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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: 9:07 A.M.

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

December 5, 2019

State Board of Nursing  
December 5, 2019

BOARD MEMBERS:

Ann Michele Coughlin, MBA, MSN, RN, Chair  
K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of  
Professional and Occupational Affairs/Theodore  
Stauffer, Designee of Acting Commissioner  
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  
Jason R. Owen, Esquire, Public Member  
Bridget E. Vincent, MSN, CRNP, APN-BC, CCRN - Absent

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS:

Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire, Board Counsel  
Ariel O'Malley, Esquire, Board Counsel  
T'rese Evancho, Board Prosecution Co-Liaison  
William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecution Co-Liaison  
David J. Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Bridget Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Janelle Hawthorne, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Matthew Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor  
Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor

STAFF:

Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator  
Laurette Keiser, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary  
Leslie House, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor  
Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing  
Education Advisor  
Todette Holt, EdD, RN, Nursing Education Advisor  
Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:

Marc Farrell, Deputy Policy Director, PA Department of  
State

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ALSO PRESENT:

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6 Pete Tartline, COO/Executive Vice President,  
7 Pennsylvania Health Care Association (PHCA)  
8 Teresa Moore, Case Manager, Pennsylvania Nurse Peer  
9 Assistance Program (PNAP)  
10 Charles Hartwell, Esquire, Dethlefs-Pykosh Law  
11 Nancy Haughton, MSN, RN, Director, Practical Nursing  
12 Program, Chester County Intermediate Unit  
13 Jan Collier, MSN, RN, CNE, Nurse Administrator and  
14 Financial Aid Administrator, Franklin County  
15 Practical Nursing Program/PAPNA  
16 Maria Battista, Esquire, Director of Policy and  
17 Government Affairs, Pennsylvania Coalition of  
18 Nurse Practitioners  
19 Adele Caruso, DNP, CRNP, Pennsylvania Coalition of  
20 Nurse Practitioners (PCNP)  
21 Ramona McCormick, CRNA  
22 Mary Marshall, Director, Workforce and Professional  
23 Development, The Hospital and Healthsystem  
24 Association of Pennsylvania (HAP)  
25 Karen Malt, MSN, RN, Coordinator Practical Nursing,  
26 Hazleton Area Career Center  
27 Lori Herman, Director, Hazleton Area Career Center  
28 Harpreet Chalal, RN, MSN, CHE, President, Falcon  
29 Institute of Health and Science  
30 Kassidy Lax, MSN, RN, Director, Practical Nurse  
31 Education Program, Falcon Institute of Health and  
32 Science  
33 Sharvette Law Philmon, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CNE, Director  
34 and Chair/Associate Professor of Baccalaureate  
35 Nursing Program, Lincoln University  
36 Patricia A. Joseph, PhD, Dean, Lincoln University  
37 Jennifer Holzer, DNP, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing,  
38 Prism Career Institute  
39 Jeffrey Mann, Campus President, Prism Career Institute  
40 Dr. Erica Barone-Pricci, VP of Academic Affairs and  
41 Chief Academic Officer, Lackawanna College  
42 Dr. Kelly Musti, Dean of Allied Health, Lackawanna  
43 College  
44 John Risboskin, VP for Finance and Administration,  
45 Lackawanna College  
46 Dr. Judith Williams, Director of Nursing Program,  
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- 4 Danielle Giuliano, PhD, MSN, RN, Pennsylvania
- 5 Institute of Technology
- 6 Dr. Kimberly Marucci, Dean of Academic Affairs,
- 7 Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
- 8 Gary Guldin, MSN, EdM, RN, Lansdale School of Business
- 9 Marianne Johnson, Executive Director, Lansdale School
- 10 of Business
- 11 Marlon Keller, President, Lansdale School of Business
- 12 Geri Swindell, BSN, RN, Full-time faculty member,
- 13 Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
- 14 Katie Isselman, BSN, RN, Full-time faculty member,
- 15 Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
- 16 Marianne Schwable, MSN, RN, Full-time faculty member,
- 17 Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
- 18 Matt Myers, VP, Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
- 19 Sean Flaherty, MEd, Director of Academic Operations,
- 20 Duquesne University School of Nursing
- 21 Denise Lucas, PhD, FNP-BC, CRNP, FAANP, Chair,
- 22 Advanced Practice Programs, Duquesne University
- 23 School of Nursing
- 24 David Hartman, Pennsylvania Medical Society
- 25 Lisa Balint, BSN, MBA, Director, Western Area Career
- 26 Center Practical Nursing Program
- 27 Andrew Harvan, Pennsylvania Medical Society
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2 State Board of Nursing

3 December 5, 2019

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
6 Board of Nursing was held on Thursday, December 5,  
7 2019. Ann Michele Coughlin, MBA, MSN, RN, Chair,  
8 called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

9 K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of  
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs, was not present  
11 at the commencement of the meeting.

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

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

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19 Adoption of the Agenda

20 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

21 I'm looking for an adoption of the  
22 agenda?

23 MS. MALADY:

24 So moved.

25 MS. HENDRICKS:

1                   Second.

2 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

3                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

4                   Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 Adoption of Minutes

8 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

9                   Do I have a motion to adopt the Minutes  
10                   of December 7, 2017?

11 DR. KMETZ:

12                   So moved.

13 MS. HENDRICKS:

14                   Second.

15 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

16                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

17                   Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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20 Report of Prosecutorial Division

21 VRP Consent Agreements

22 [VRP Consent Agreements were noted as Nos. 2 through  
23 16 on the agenda.]

