Audience
2:15	Subchapter I, Nursing Education Program General provisions
3:46	Adjournment

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

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

TIME: 9:03 A.M.

Board Room B  
One Penn Center  
2601 North Third Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

January 18, 2019

State Board of Nursing  
January 18, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS:

Ann Michele Coughlin, MBA, MSN, RN, Chair - Absent  
 Katelin Lambert, Designee of Commissioner of  
 Professional and Occupational Affairs  
 Kristin Malady, BSN, RN, Vice Chair  
 Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN  
 Sue E. Hertzler, LPN  
 Linda A. Kerns, Esquire, Public Member  
 Kessey J. Kieselhorst, MPA, RD, LDN, CPHQ - Absent  
 Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN  
 Sherri Luchs, RN  
 John M. O'Donnell, DrPH, RN, CRNA, MSN  
 Jason R. Owen, Esquire, Public Member  
 Bridget E. Vincent, MSN, CRNP, APN-BC, CCRN

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel  
 Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel  
 T'rese Evancho, Board Prosecution Co-Liaison  
 Margaret A. Scheaffer, Board Prosecution Co-Liaison  
 Adam Morris, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
 William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
 David Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
 Timothy Smith, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
 Anthony D. Cox, Jr., Board Prosecutor  
 Matthew Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
 Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
 Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator  
 Laurette Keiser, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary  
 Sue Petula, Ph.D., MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing  
 Education Advisor  
 Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor  
 Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor  
 Kori Linn, Administrative Officer

ALSO PRESENT:

Maria Battista, Esquire, PA Coalition of Nurse  
 Practitioners  
 Christopher Beck, Penn Medicine  
 Jodie Szlachta, PhD., MNS, CRNA, Pennsylvania  
 Association of Nurse Anesthetists



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- Barbara Todd, DNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing
- Adele Marie Caruso, DNP, CRNP, President, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners
- Karen Malt, RN, MSN, Director, Hazleton Area Career Center
- Lori Herman, Administrator, Hazleton Area Career Center
- Preet Chahal, President, Falcon Institute of Health and Science
- Kassidy Lax, RN, Director, Practical Nursing Program, Falcon Institute of Health and Science
- Nancy L. Koch, Falcon Institute of Health and Science
- Ann Stanonis-Manes, MS, RN, Nursing Program Faculty, Clarion County Career Center
- Sharon Wolfe, Clarion County Career Center
- Dr. Cheryl Thompson, Interim Chair, The Stabler Department of Nursing, York College of PA
- Dr. Nezam Al-Nsair, Dean, School of Nursing and Health Professions, York College of PA
- Dr. Ann Norwich, Director, Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner Program, York College of PA
- Karen March, York College of PA
- Dr. Margaret Marino, Assistant Professor, Psych Mental Health, York College of PA
- Andrea Wolf, DNP, FNP-BS, ANP-BC, PMHCNS-BC, PA College of Health Sciences
- Lisa Johnson, DrNP, ACNP-BC, PA College of Health Sciences
- Cheryl Grab, EdD, RN, Dean of Nursing, PA College of Health Sciences
- Jean Hershey, PA College of Health Sciences
- Suzanne Prestoy, Faculty Professor, PA College of Health Sciences
- Dennis McCarthy, Ph.D., Executive Director, Western Area Career and Technology Center
- Lisa Balint, Director, Practical Nursing Program, Western Area Career and Technology Center
- Julie Drodody, Professional Health Monitoring Program
- Nicole Johnson, Professional Health Monitoring Program
- Courtney Beal, Professional Health Monitoring Program
- Barbara Quinn, Professional Health Monitoring Program
- Charles Hartwell, Esquire, Dethlefs Pykosh Law Group
- Jenni Chavis, Esquire

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2 State Board of Nursing

3 January 18, 2019

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board  
6 of Nursing was held on Friday, January 18, 2019.

7 Kristin Malady, BSN, RN, Vice Chair, called the  
8 meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

9 [Katelin Lambert, Designee, Commissioner, Professional  
10 and Occupational Affairs, was not present when the  
11 meeting was called to order.]

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13 [Members of the Board and staff as well as visitors in  
14 attendance introduced themselves.]

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16 [Acting Chair Malady reviewed the emergency evacuation  
17 procedures for One Penn Center.]

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19 [Vice Chair Malady thanked Margaret Sheaffer, Esquire,  
20 who was hired in 1999 and served as a Prosecuting  
21 Attorney for the State Board of Nursing throughout her  
22 career in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational  
23 Affairs and wished her well in her retirement.]

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25 Adoption of the Agenda

1 [The Board discussed changes to the Agenda.]

2 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

3 May I have a motion to adopt the agenda?

4 MS. HENDRICKS:

5 So moved.

6 MR. OWEN:

7 Second.

8 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

9 All those in favor? Opposed?

10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Adoption of Minutes

14 [Adoption of the December 6, 2018 meeting Minutes was  
15 tabled until the next meeting.]

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17 Report of Prosecutorial Division

18 VRP Consent Agreements

19 [Vice Chair Malady noted Items 2 through 8 as VRP  
20 Consent Agreements.]

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22 [T'rese Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
23 Consent Agreements for File No. 18-51-012438, File No.  
24 18-51-007847, and File No. 18-51-03867.]

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1 [Adam Morris, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented a  
2 Consent Agreement for File No. 15-51-13052.]

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4 [William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
5 a Consent Agreement for File No. 17-51-13975.

6 Members Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs recused from  
7 discussion on the matter.]

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9 [David J. Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, had  
10 Consent Agreements for File No. 16-51-09966, File No.  
11 17-51-00822, and File No. 18-51-005692.

12 Members Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs recused from  
13 discussion on File No. 18-51-005692. Charles  
14 Hartwell, Esquire, was present on behalf of the  
15 Respondent for File No. 16-51-09966.]

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17 [Margaret Sheaffer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
18 presented Consent Agreements for File No. 18-51-03438,  
19 File No. 18-51-007910, and File No. 18-51-004291.

20 Members Hendricks and Luchs recused from  
21 discussion on File No. 18-51-03438.]

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23 [Timothy Smith, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented a  
24 Consent Agreement for File No. 17-51-07838.]

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1 [Matthew Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
2 Consent Agreements for File No. 16-51-12308, File No.  
3 17-51-00599, File No. 17-51-03951, File No. 17-51-  
4 09259, File No. 18-51-00273, File No. 18-51-00333, and  
5 File No. 18-51-007317.

6 Members Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs recused from  
7 discussion on File No. 16-51-12308 and File No. 17-51-  
8 09259. Members Hendricks and Kerns recused from  
9 discussion on File No. 18-51-00273 and File No. 18-51-  
10 007317.]

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12 [Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
13 presented Consent Agreements for File No. 15-51-10013,  
14 File No. 18-51-004058, File No. 18-51-005568, and File  
15 No. 18-51-007185.

16 Member Hendricks recused from discussion on File  
17 No. 15-51-10013. Members Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs  
18 recused from discussion File No. 18-51-005568.  
19 Members Hendricks and Kerns recused from discussion on  
20 File No. 18-51-007185. Jenni Chavis, Esquire, was  
21 present on behalf of the Respondent for File No. 18-  
22 51-004058.]

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24 Regulation Update - Regulations Status Summary  
25 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,

1 stated the Nursing Fees (16A-5142) regulation was  
2 delivered to the Legislative Reference Bureau and  
3 Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) so  
4 that the public comment period can begin upon  
5 publication on February 2, 2019. The proposed  
6 regulation will be delivered to the Legislative  
7 Committees along with any comments once the Standing  
8 Committees of the Legislature have been designated.

9 Ms. Schulder directed the Board to the Status of  
10 Regulations on the agenda.]

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12 Legislative Update - Pennsylvania Update  
13 Legislation Affecting Nurses/Nursing  
14 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
15 noted House Resolution 30 recognizing Nurse  
16 Anesthetists Week.]

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18 Legislative Update - National Update  
19 Legislative Updates from NCSBN - The Board members  
20 received the updates directly from NCSBN.

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22 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

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24 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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1 Report of Committees

2 Probable Cause Committee

3 [Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN, reported that the  
4 Probable Cause Committee moved on the following items:  
5 18 Petitions for Appropriate Relief and 21 Petitions  
6 for Mental and Physical Examination. There were no  
7 Petitions for Immediate Temporary Suspension.]

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9 Application Review Committee

10 [Kristin Malady, BSN, RN, Vice Chair, reported the  
11 Application Review Committee met and moved on many  
12 applications.]

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14 Advanced Practice Committee

15 Appointment - Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse  
16 Practitioners

17 [John M. O'Donnell, DrPH, RN, CRNA, MSN, invited  
18 members of the Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse  
19 Practitioners to speak.

20 Adele Marie Caruso, DNP, CRNP, President,  
21 Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners and  
22 Barbara Todd, DNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, University of  
23 Pennsylvania School of Nursing, were present before  
24 the Board on behalf of the PCNP and all nurse  
25 practitioners in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to

1 request that the Board amend its statement of policy  
2 at 49 Pa. Code § 21.413(d)(1) relating to the administration  
3 of conscious sedation medication by a registered  
4 nurse.

5 Dr. Caruso noted difficulties when a nurse  
6 practitioner has the authority to prescribe but a  
7 registered nurse is not permitted to follow that  
8 order. Under Section 21.413(d)(1), only a physician  
9 can give a written order to the RN for the  
10 administration of the conscious sedation medications  
11 and the physician must be present in the room when the  
12 medication is administered.

13 Dr. Todd discussed the impact of the policy on the  
14 nurse practitioner community, including acute care,  
15 emergency department, prehospital, ambulatory, and  
16 outpatient settings.

17 Dr. Caruso requested that the Board add "or nurse  
18 practitioner" after physician in both places in  
19 21.413(d)(1).

20 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained that any changes  
21 would require an amendment to the regulation and  
22 provided further explanation on the process. The  
23 Board will review the matter further for discussion at  
24 a future meeting.]

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1 [Bridget E. Vincent, MSN, CRNP, APN-BC, CCRN,  
2 requested that the Board consider amending the  
3 regulation to permit nurse practitioners to sign  
4 status orders as a way to alleviate problems that  
5 occur at night with patients coming from nursing homes  
6 or a skilled facility. Ms. Pachter Schulder will  
7 review the law regarding this matter.]

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9 RN/PN Practice, Education and Regulation

10 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, reported that the Committee  
11 met on January 17, 2019, and suggestions were made for  
12 amending the nursing education program regulations.  
13 It was noted that stakeholders were present at the  
14 meeting and provided input.]

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16 Dietitian-Nutritionist - No Report

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18 IT &amp; Communication Issues

19 [Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN, noted that no  
20 issues were recently reported.]

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22 PHMP Monitoring Terms

23 [Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN, noted the Committee  
24 recently met and received clarification on a few  
25 matters raised by Kathie Simpson and Kevin Knipe

1 during their presentation to the Board.]