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25 [T'rese Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented

1 Consent Agreements for Case No. 19-51-000316 and Case  
2 No. 19-51-000514.

3 Ms. Evancho presented a Consent Agreement for  
4 Case No. 19-51-006161. Members Hendricks and Luchs  
5 were recused from the discussion.

6 Ms. Evancho noted that Case No. 18-51-011819 was  
7 withdrawn from the agenda.

8 Ms. Evancho present a Consent Agreement for Case  
9 No. 19-51-008721 on behalf of Board Prosecutor Jason  
10 Anderson, Esquire. Members Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs  
11 were recused from the discussion.]

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13 [William Newport, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
14 a Consent Agreement for Case No. 18-51-02773 for which  
15 Members Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs were recused from  
16 the discussion.

17 Mr. Newport presented a Consent Agreement for  
18 Case No. 19-51-009536 for which Members Hendricks and  
19 Kerns were recused from the discussion.]

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21 [Ms. Kerns commented that it had come to her attention  
22 that certain counties in Pennsylvania had changed  
23 policies on prosecuting certain drug crimes and  
24 requested that the Prosecutorial Division consider  
25 this when prosecuting its cases.]

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2 [David J. Schertz, Board Prosecutor, presented Consent  
3 Agreements for Case No. 18-51-004331 and Case No. 18-  
4 51-008679 for which Members Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs  
5 were recused from the discussion.

6 Mr. Schertz presented Consent Agreements for Case  
7 No. 19-51-003407 and Case No. 19-51-013450 for which  
8 Members Hendricks and Luchs were recused from the  
9 discussion.

10 Mr. Schertz presented a Consent Agreement for  
11 Case No. 19-51-003784 for which Members Hertzler and  
12 Luchs were recused from the discussion.]

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14 [Matthew Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
15 a Consent Agreement for Case No. 18-51-005781 for  
16 which Members Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs were recused  
17 from the discussion.

18 Mr. Sniscak presented Consent Agreements for Case  
19 No. 19-51-005210, Case No. 19-51-008391, Case No. 19-  
20 51-013263 and Case No. 19-51-013927.]

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22 [Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
23 presented Consent Agreements for Case No. 16-51-12297  
24 and Case No. 19-51-010150.]

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1 [Codi M. Tucker, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented  
2 a Consent Agreement for Case No. 18-51-009451 for  
3 which Members Hertzler and Luchs were recused from the  
4 discussion.

5 Ms. Tucker presented a Consent Agreement for Case  
6 No. 18-51-011878. Charles Hartwell, Esquire, Counsel  
7 for the Respondent, also participated in the  
8 discussion.

9 Ms. Tucker presented a Consent Agreement for Case  
10 No. 19-51-007168.]

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12 [Bridget Guilfoyle, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,  
13 presented a Consent Agreement for Case No. 19-51-  
14 006783.]

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16 Regulation Update

17 Regulations Status Summary

18 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
19 stated there would be discussion later in the meeting  
20 about the nursing program regulations and that there  
21 have not been any changes to the status of the other  
22 regulations.]

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24 Pennsylvania Legislative Update

25 Legislation Affecting Nurses/Nursing

1 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
2 stated there are a few bills of interest to the Board,  
3 including Senate Bill 637, which is regarding second  
4 chance/criminal reform legislation and sanctions.

5 She referred members to § 9124(e) and discussed  
6 the requirement that convictions be directly related  
7 to the duties, functions and responsibilities of the  
8 practice unless the applicant poses an unacceptable  
9 risk to the people with whom the applicant would  
10 interact based upon an individualized assessment. The  
11 applicant/licensee with such a conviction must show  
12 rehabilitation under an eight factor test. Under  
13 (e) (9), the Boards will be required to write  
14 regulations that would identify what crimes the Board  
15 has determined are directly related to the duty,  
16 function and responsibilities of the practice of the  
17 profession. There was further discussion regarding  
18 the matter.

19 In addition, the Bill requires the Board to issue  
20 preliminary decisions about whether an offense is  
21 directly related to the practice.

22 Ms. Pachter Schulder discussed Senate Bill 857  
23 regarding telemedicine; House Bill 79 regarding lead  
24 testing; House Bill 1975 regarding seizure recognition  
25 for school nurses; and House Bills 1923 and 1924,

1 which would revoke the licenses of persons for any  
2 drug act conviction.]

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4 Report of Board Chairperson

5 [Ann Michele Coughlin, MBA, MSN, RN, Chair, wished all  
6 a very Happy Holiday and thanked staff and Board  
7 members for their hard work and dedication throughout  
8 the year.]

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10 Report of Committees

11 Probable Cause

12 [Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN, reported the  
13 Committee had recently met and moved on 9 Petitions  
14 for Appropriate Relief, 25 Petitions for  
15 Mental/Physical Exam and 2 Petitions for Immediate  
16 Temporary Suspension – one on November 7, 2019, and  
17 again on November 22, 2019.]

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19 Application Review

20 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, reported the Committee met  
21 before the meeting and several times virtually  
22 throughout the month and moved on several  
23 applications.]