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3 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on  
4 Behalf of the Board

5 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, noted her recent attendance  
6 at a Model Act and Rules Committee Meeting in Chicago,  
7 Illinois. She stated NCSBN requested her participation  
8 in a video, which will be provided at a later date.

9 NCSBN Model Act language regarding guidance of  
10 interpretation and application of law and regulation  
11 was discussed at the meeting. Dr. Kmetz also reported  
12 that NCSBN would be conducting a study regarding the  
13 number of times a nurse takes NCLEX as well as the  
14 time that lapses between graduation and initial NCLEX  
15 testing.

16 Dr. Kmetz noted that discussion was also held  
17 with regard to LPN scope of practice, which resulted  
18 in the need for additional clarification of the LPN  
19 role. "Comprehensive" versus "focused"  
20 assessment/examination and clearer differentiation of  
21 the scopes of practice of practical and registered  
22 nurses as well as telenursing were also discussed.]

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24 Report of Executive Secretary

25 [Laurette Keiser, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary, stated

1 NCSBN upheld the same passing standard that had been  
2 in place for the NCLEX RN since April of 2016, which  
3 will be in effect through March of 2022. Ms. Keiser  
4 referred Board members to a licensure article.

5 The Board discussed sending a BEI investigator to  
6 NCSBN's Investigator Training in May of 2019.]

7 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

8 Can I have a motion?

9 MR. OWEN:

10 So moved.

11 DR. O'DONNELL:

12 Second.

13 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 [Ms. Keiser explained the processing issues relating  
18 involving the interface between PALS and eppiccNURSE  
19 which affected a number of graduates who were seeking  
20 employment, primarily in the Pittsburgh area. She  
21 indicated the Commissioner is assigning extra people  
22 to alleviate any processing delays.]

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24 Old Business - None

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1 New Business

2 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

3                   Is there a motion to send three Board  
4                   members and one staff member to the 2019  
5                   NCSBN Midyear Meeting, which will be held  
6                   in San Antonio, Texas, March 26-28, 2019?  
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8 MS. HENDRICKS:

9                   So moved.

10 DR. KMETZ:

11                   Second.

12 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

13                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 [The Board recessed from 9:51 a.m. to 10:08 a.m.]

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18 Appointment - Request for Extension of Provisional

19 Status - Year 5 - Hazleton Area Career Center,

20 Practical Nursing Program

21 [Karen Malt, RN, MSN, Director, and Lori Herman,

22 Administrator, presented before the Board to request

23 an extension of provisional status.

24                   Ms. Malt provided information regarding the  
25                   current status of the Hazleton Area Career Center

1 Practical Nursing Program. She discussed program  
2 enrichments, which included restoring a sense of  
3 professionalism, pride and organization to the  
4 learning environment; revising every examination  
5 question to mirror higher level cognitive ability;  
6 applying accountability for completing and reaching a  
7 benchmark of remediation; strict adherence to all  
8 policies, such as attendance; revision of learning  
9 activities; and motivating each graduate to secure the  
10 opportunity to take the licensing examination  
11 immediately upon graduation.

12 Ms. Malt commented that although many of the  
13 milestones in the Program's improvement plan have been  
14 accomplished, the 80 percent program pass rate was not  
15 met. The current pass rate is 63.64.

16 Ms. Malt discussed an improvement plan which  
17 would include the use of a test of English as a  
18 foreign language for students identified as ESL  
19 (English Second Language), encouraging the use of a  
20 vocabulary notebook and bilingual dictionary, as well  
21 as workshops and seminars specific to the ESL student.

22 Ms. Malt noted that 10 out of 11 students  
23 currently licensed are employed in the community. She  
24 requested permission to run an additional cohort  
25 simultaneously with the current cohort, as the current

1 class size for this cohort is 5, and there was a list  
2 of students who meet the criteria and willing to begin  
3 as soon as possible.]

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5 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, exited the meeting at 10:39  
6 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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8 Appointment - Request for Extension of Provisional  
9 Status - Clarion County Career Center Practical  
10 Nursing Program - Year 3.

11 [Ann Stanonis-Manes, MSN, RN, Nursing Program  
12 Director, and Sharon Wolfe, full-time faculty member,  
13 presented before the Board to request an extension of  
14 provisional status.

15 Ms. Stanonis-Manes discussed changes to the  
16 Program to impact the pass rate, including providing  
17 additional review resources for NCLEX® preparation,  
18 curriculum changes, including less time in pediatrics  
19 and more time on test review, faculty, budget, and  
20 raising the cut score on the admission examination.  
21 She noted this data was included with the plan of  
22 improvement that was previously sent to the Board.

23 Sixty-eight percent of the students believed that  
24 they could take the exam without studying so that they  
25 would know what it was like when they retook it.

1 Students now understand the importance of studying for  
2 the first examination. The Program also conducts a  
3 live review and provides the students with review  
4 materials. Eight out of 18 students that completed the  
5 review course passed the state boards; the rest of  
6 them did not.

7 Ms. Stanonis-Manes stated additional students  
8 were admitted into the program to defray costs of a  
9 new nursing facility was built. Rather than admitting  
10 students with lower cut scores, a possible tuition  
11 hike may be used to defray the costs of the facility  
12 expansion.

13 She noted that because there was a correlation  
14 between those who failed the final examination and  
15 those who failed the NCLEX®, 50% of the class grade  
16 will be the final examination grade. Additionally, the  
17 grading standard for coursework was increased to 83%.