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25 Advanced Practice

1 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, reported the Committee did  
2 not meet.]

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4 IT and Communications

5 [Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN, reported some Board  
6 members were still having major issues getting into  
7 their Commonwealth email account which was delaying  
8 responses to the committees that they serve on. A  
9 representative from IT was scheduled to meet with  
10 those members who had IT issues at the conclusion of  
11 the meeting.]

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13 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on  
14 Behalf of the Board - No Report

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16 Report of Executive Secretary

17 [Laurette Keiser, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary,  
18 reported the October renewal was recently closed. She  
19 referred members to the 2019 NCSBN Leadership and  
20 Public Policy Conference Presentation and Videos for  
21 further review. Ms. Keiser noted that Ms. Vincent  
22 would be attending the Hospital and Healthsystem  
23 Association of Pennsylvania Conference later in the  
24 month on behalf of the Board.]

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1 Old Business - None

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3 New Business

4 Election of Officers

5 DR. KMETZ:

6 I would move that we retain the current  
7 Chair and Vice Chair for the calendar  
8 year.

9 MS. HENDRICKS:

10 Second.

11 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

12 All those in favor? Opposed?

13 Abstentions?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Committee Meeting

17 RN/PN Practice, Education and Regulation/Advanced  
18 Practice

19 [Ms. Pachter Schulder noted topics to be discussed are  
20 the CRNP Statement of Policy regulation, the Act 41  
21 regulation, and the nursing education program  
22 regulation and associated issues, including changing  
23 the minimum pass rate, and adding provisions within  
24 the regulation.

25 The Board discussed whether the length of time



1 Association of Certified Nurse Midwives.

2 Adele Caruso, DNP, CRNP, President, and Maria  
3 Battista, Esquire, Director of Policy and Government  
4 Affairs, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners  
5 (PCNP), addressed the Board to respond to the comments  
6 submitted, in particular to Dr. Gallagher's eight  
7 questions.

8 Dr. Caruso noted that the impetus for the  
9 Statement of Policy was PCNP recognition that §  
10 21.413(d)(1) needed to be updated to reflect current  
11 practice. With regard to a possible conflict with  
12 Department of Health regulations or CRNP scope of  
13 practice or education, she noted that she has talked  
14 to the DOH and that these activities are within the  
15 scope and competencies of prescriptive authority and  
16 DEA prescribing for CRNPs.

17 With regard to the question about whether the  
18 CRNP who orders the conscious sedation must be being  
19 present in the room when it is administered, Ms.  
20 Battista said that she found nothing, upon review of  
21 regulations for healthcare facilities, including 28 PA  
22 Code § 109.61, that states "medication or treatment  
23 shall administered only upon written or signed orders  
24 of a practitioner and in accordance with the  
25 provisions of § 107.61 to § 107.65," relating to

1 medical orders, which would require a change to the  
2 Statement of Policy. Ms. Battista noted the reference  
3 to "practitioner."

4 Dr. Caruso discussed how the proposed change  
5 aligns with CRNP scope of practice. She noted no  
6 conflict and the prescriptive authority of CRNPs.]

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8 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of  
9 Professional and Occupational Affairs, entered the  
10 meeting at 9:52 a.m.]

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12 [The Board discussed the impact of the CRNPs having  
13 prescriptive authorities and collaborative agreements  
14 for prescribing specific drugs as well as hospital  
15 credentials for CRNPs. It discussed and decided to  
16 modify § 21.413 to reference that the CRNP's action  
17 must be consistent with the terms of the collaborative  
18 agreement. Andrew Harvan on behalf of the  
19 Pennsylvania Medical Society noted the modification  
20 clarified the questions that were submitted.]

21 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

22 Would the Board adopt the Statement of  
23 Policy for 16A-5143 with the  
24 modification of "within the terms of  
25 collaborative agreement?"





1 profession for at least 2 of the 5 years immediately  
2 preceding the date of the application in a facility in  
3 which English is spoken; (b) 1800 hours of  
4 experience/year in the profession for at least 2 of  
5 the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the  
6 application and having received a passing score on a  
7 Board-approved English proficiency examination listed  
8 on the Board's website; (c) A total of 3,600 hours of  
9 experience in the profession during the 5 years  
10 immediately preceding the date of the application in a  
11 facility in which English is spoken; or (d) A total of  
12 3,600 hours of experience in the profession during the  
13 5 years immediately preceding the date of the  
14 application and having received a passing score on a  
15 Board-approved English proficiency examination listed  
16 on the Board's website; (3) Has not committed any  
17 prohibited act under the RN or PN Law unless the Board  
18 determines that it is not an impediment to licensure  
19 or certification; (4) demonstrates a total of 3,600  
20 hours of experience in the profession during the five  
21 years immediately preceding the date of the  
22 application and having received a passing score on a  
23 Board-approved English proficiency examination listed  
24 on the Board's website; and (5) Provides compliance

1 with all other administrative requirements set for in  
2 the act and this subchapter.

3 Ms. Pachter Schulder requested Board approval to  
4 send the Act 41 Regulation out for pre-draft input.]

5 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

6 Might someone be willing to make a  
7 motion to adopt 16A-51XX to send to  
8 stakeholders with regard to licensure  
9 certification by endorsement?