18 Ms. Stanonis-Manes explained that in addition to  
19 the NCLEX® Live Review, the program is considering  
20 using ATI's one-to-one or group review program.  
21 Faculty are attending programs regarding item writing  
22 and critical thinking. NurseTim is being utilized in  
23 the clinical and laboratory setting.]

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25 [[Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, re-entered the meeting at

1 11:12 a.m.]

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3 Appointment - Request for Extension of Provisional  
4 Status - Year 3 - Falcon Institute of Health and  
5 Science.

6 [Preet Chahal, President of the Falcon Institute, and  
7 Kassidy Lax, RN, Director, Practical Nursing Program,  
8 presented before the Board to request an extension of  
9 provisional status.

10 President Chahal explained that the program  
11 opened in 2014 and graduated its first class in 2016.  
12 All 6 of the 2016 graduates failed the examination;  
13 however, 5 of 8 2017 graduates passed and 15 of 29  
14 2018 graduates passed resulting in a 62.5% pass rate.  
15 To improve the pass rates, the program has an ATI  
16 entrance examination and added the virtual ATI after  
17 each semester. Students now have access to the  
18 school's computers.

19 Beginning with this year, students of the program  
20 are eligible for Title IV funding, and the program  
21 gives \$500 per semester to each student in good  
22 academic standing to help defray the cost of their  
23 student loan. She indicated the school is planning to  
24 cover half the cost of the NCLEX exam for students who  
25 take it within six months of completion of the



1 program.

2 Ms. Lax explained the faculty is now  
3 participating in webinars on using NurseTim and NCSBN  
4 for item writing. It has stopped providing reviews at  
5 the end of each course because it found that students  
6 were only studying the information from the review  
7 instead of the comprehensive material.

8 President Chahal noted that the Program is now  
9 accredited by the Council of Occupational Education.

10 For the three students from 2017 that have not  
11 tested, Ms. Lax noted that they have been advised that  
12 they still have access to their ATI and can use it for  
13 review purposes.]

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15 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, exited the meeting for  
16 recusal purposes at 11:29 a.m.]

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18 Appointment - Request for Extension of Provisional  
19 Status - Western Area Career and Technology Center -  
20 Year 3.

21 [Dennis McCarthy, PhD, Executive Director, and Lisa  
22 Balint, Health Science Supervisor, noted that he has  
23 been in this position for three years and Ms. Balint  
24 has been with the Program for only three weeks.

25 Dr. McCarthy discussed that the program had been

1 accepting students from other programs and relying on  
2 the grade they received without testing to determine  
3 if they were at the level of having satisfactorily  
4 completed the course. The Program intends to  
5 implement a procedure for testing those transfer  
6 students. Dr. McCarthy stated the program's pass rate  
7 for last year was 67, but the first quarter rate was  
8 82%.

9 Ms. Balint learned that one struggle that  
10 students encountered was the understanding and  
11 knowledge of NCLEX. Resource manuals and study guides  
12 were purchased to help students in that regard.

13 She discussed increasing entrance score minimums  
14 from 60 to 65, strengthening the interview process,  
15 changing the absence ratio from 20/28 to 15/40, having  
16 tutoring for students who score below an 80, and  
17 increase the semester pass rate from 70 to 80%.  
18 Students will also be encouraged to take the NCLEX  
19 within six weeks.

20 Ms. Balint remarked that she has yet to review  
21 the curriculum to identify gaps but has met with the  
22 instructors to review their testing.

23 Ms. Balint also noted that the school tests are  
24 not computerized and there is a mix of true and false  
25 questions. Dr. McCarthy stated that changes have been

1 made to the way test banks are written, including the  
2 elimination of true and false questions and utilizing  
3 questions from study guides and lectures.

4 Ms. Balint provided a history of her professional  
5 background in home healthcare and teaching in the  
6 health occupations department at Fayette CCTI, noting  
7 this as her first experience running an educational  
8 program.]

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10 [The Board recessed from 12:01 p.m. until 12:10 p.m.  
11 Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, re-entered during the recess  
12 at 12:08 p.m.]

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14 Appointment - Proposal from York College of  
15 Pennsylvania's Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
16 Program: MSN and Post Master's Certificate in  
17 Psychiatric Mental Health.

18 [Dr. Nezam Al-Nsair, Dean, School of Nursing and  
19 Health Professions, Dr. Cheryl Thompson, Interim  
20 Chair, The Stabler Department of Nursing, Dr. Ann  
21 Norwich, Director, Adult-Gerontology Nurse  
22 Practitioner Program, Dr. Margaret Marino, Assistant  
23 Professor, Psych Mental Health and Carol March, former  
24 Chair of the Department of Nursing, presented before  
25 the Board for discussion of a proposal.

1 Dr. Norwich noted the intent of York College to  
2 start a psychiatric nurse practitioner program in  
3 addition to the current adult gero, primary care nurse  
4 practitioner programs. She indicated that most of the  
5 core courses would be taught by the current staff, but  
6 there was faculty onboard capable of teaching the  
7 psychiatric program and adjunct faculty for teaching  
8 the specialty part of the program.

9 Dr. Norwich did not anticipate any problem hiring  
10 that faculty as well as a full-time faculty capable to  
11 teach didactic courses in a specialty.

12 Dr. Marino highlighted the curriculum plan, which  
13 includes a Psychopharmacology course, an Advanced  
14 Diagnosis of Psychopathology Across a Lifespan course,  
15 I and II, Advanced Diagnoses and Psychotherapeutic  
16 Treatment Modalities in Special Populations, and  
17 Advanced Psychotherapeutic Treatment Modalities Across  
18 a Lifespan.