10 MS. MALADY:

11 So moved.

12 DR. KMETZ:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

15 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 Report of Acting Commissioner

19 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of  
20 Professional and Occupational Affairs, commended the  
21 work of Board staff and Board Counsel. He reviewed  
22 improvements to the phone system to improve customer  
23 service.]

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25 [Ms. Battista provided an update with regard to the

1 Senate bills that would bar licensure to licensees  
2 convicted of theft of controlled substances. She  
3 reached out to the sponsors of the bills and stated  
4 that the bills were the result of various nurses or  
5 physicians substituting drugs with placebo drugs. The  
6 bills include dentists who write fraudulent  
7 prescriptions. Ms. Battista mentioned that PCNP was  
8 preparing a response letter to address the processes  
9 of all healthcare boards on the matter. Acting  
10 Commission Johnson noted that questions have been  
11 directed to the Bureau regarding these bills. He  
12 offered to meet with the legislators to answer these  
13 questions in order to clarify the language in these  
14 bills.]

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16 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
17 the Board entered into Executive Session with Judith  
18 Pachter Schulder, Esquire; Megan Castor, Esquire;  
19 Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire; and Ariel O'Malley,  
20 Esquire, at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose of conducting  
21 quasi-judicial deliberations on matters that are  
22 pending before the Board. The Board returned to Open  
23 Session at 10:34 a.m.]

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25 MOTIONS:

1 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

2                   During Executive Session, the Board  
3                   engaged in quasi-judicial deliberations  
4                   on the matters on the Report of the  
5                   Prosecutorial Division as well as the  
6                   beginning of the Report of Board Counsel  
7                   under Matters for Deliberation. Any  
8                   Board members who recused themselves  
9                   during any deliberations will be  
10                  identified in the motion.

11                   Is there a motion to adopt the VRP  
12                  Consent Agreements, Items 2 through 16?

13 MS. HENDRICKS:

14                   So moved.

15 MS. LUCHS:

16                   Second.

17 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

18                   All those in favor? Opposed?

19                   Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23                   Item No. 17 was withdrawn.

24                   Is there a motion to approve the  
25                  following Consent Agreements for which

1 members Hendricks and Luchs are recused:  
2 Case No. 19-51-006161, Case No. 19-51-  
3 003407, and Case No. 18-51-011878?

4 DR. KMETZ:

5 So moved.

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER JOHNSON:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

9 All those in favor? Opposed?

10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks and Luchs  
12 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on  
13 the motion.

14 The Respondent's name for Case No. 19-51-006161  
15 is Dale John Kersteen, RN. The Respondent's name for  
16 Case No. 19-51-003407 is Colleen Macauley Koller, RN,  
17 CRNP. The Respondent's name for Case No. 18-51-011878  
18 is Dana C. Horrigan, RN.]

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20 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

21 Is there a motion to adopt the following  
22 Consent Agreement for which Members  
23 Hendricks and Kerns are recused: Case  
24 No. 19-51-009536?

25 DR. KMETZ:

1                   So moved.

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER JOHNSON:

3                   Second.

4 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

5                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

6                   Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried.  Members Hendricks and Kerns  
8 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on  
9 the motion.

10           The Respondent's name is Melissa Gramo, RN.]

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12 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

13                   Is there a motion to adopt the following  
14                   Consent Agreements for which Members  
15                   Hendricks, Kerns and Luchs are recused:  
16                   Case No. 18-51-02773, Case No. 18-51-  
17                   004331, Case No. 18-51-008679, Case No.  
18                   18-51-005781, and Case No. 19-51-008721?

19 MR. OWEN:

20                   So moved.

21 MS. HERTZLER:

22                   Second.

23 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

24                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

25                   Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks, Kerns, and  
2 Luchs recused themselves from deliberations and voting  
3 on the motion.

4 The Respondent's name for Case No. 18-51-02773 is  
5 Michelle Elaine Roberts, LPN. The Respondent's name  
6 for Case No. 18-51-004331 is Ruth Headley, LPN. The  
7 Respondent's name for Case No. 18-51-008679 is Cassidy  
8 Payton Adam, RN. The Respondent's name for Case No.  
9 18-51-005781 is Anne Stanton Hoover, RN. The  
10 Respondent's name for Case No. 19-51-008721 is Edward  
11 J. Cunningham, RN.]

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13 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

14 Is there a motion to adopt the following  
15 Consent Agreements for which Members  
16 Hertzler and Luchs are recused: Case  
17 No. 19-51-003784 and Case No. 18-51-  
18 009451?

19 MS. HENDRICKS:

20 So moved.

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER JOHNSON:

22 Second.

23 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?

25 Abstentions?



1 [The motion carried. Members Hertzler and Luchs  
2 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on  
3 the motion.

4 The Respondent's name for Case No. 19-51-003784  
5 is Kathryn Sue Baird, RN. The Respondent's name for  
6 Case No. 18-51-009451 is Diana L. Parsons, LPN.]

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8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9 Is there a motion to adopt the following  
10 Consent Agreements for which no members  
11 are recused: Case No. 19-51-000316,  
12 Case No. 19-51-000514, Case No. 19-51-  
13 005210, Case No. 19-51-008391, Case No.  
14 19-51-013263, Case No. 19-51-013927,  
15 Case No. 16-51-12297, Case No. 19-51-  
16 010150, Case No. 19-51-007168, and Case  
17 No. 19-51-006783?