19 Dr. Al-Nsair explained that as the program grows  
20 and more students are enrolled, recruitments for  
21 faculty will commence early in the program, and the  
22 plan is for the ROI to support the program. Dr. Al-  
23 Nsair noted the possibility of student discounting  
24 will be discussed with the Vice President of Finance  
25 for the College.]

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2 Appointment - Proposal from Pennsylvania College of  
3 Health Sciences Certified Registered Nurse  
4 Practitioner Program for three MSN Nurse Practitioner  
5 tracks: 1) Family Across the Lifespan; 2) Psychiatric  
6 Mental Health; 3) Adult/Gerontology Acute Care.  
7 [Cheryl Grab, EdD, RN, Dean of Nursing; Andrea Wolf,  
8 DNP, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, PMHCNS-BC; and Lisa Johnson,  
9 DrNP, ACNP-BC, presented before the Board for  
10 discussion of three proposals.

11 Dr. Johnson, Dr. Wolf, and Dean Grab requested  
12 the Board to consider its proposal for three nurse  
13 practitioner tracks, which include adult gerontology,  
14 acute care nurse practitioner, family nurse  
15 practitioner and psychiatric mental health nurse  
16 practitioner. Dr. Johnson noted the College is  
17 partnered with Lancaster General Hospital and Health  
18 Network.

19 Dr. Wolf commented that Lancaster General has a  
20 need for FNPs in the acute care setting obtaining the  
21 necessary credentials. Dr. Johnson commented that the  
22 Tower Health Network hospitals and outpatient clinics  
23 have expressed the same need as well.

24 There was further discussion regarding matching  
25 students with clinical sites for a more planned

1 program of clinical rotations, the five-year  
2 projection portion/allocations of the budget, and the  
3 possibility of student discounting.]

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5 [The Board recessed from 12:35 p.m. until 12:45 p.m.]

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7 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
8 the Board entered into Executive Session with Judith  
9 Pachter Schulder, Esquire, and Megan Castor, Esquire,  
10 at 12:45 p.m. for the purpose of conducting quasi-  
11 judicial deliberations on matters that are pending  
12 before the Board. The Board returned to open session  
13 at 2:27 p.m.]

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15 {Katelin Lambert, Deputy Commissioner of Professional  
16 and Occupational Affairs, entered the meeting at 2:27  
17 p.m.]

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19 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

20           During Executive Session the Board  
21           engaged in quasi-judicial deliberations  
22           on the matters listed on the agenda, as  
23           well as the applications and the Report  
24           of the Prosecutorial Division and the  
25           Counsel Division.

1 I'd note that those who presented  
2 before the Board for Falcon Institute of  
3 Health and Science are still here. And  
4 this is on their Request for Extension of  
5 Provisional Status.

6 Is there a motion to grant the  
7 extension of provisional status for  
8 Falcon Institute of Health and Science  
9 for a third year, for the extension to  
10 last through the Board meeting after the  
11 second quarter has ended? And that in  
12 the interim, they're required to provide  
13 the Board with information with regard to  
14 their curriculum and their remediation of  
15 prior students, which will be set forth  
16 in the record?

17 MS. HENDRICKS:

18 So moved.

19 DR. KMETZ:

20 Second.

21 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Member Owen opposed the motion.]

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1 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

2 Deputy Commissioner Katelin Lambert is  
3 here on behalf of the Commissioner. And  
4 we're going to vote on all of those  
5 matters in which she's involved for which  
6 we need her to make the quorum because of  
7 the recusals.

8 Is there a motion to approve the  
9 following Consent Agreements for which  
10 Members Hendricks, Kerns, Luchs are  
11 recused, File No. 17-51-13975, File No.  
12 18-51-005692, File No. 16-51-12308, File  
13 No. 17-51-09259, and File No. 18-51-  
14 005568?

15 MR. OWEN:

16 So moved.

17 DR. O'DONNELL:

18 Second.

19 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks, Kerns and  
23 Luchs recused from deliberations and voting on the  
24 motion. Deputy Commissioner Lambert abstained from  
25 voting on the motion.



1           The Respondent's name for File No. 17-51-13975 is  
2 Lori Ann Mroczka, LPN. The Respondent's name for File  
3 No. 18-51-005692 is Karen McDermott Minster, RN. The  
4 Respondent's name for File No. 16-51-12308 is Dianne  
5 Warneck Cribbs, RN. The Respondent's name for File  
6 No. 17-51-09259 is Lillian Akello Ogwang, LPN. The  
7 Respondent's name for File No. 18-51-005568 is Rachel  
8 Strandwitz, LPN.]

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11                   Is there a motion to grant the Motion to  
12                   Enter Default, deem the facts admitted,  
13                   and authorize Counsel to prepare  
14                   Adjudications and Orders in the matters  
15                   of Shannon M. Parish, LPN, File No. 17-  
16                   51-07643; Rita McMonigle, RN, File No.  
17                   17-51-13450; and Stephanie Lynn George,  
18                   RN, LPN, File No. 18-51-02032, for which  
19                   Members Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs are  
20                   recused?

21 MR. OWEN:

22                   So moved.

23 MS. HERTZLER:

24                   Second.

25 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks, Kerns and  
4 Luchs recused from deliberations and voting on the  
5 motion. Deputy Commissioner Lambert abstained from  
6 voting on the motion.]

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8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9 Is there a motion to deny the Motion to  
10 Enter Default and Deem Facts Admitted in  
11 the matter of Brian D. Mikesell, LPN,  
12 File No. 18-51-04385, for which Members  
13 Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs are recused?

14 MR. OWEN:

15 So moved.

16 DR. O'DONNELL:

17 Second.

18 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

19 All those in favor? Opposed?

20 Abstentions?

21 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks, Kerns and  
22 Luchs recused from deliberations and voting on the  
23 motion. Deputy Commissioner Lambert abstained from  
24 voting on the motion.]

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1 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

2           Is there a motion to authorize Counsel to  
3           prepare an Adjudication and Order in the  
4           matter of Patricia Drake, RN, LPN, File  
5           No. 17-51-06134, for which Members  
6           Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs are recused?

7 MR. OWEN:

8           So moved.

9 MS. HERTZLER:

10           Second.

11 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

12           All those in favor? Opposed?

13           Abstentions?

14 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks, Kerns and  
15 Luchs recused from deliberations and voting on the  
16 motion. Deputy Commissioner Lambert abstained from  
17 voting on the motion.]

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19 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

20           Is there a motion to adopt the Draft  
21           Adjudications and Orders in the matters  
22           of Mary Rudick Paolucci, LPN, File No.  
23           17-51-03562; Mary D. Nape, RN, File No.  
24           17-51-11107; Gary Elwood Preston, LPN,  
25           File No. 17-51-06699; Hollie Wycheck,

1 RN, File No. 17-51-013840; Darla Bush,  
2 LPN, File No. 17-51-03935; Coleen  
3 Conlon, RN, File No. 17-51-014191; Lynn  
4 Ellis, RN, File No. 18-51-004334;  
5 Michelle Grenninger, LPN, File No. 18-  
6 51-00427, and Tamara Rene Matte, LPN,  
7 File No. 17-51-06820, for which Members  
8 Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs are recused?

9 DR. O'DONNELL:

10 So moved.

11 MR. OWEN:

12 Second.

13 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks, Kerns and  
17 Luchs recused from deliberations and voting on the  
18 motion. Deputy Commissioner Lambert abstained from  
19 voting on the motion.]

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21 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

22 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft  
23 Adjudications and Orders in the matters  
24 of Julie Hudak, RN, File No. 17-51-12493;  
25 and Kaitlyn Cinclair, LPN, File No. 17-

1                   51-12985, for which Members Hendricks,  
2                   Kerns and Hertzler are recused?

3 MR. OWEN:

4                   So moved.

5 DR. KMETZ:

6                   Second.

7 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

8                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

9                   Abstentions?

10 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks, Kerns and  
11 Hertzler recused from deliberations and voting on the  
12 motion. Deputy Commissioner Lambert abstained from  
13 voting on the motion.]

14   \*\*\*

15 [Katelin Lambert, Deputy Commissioner of Professional  
16 and Occupational Affairs, exited the meeting at 2:33  
17 p.m.]

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19 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

20                   Is there a motion to adopt the VRP  
21                   Consent Agreements?

22 MR. OWEN:

23                   So moved.

24 MS. LUCHS:

25                   Second.

1 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is there a motion to adopt the following  
8 Consent Agreements for which there are no  
9 recusals: File No. 18-51-012438; File  
10 No. 18-51-007847; File No. 18-51-03867;  
11 File No. 15-51-13052; File No. 16-51-  
12 09966; File No. 17-51-00822; File No. 18-  
13 51-007910; File No. 18-51-004291; File  
14 No. 17-51-07838; File No. 17-51-00599;  
15 File No. 17-51-03951; File No. 18-51-  
16 00333; and File No. 18-51-004058?

17 MS. HENDRICKS:

18 So moved.

19 MR. OWEN:

20 Second.

21 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondent's  
25 name for File No. 18-51-012438 is Dale John Kersteen,

1 RN. The Respondent's name for File No. 18-51-007847  
2 is Debora Lynn Brooks-Wilson, CRNP, RN. The  
3 Respondent's name for File No. 18-51-03867 is Karen  
4 Lynn Hertzog, RN. The Respondent's name for File No.  
5 15-51-13052 is Michelle Lynn Oswald, LPN. The  
6 Respondent's name for File No. 16-51-09966 is Tammy  
7 Morris Barilla, LPN. The Respondent's name for File  
8 No. 17-51-00822 is Fedor Vitalyevich Bilko, RN. The  
9 Respondent's name for File No. 18-51-007910 is Jill  
10 Ireland Sweeney, RN. The Respondent's name for File  
11 No. 18-51-004291 is Rachel Marie Baker, RN, a/k/a  
12 Rachel Marie Russell. The Respondent's name for File  
13 No. 17-51-07838 is Marian L. Koroma, RN. The  
14 Respondent's name for File No. 17-51-00599 is Lori  
15 Scanlan Cashatt, LPN. The Respondent's name for File  
16 No. 17-51-03951 is Casey M. Antonelli, RN, a/k/a Casey  
17 M. Swanlek, RN. The Respondent's name for File No. 18-  
18 51-00333 is Robert M. Fish, RN. And the Respondent's  
19 name for File No. 18-51-004058 is Brynn Knibbe, RN.]

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21 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

22 Is there a motion to adopt the following  
23 Consent Agreement for File No. 18-51-  
24 03438 for which Members Hendricks and  
25 Luchs are recused?

1 DR. O'DONNELL:

2 So moved.

3 MR. OWEN:

4 Second.

5 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks and Luchs  
9 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.  
10 The Respondent's name is Lisa Ann Conte, RN.]

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12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent  
14 Agreements for File No. 18-51-00273 and  
15 File No. 18-51-007317, for which Members  
16 Hendricks and Kerns are recused?