18 MS. HENDRICKS:

19 So moved.

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER JOHNSON:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]



1                   So moved.

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER JOHNSON:

3                   Second.

4 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

5                   All those in favor?   Opposed?

6                   Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 Regulation Update (Continued)

10 [Ms. Pachter Schulder directed the Board to the  
11 Nursing Education Programs regulation, 16A-5141. The  
12 Board continued its discussion from the last few  
13 meetings regarding the insertion of minimum  
14 math/science educational requirements in order to  
15 commence an RN/PN nursing education program. The  
16 Board discussed the presentation from Labor and  
17 Industry regarding available remediation programs.

18           Ms. Pachter Schulder also noted the Board's prior  
19 discussion related to the correlation between success  
20 in a nursing program and on the NCLEX® and math and  
21 science proficiency and the change from a prior draft  
22 that will allow students to be admitted to the  
23 program but must complete the education prior to  
24 commencement. The Board also discussed a concern  
25 from schools with regard to costs for providing for

1 remedial education.

2 Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to the language on  
3 page 99 of the draft regulation in § 21.917(a)(1)  
4 that includes the wording "or the equivalent."

5 Ms. Hendricks reemphasized the need for math when  
6 dosing medications. Acting Commissioner Johnson  
7 noted the Board does not set a time limit between  
8 acceptance and commencement into a program.

9 Ms. Pachter Schulder next discussed the minimum  
10 standard for nursing education programs in § 21.915  
11 to assure that the 13 listed were sufficient. The  
12 Board agreed to delete (a)(10) regarding the  
13 retention of a percentage of students per cohort.  
14 The Board discussed whether a set number of program  
15 director changes within a year should be included  
16 within (a). It was noted this suggestion was covered  
17 under (b)(2) of the regulation.

18 Jan Collier, MSN, RN, CNE, Nurse Administrator and  
19 Financial Aid Administrator, Franklin County Practical  
20 Nursing Program/PAPNA, questioned the ability of a  
21 program to determine the equivalency of math courses.  
22 Ms. Pachter Schulder opined that the program has the  
23 ability to do so. She also provided options for  
24 determining the need for remediation including that  
25 mentioned during the L&I presentation and the nursing

1 education program's assessment of need and  
2 remediation.

3 Ms. Hertzler reiterated the need to obtain the  
4 math competency to be successful in the program and  
5 to provide safe administration of medication. She  
6 also noted the barriers for remediation courses and  
7 the determination of equivalency. The Board decided  
8 that it desired the insertion of § 21.917(a)(1).]

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10 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of  
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs, exited the  
12 meeting at 10:56 a.m.]

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14 For the Board's Information

15 NCLEX Pass Rate Trends 2018-2019

16 [Ms. Pachter Schulder referred to the NCLEX Pass Rate  
17 Trends 2018-2019 information contained in the Board's  
18 agenda. Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE,  
19 Nursing Education Advisor, noted the exam pass rates  
20 for all nursing programs, which is related to pre-  
21 licensure and compares Pennsylvania to other states  
22 that are members of the National Council of State  
23 Boards of Nursing (NCSBN). She noted the consistency  
24 of Pennsylvania scoring above 91 percent for the last  
25 three years for RN and above 84 percent for PN

1 programs in terms of rankings.

2 Dr. Petula also noted an increase in the number  
3 of test takers for Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania  
4 currently has 139 approved programs - 85 RN programs  
5 and 54 PN programs. Additional programs have  
6 submitted proposals to come before the Board. She  
7 noted the 55 satellite sites.

8 Dr. Petula noted of the 139 programs, 17 programs  
9 are on provisional status - 5 RN programs and 12 PN  
10 programs. Pennsylvania exceeds the United States  
11 average of pass rates for RN and PN programs. She  
12 next referred to charts of PA pass rates for RN and PN  
13 programs per year over the last ten years for  
14 comparison.

15 Dr. Petula discussed a Report 6, noting the  
16 number and percent passing of first-time candidates  
17 educated in NRB jurisdictions by degree type. She  
18 noted 30 percent of test takers in Pennsylvania were  
19 from Associate programs, 57 percent from Baccalaureate  
20 programs, and 12 percent from Diploma programs. She  
21 also noted the percentage of test takers from the  
22 different degree type programs across the United  
23 States. She acknowledged Pennsylvania's excellent  
24 performance on the examinations and the growth for  
25 RNs.

1 Dr. Petula also referred to data from 2014-2015  
2 through 2018-2019 with regard to NCLEX® performance.  
3 She noted the first time pass rate threshold of 80  
4 percent in PA.

5 Ms. Pachter Schulder noted the importance of this  
6 information in relation to RN/PN Committee and a  
7 letter from Dr. Danielle Giuliano. Dr. Giuliano  
8 requested that the Board change the minimum pass rate  
9 from all first-time test takers to only those taking  
10 the test in the first six months. Dr. Giuliano  
11 pointed to Ohio's standard.

12 Dr. Petula clarified that Ohio's programs must  
13 meet 95 percent of the current NCLEX® US average. She  
14 explained that students included in these pass rates  
15 tested within the first six months of program  
16 completion. Ms. Pachter Schulder discussed the impact  
17 that changing the pass rate would have on looking at a  
18 program's yearly exams pass rates vs. only six months  
19 of exam pass rates. She discussed the possibility of  
20 a statute change if the desire is to require all  
21 graduates to take the NCLEX® within 6 months of  
22 program completion. Mr. Owen welcomed Dr. Giuliano to  
23 provide additional information on the matter for the  
24 Board's review.