17 MR. OWEN:

18 So moved.

19 DR. KMETZ:

20 Second.

21 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks and Kerns  
25 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.]



1 The Respondent's name for File No. 18-51-00273 is  
2 Christopher Michael McGowan, LPN. The Respondent's  
3 name for File No. 18-51-007317 is Sabrina Redding,  
4 RN.]

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent  
8 Agreement for File No. 18-51-007185, for  
9 which members Hendricks and Kerns are  
10 recused?

11 MR. OWEN:

12 So moved.

13 DR. KMETZ:

14 Second.

15 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

16 All those in favor? Opposed?

17 Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks and Kerns  
19 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.  
20 The Respondent's name is Mary Elizabeth Wolf, RN.]

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22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent  
24 Agreement for File No. 15-51-10013, for  
25 which Member Hendricks is recused?

1 MR. OWEN:

2                   So moved.

3 MS. LUCHS:

4                   Second.

5 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

6                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

7                   Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried.   Member Hendricks recused from  
9 deliberations and voting on the motion.   The  
10 Respondent's name is Robert James Hannigan, RN.]

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12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13                   Is there a Motion to Enter a Default,  
14 deem the facts admitted, and authorize  
15 Counsel to prepare an Adjudication and  
16 Order for Megan M. Owens, RN, File No.  
17 18-51-04308, for which Members Hendricks  
18 and Luchs are recused?

19 DR. O'DONNELL:

20                   So moved.

21 MR OWEN:

22                   Second.

23 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

24                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

25                   Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks and Luchs  
2 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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4 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

5 Is there a Motion to Enter a Default,  
6 deem the facts admitted, and authorize  
7 Counsel to prepare Adjudications and  
8 Orders in the matters of Jacqueline M.  
9 Osuch, RN, File No. 17-51-07361; Jonathan  
10 McGrath, LPN, File No. 15-51-07503; Scott  
11 A. Mulcahy, RN, File No. 12-51-04348;  
12 Ednerlande Jean, LPN, File No. 16-51-  
13 13953; Margaret Jane Lutz, RN, File No.  
14 16-51-14981; Mary Oksutcik Kranz, RN,  
15 File No. 17-51-01623; Vicki Leightley  
16 Odonnell, LPN, File No. 17-51-11245;  
17 Billie Jo Weaver, LPN, File No. 17-51-  
18 08798; Erica Thiessen, File No. 17-51-  
19 12795; Jeanne Hammond, LPN, File No. 18-  
20 51-006739; Sharon Holmes, RN, File No.  
21 18-51-00673; Andrea Suzanne Digiovanne,  
22 RN, File No. 17-51-14104; Rochelle  
23 Armendariz, RN, File No. 17-51-06594;  
24 Tara Ferst, RN, File No. 18-51-03845; and  
25 Jessica Gesford, LPN, File No. 18-51-

1 03405?

2 MS. HENDRICKS:

3 So moved.

4 MR. OWEN:

5 Second.

6 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Hearing Examiner Proposal, Leeanna  
13 Williams, RN, File No. 118-51-005077 was  
14 withdrawn.

15 No new motion needs to be made for  
16 Holly Thrush, LPN, File No. 18-51-00625,  
17 as the Board's original motion from its  
18 December meeting carries. The Board had  
19 not reviewed these exceptions.

20 Is there a motion to adopt the  
21 Hearing Examiners' Proposals for Susan  
22 Whitaker Poling, RN, File No. 18-51-  
23 00695; Kent Courtney Mazey, RN, File No.  
24 17-51-03354; William J. Jacavage, RN,  
25 File No. 18-51-04096; Stacey L. Rivera,

1 LPN, File No. 18-51-03747; Regina Rose,  
2 RN, File No. 16-51-11399; Amy Klinger  
3 Lehman, LPN, File No. 17-51-07939; Ryan  
4 Williams, RN, File No. 17-51-11093 and  
5 File No. 16-51-11501; Danika Alexander,  
6 LPN, File No. 18-51-005103; Lindley  
7 Eckman, RN, File No. 16-51-06457; and  
8 Julie Flex, RN, a/k/a Julie Lauritson,  
9 File No. 17-51-05634?

10 MR. OWEN:

11 So moved.

12 MS. HENDRICKS:

13 Second.

14 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

15 All those in favor? Opposed?

16 Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

20 No motion needs to be made for Kelly  
21 Stevens, RN, File No. 17-51-06963 because  
22 the Board had already made a motion with  
23 regard to that case previously.

24 Is there a motion to adopt the  
25 Draft Adjudications and Orders for Kelly

1 Jinnno, LPN, File No. 18-51-04434; Lillie  
2 K. Massingill, RN, File No. 18-51-00656;  
3 Maria Washington, RN, File No. 16-51-  
4 14971; Joanna Summa, LPN, File No, 14-51-  
5 09944; Vickie Harris, LPN, File No. 15-  
6 51-07347; Rhonda Ullrich, RN, File No.  
7 17-51-08196; Katie Hartman, LPN, File No.  
8 18-51-00671; Yolanda Vitulli, RN, File  
9 No. 18-51-00613; Beth Ann Sillman, RN,  
10 File No. 18-51-005306; Jeannine Wiltsey,  
11 RN, File No. 15-51-05577; Brandon Lynn  
12 Bancroft, LPN, File No. 16-51-09251;  
13 Candace Bassininsky, LPN, File No. 16-51-  
14 04562; Jennifer Ann Fillinger, RN, File  
15 No. 17-51-07497; Michelle E. Hendrickson,  
16 LPN, File No. 16-51-08367; Joan  
17 Cicchiello, RN, CRNP, File No. 15-51-  
18 10373; Theolonius Dutton, RN, File No.  
19 18-51-00936; Eugenia T. Franklin, LPN,  
20 File No. 15-51-10377?

21 MS. HENDRICKS:

22 So moved.

23 DR. O'DONNELL:

24 Second.

25 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

6 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft  
7 Adjudication and Order for Carol L.  
8 Miller, RN, File No. 13-51-09197, for  
9 which Members Hendricks and Kmetz are  
10 recused?

11 MR. OWEN:

12 So moved.

13 DR. O'DONNELL:

14 Second.

15 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

16 All those in favor? Opposed?

17 Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks and Kmetz  
19 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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21 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

22 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft  
23 Adjudication and Order for Andrea  
24 Gosiewski, RN, File No. 16-51-10240, for  
25 which Members Coughlin and Hendricks are

1                   recused?

2 MR. OWEN:

3                   So moved.

4 DR. KMETZ:

5                   Second.

6 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

7                   All those in favor? Opposed?

8                   Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried. Members Coughlin and Hendricks  
10 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13                   Is there a motion to authorize Counsel to  
14                   prepare Adjudications and Orders for  
15                   Tiffany Witherspoon, LPN, File No. 17-51-  
16                   08361; Holly Thrush, LPN, File No. 18-51-  
17                   00625; and Christopher Churylo, LPN, File  
18                   No. 18-51-003854?

19 MR. OWEN:

20                   So moved.

21 DR. KMETZ:

22                   Second.

23 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

24                   All those in favor? Opposed?

25                   Abstentions?



1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel to  
5 prepare a Memorandum and Order for Crista  
6 Zarilla, RN, File No. 17-51-12877?

7 DR. KMETZ:

8 So moved.

9 MR. OWEN:

10 Second.

11 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

12 All those in favor? Opposed?

13 Abstentions?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

17 Is there a motion to grant the Faculty  
18 Request for an Extension for one year for  
19 Deborah Glatz, RN, BSN, and to require  
20 her to provide semester-by-semester  
21 updates for which member Kmetz is  
22 recused?

23 MS. HENDRICKS:

24 So moved.

25 MS. HERTZLER:

1                   Second.

2 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

3                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

4                   Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried.   Member Kmetz recused from  
6 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9                   Is there a motion to adopt the proposals  
10                   from York College of Pennsylvania  
11                   Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
12                   Program, MSN and Post Master's  
13                   Certificate in Psychiatric Mental Health,  
14                   as well as Pennsylvania College of Health  
15                   Sciences Certified Registered Nurse  
16                   Practitioner Program for MSN Nurse  
17                   Practitioner tracks - Family Across the  
18                   Lifespan, Psychiatric Mental Health, and  
19                   Adult/Gerontology Acute Care?

20 MS. HENDRICKS:

21                   So moved.

22 DR. O'DONNELL:

23                   Second.

24 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

25                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

5 Is there a motion to grant an Extension  
6 of the Request of Provisional Status for  
7 Hazleton Area Career Center until the  
8 Board meeting following the second  
9 quarter of NCLEX testing and to require  
10 the program to provide specific  
11 information with regard to faculty,  
12 curriculum and student pass rates,  
13 attrition rates and remediation for older  
14 graduates?

15 MS. HENDRICKS:

16 So moved.

17 MR. OWEN:

18 Second.

19 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

25 Is there a motion to grant the Request

1 for Provisional Status for the Clarion  
2 County Career Center Practical Nursing  
3 Program for which Member Kmetz was  
4 recused and to grant that extension for  
5 one year?

6 DR. O'DONNELL:

7 So moved.

8 MS. HENDRICKS:

9 Second.

10 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried. Member Kmetz recused from  
14 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

17 Is there a motion to grant the Request  
18 for Extension of Provisional Status for  
19 Western Area Career and Technology Center  
20 for which Member Kmetz was recused until  
21 the Board meeting at the end of the  
22 second quarter, and within the next month  
23 and a half the program must provide the  
24 Board with a performance improvement plan  
25 and update on their exam revisions and

1 information about their admission  
2 standards regarding transfer students and  
3 its implementation and their evidence to  
4 benchmark each of their curriculum  
5 changes?

6 MR. OWEN:

7 So moved.

8 MS. HENDRICKS:

9 Second.

10 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried. Member Kmetz recused from  
14 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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16 [Acting Chair Malady extended the Board's condolences  
17 to Dr. Holt on the loss of her mother.]

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19 For the Board's Information

20 [Ms. Pachter Schulder referred Board members to appeal  
21 documents regarding Nancy Cook Lewen for review. In a  
22 separate matter, she noted that a licensee who  
23 participated in the PHMP program requested to  
24 personally thank the Board for being in the program.  
25 Ms. Hendricks suggested that a letter be sent thanking

1 the licensee for the offer but that it was not  
2 necessary.]

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4 Adjournment

5 VICE CHAIR MALADY:

6 Can I get a motion to adjourn?

7 DR. O'DONNELL:

8 So moved.

9 MS. HENDRICKS:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.

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14 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
15 Nursing Meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.]

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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.



Amber Garbinski,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
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11		Audience Members
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15	9:08	Report of Prosecutorial Division
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23	9:41	Report of Board Members Who Attended a
24		Meeting on Behalf of the Board
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26	9:46	Report of Executive Secretary
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28	9:49	New Business
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30	9:51	Recess
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45		Provisional Status - Western Area Career
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11		College of Health Sciences
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