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1 Appointments

2 Request for Extension of Provisional Status -

3 Falcon Institute of Health and Science - Year 4

4 [Kassidy Lax, MSN, RN, Director, Practical Nursing  
5 Program, and Harpreet Chalal, MSN, RN, President,  
6 presented information about Falcon Institute of Health  
7 and Science's current 79.19 percent pass rate up from  
8 62.07. Ms. Lax discussed emails that were sent to  
9 current students advising them that the Program is  
10 still on provisional status. Ms. Lax agreed to add  
11 more clarifying information.

12 Ms. Lax and Ms. Chalal discussed the Program's  
13 policy of paying the application fee for licensure and  
14 the Pearson Vue fee for applicants who apply within  
15 three months of graduation and the use of the Mountain  
16 Measurements report to evaluate its curriculum  
17 conducted in April.]

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19 Request for Extension of Provisional Status -

20 Hazleton Area Career Center - Year 6

21 [Karen Malt, MSN, RN, Coordinator Practical Nursing,  
22 Hazleton Area Career Center, and Lori Herman,  
23 Director, Hazleton Area Career Center, presented  
24 information about changes implemented in their program  
25 since their last meeting before the Board, such as



1 providing an ESL dictionary and additional time to  
2 level One students based upon the Program's belief  
3 that ESL is an ADA recognized disability. The Program  
4 had no test takers within the examination period. The  
5 Board made Ms. Malt and Ms. Herman aware that second  
6 language issues are not a recognized disability.

7 Ms. Malt also discussed the number of current  
8 students and potential graduates in January, 2020.]

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10 Request for Extension of Provisional Status -

11 Western Area Career Center - Year 4 and Request  
12 to Add an Additional Cohort

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14 [LINDA L. KMETZ, PHD, RN, EXITED THE MEETING AT 11:20  
15 AM DURING THE PRESENTATION BY WESTERN AREA CAREER  
16 CENTER.]

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18 [Lisa Balint, BSN, MBA, Director, Practical Nursing  
19 Program, presented information about Western Area  
20 Career Center's pass rate of 73.83 percent up from  
21 69.57 and changes implemented since their last meeting  
22 before the Board including the addition of assessments  
23 at the end of each semester, an increase in the  
24 admission standards, examinations, and instructors.

25 Ms. Balint noted nine out of the ten last test

1 takers passed. She also discussed the correlation  
2 between better test outcomes and increased entrance  
3 examination scores.

4 Ms. Balint also requested permission to admit an  
5 additional cohort of approximately 13 students, as the  
6 Program admitted about half of the usual complement in  
7 the last semester.]

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9 Request for Extension of Provisional Status -

10 Lincoln University - Year 5

11 [Sharvette Law Philmon, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CNE, Director  
12 and Chair/Associate Professor of Baccalaureate Nursing  
13 Program, and Patricia A. Joseph, PhD, Dean, presented  
14 information about Lincoln University's pass rate of  
15 54.17 percent, a decrease from 66.67%, and changes  
16 implemented since their last meeting before the Board.

17 Ms. Law Philmon discussed the test takers  
18 reflected in the annual report included few graduates  
19 who were able to avail themselves of the improvements  
20 with the addition of the Capstone course and the  
21 Performance Improvement Plan in the spring of 2019.  
22 She noted that technology and simulation is being used  
23 in courses, new progression policies have been  
24 implemented, and courses have been mapped with the  
25 NCLEX® test plan. For 2020 and 2021, the plan is to

1 enhance medical/surgical instruction through the  
2 Capstone and preceptorships, as well as health  
3 assessment and pharmacology. Professional mentors from  
4 the Action Coalition will also work with the students  
5 as the Program received a \$10,000 grant. She expressed  
6 the Program's concern about the Next Gen NCLEX®.

7 Dr. Joseph requested permission not to admit a  
8 class for one year while the program was making  
9 enhancements. She noted that the Program will be  
10 sending an official request in the future.

11 Dr. Joseph also discussed the curriculum changes  
12 that have and are going to be implemented including  
13 pre-graduation NCLEX®-type testing.]

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15 Request for Extension of Provisional Status -

16 Pennsylvania Institute of Technology - Year 5  
17 [Danielle Giuliano, PhD, MSN, RN, Director of  
18 Practical Nursing Program; Dr. Kimberly Marucci, Dean  
19 of Academic Affairs; Geri Swindell, BSN, RN, Full-time  
20 Faculty Member; Katie Isselman, BSN, RN, Full-time  
21 Faculty Member; Marianne Schwable, MSN, RN, Full-time  
22 Faculty Member; and Matt Meyers, Vice President,  
23 presented information about Pennsylvania Institute of  
24 Technology's pass rate of 73.17 percent down from  
25 76.92 percent.

1           The Board explained to the Program that earlier  
2 in the meeting it declined to adopt the Program's  
3 request that 21.162b be amended to change the pass  
4 rate time frame to only include those testers who test  
5 within the first six months of program completion on  
6 the grounds that the Board would not be evaluating the  
7 entire student body but only a snapshot.

8           Dr. Giuliano explained that delays and long time  
9 frames beyond six months caused the failures.  
10 Specifically, the number of days it took to obtain an  
11 authorization to test, delays on the part of students  
12 taking the NCLEX®, student delays because they failed  
13 to complete the program because fees were not paid,  
14 delays due to obtaining criminal background checks,  
15 students who just did not sign up to test and students  
16 who completed the applications incorrectly. She  
17 posited that if the testers who waited more than six  
18 months were removed, the program would have achieved  
19 the minimum pass rate. She does not believe that the  
20 failures were related to the curriculum, teaching  
21 strategies or instructor abilities.

22           Dr. Giuliano advised the Board that its December  
23 2018 and June 2019 graduates have had pass rates of 83  
24 and 87 percent respectively. By being on provisional  
25 status, Dr. Giuliano believes that her program is

1 being shamed. The Board noted that there are 139  
2 nursing education programs in the Commonwealth of  
3 which only 17 programs - 12 PNs and 5 RNs - are on  
4 provisional status; the rest of the 139 meet the 80  
5 percent standard.]

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7 [Ann Coughlin, MBA, MSN, RN, Chair, exited the meeting  
8 at 12:05 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 12:11  
9 p.m.]

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11 [Dr. Giuliano also discussed improvements made to the  
12 Program including assigning faculty advisors to each  
13 student in addition to students having a counselor,  
14 permitting transcripts to be released even if students  
15 have not paid their entire bill to decrease the delay  
16 in taking the NCLEX® and completing the gap analysis.]

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18 [Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN, exited the meeting  
19 at 12:15 p.m. for recusal purposes.]

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21 Request for Extension of Provisional Status -

22 Prism Career Institute - Year 6

23 [Jennifer Holzer, DNP, MSN, RN, Director of Nursing,  
24 and Jeffrey Mann, Campus President, presented  
25 information about Prism Career Institute's pass rate

1 of 75.44 percent up from 59.92 percent and changes  
2 implemented since their last meeting before the Board  
3 including the curriculum revisions, requiring  
4 computerized testing for all courses.

5 Dr. Holzer explained that a smaller number of  
6 students tested so the program did not reach 80%. She  
7 also discussed integrating nutrition content  
8 throughout the medical/surg classes as this content  
9 was identified as lacking in the Mountain Measurements  
10 report. Mr. Mann discussed the Program's improved  
11 remediation efforts that will begin earlier in the  
12 program.]

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14 [Suzanne Hendricks, BSBH, RN, LPN, re-entered the  
15 meeting at 12:18 p.m.]

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17 [The Board recessed from 12:18 p.m. until 12:21 p.m.]

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19 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,  
20 the Board entered into Executive Session with Judith  
21 Pachter Schulder, Esquire; Megan Castor, Esquire;  
22 Carole Clarke Smith, Esquire; and Ariel O'Malley,  
23 Esquire, at 12:21 p.m. for the purpose of conducting  
24 quasi-judicial deliberations on matters that are  
25 pending before the Board. The Board returned to Open

1 Session at 1:11 p.m.]

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3 [Linda L. Kmetz, PhD, RN, exited the meeting at 1:11  
4 p.m. for recusal purposes]

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6 Appointments (Continued)

7 Duquesne University School of Nursing Proposal

8 [Sean Flaherty, MEd, Director of Academic Operations,  
9 and Denise Lucas, PhD, FNP-BC, CRNP, FAANP, Assistant  
10 Professor and Chair of the Advanced Practice Programs,  
11 School of Nursing, Duquesne University, introduced  
12 themselves to the Board. Documents outlining the  
13 proposal were noted for the Board's information.

14 Dr. Lucas provided a geographical and historical  
15 summary of the background of Duquesne University and  
16 its School of Nursing. The Family Nurse Practitioner  
17 track has been very successful for close to 20 years.

18 Dr. Lucas proposed two new tracks for the  
19 University's Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner  
20 program for the Board's approval: 1)  
21 Adult/Gerontology Acute Care, and 2)  
22 Psychiatric/Mental Health. She explained the impetus  
23 for these tracks was to address a need that is both  
24 national and local.

25 Dr. Lucas outlined the online program and an





1 College. Stakeholders in the area approached the  
2 College to start an Associate Degree program in  
3 Nursing. The College currently has an RN to BSN one-  
4 year program, which started in the spring of 2019.

5 Dr. Musti proposed a two-year Associate of  
6 Science Degree in Nursing Program to commence in the  
7 fall of 2020. She noted that 80 percent of Lackawanna  
8 College's students remain in the area. 320 vacancies  
9 for registered nurses in the areas were recognized. A  
10 \$500,000 grant was received from the Moses Taylor  
11 Foundation for an art and nursing simulation lab.

12 Dr. Musti explained the clinical hours will be at  
13 Geisinger, Regional, Moses Taylor, Wayne Memorial,  
14 Wilkes-Barre Area, and Lehigh Valley Hospitals.  
15 Initial Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation  
16 (CNEA) is anticipated in February of 2020.

17 Mr. Risboskin outlined a reinvestment plan over  
18 the next five years for the program. He again noted  
19 the \$500,000 grant, as well as \$150,000 by the  
20 College, for the renovation of the facility. Mr.  
21 Risboskin explained the pricing motto of Lackawanna  
22 College to keep the tuition rates low versus offering  
23 discounts. The College has one of the highest Federal  
24 Pell Grant recipient rates.

25 Dr. Musti reviewed the use of Gaumard simulators

1 in the program. She discussed seeking simulation  
2 certified faculty.]

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4 Lansdale School of Business Proposal  
5 [Gary Guldin, MSN, EdM, RN; Marlon Keller, President;  
6 and Marianne Johnson, Executive Director, Lansdale  
7 School of Business, introduced themselves to the  
8 Board. Documents outlining the proposal were noted  
9 for the Board's information. Ms. Pachter Schulder  
10 invited the presenters to point out the revisions  
11 based upon the Board's request, specifically to  
12 explain the fulfillment of the med/surg competency  
13 requirement.

14 Mr. Guldin explained that two new clinical sites  
15 were obtained: Tower Health Urgent Care and Inglis  
16 House. Simulation would be used to obtain 15 hours  
17 for maternity. Ms. Johnson outlined the healthcare  
18 service levels of Tower Health Urgent Care and Inglis  
19 House.

20 Mr. Guldin discussed the students utilizing the  
21 recovery/rehabilitation areas at Inglis House but  
22 stated that the experience at Tower Health Urgent Care  
23 will be observation only. Lansdale School of Business  
24 would be the first college to use Tower Health Urgent  
25 Care for a clinical observation experience.



1 engaged in quasi-judicial deliberations.  
2 The Board members who need to recuse  
3 themselves will do so during the motion.  
4 Also Mr. Stauffer is present as the  
5 designee of the Acting Commissioner.

6 Is there a motion to grant the  
7 Motion to Enter Default and Deem Facts  
8 Admitted and to authorize Counsel to  
9 prepare an Adjudication and Order in the  
10 matter of Amy J. Barrett, LPN, Case No.  
11 17-51-05902, for which Members  
12 Hendricks, Kerns, and Luchs are recused?

13 MR. OWEN:

14 So moved.

15 MS. HERTZLER:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried. Members Hendricks, Kerns, and  
21 Luchs recused themselves from deliberations and voting  
22 on the motion.]

23 \*\*\*

24 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

25 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel

1 to prepare Adjudications and Orders in  
2 the matter of Hersey Emmanuel Gray, LPN,  
3 Case No. 18-51-004507; and Sharon Wilson  
4 Jackson a/k/a Sharon Elaine Jackson, RN,  
5 Case No. 17-51-13904?

6 MS. HENDRICKS:

7 So moved.

8 DR. KMETZ:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
14 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

17 Is there a motion to adopt the Hearing  
18 Examiner's proposal for the matter of  
19 Renee Joy, RN, LPN, Case No. 18-51-  
20 008958?

21 MS. HENDRICKS:

22 So moved.

23 DR. KMETZ:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
4 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel  
8 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in  
9 the matter of Terri Marie Scott, LPN,  
10 Case No. 17-51-09087, for which members  
11 Hendricks, Kerns, and Luchs are recused?

12 MS. HERTZLER:

13 So moved.

14 MS. MALADY:

15 Second.

16 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

17 All those in favor? Opposed?

18 Abstentions?

19 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
20 deliberations and voting on the motion. Members  
21 Hendricks, Kerns, and Luchs recused themselves from  
22 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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24 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

25 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel

1 to prepare an Adjudication and Order in  
2 the matter of Leo Silver, LPN, Case No.  
3 19-51-006013?

4 MS. HENDRICKS:

5 So moved.

6 MS. LUCHS:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

9 All those in favor? Opposed?

10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
12 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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14 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

15 Is there a motion in the matter of  
16 Michael Toland, RN, Case No. 17-51-  
17 13111, to authorize Counsel to prepare a  
18 Memorandum and Order, for which members  
19 Hendricks, Hertzler, and Kerns are  
20 recused?

21 DR. KMETZ:

22 So moved.

23 MS. MALADY:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
4 deliberations and voting on the motion. Members  
5 Hendricks, Hertzler, and Kerns recused themselves from  
6 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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8 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

9 In the matter of Jennifer Willow, LPN,  
10 Case No. 18-51-000400, for which members  
11 Hendricks and Kerns are recused, is  
12 there a motion to adopt the Hearing  
13 Examiner's Proposed Adjudication and  
14 Order?

15 DR. KMETZ:

16 So moved.

17 MS. LUCHS:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
23 deliberations and voting on the motion. Members  
24 Hendricks and Kerns recused themselves from  
25 deliberations and voting on the motion.]



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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

3 Is there a motion to adopt the following  
4 Draft Adjudications and Orders, for  
5 which members Hendricks and Kerns are  
6 recused: Tineke Bulstra, RN, Case No.  
7 18-51-004312; and Amber Lynn Wasser,  
8 LPN, Case No. 18-51-006943?

9 MR. OWEN:

10 So moved.

11 DR. KMETZ:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
17 deliberations and voting on the motion. Members  
18 Hendricks and Kerns recused themselves from  
19 deliberations and 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  
24 following matters, for which members  
25 Hendricks, Kerns, and Luchs are recused:



1 Draft Adjudications and Orders for which  
2 there are no recusals: Diana Jean-  
3 Jacques, RN, Case No. 16-51-06399;  
4 Kedeeia McIver a/k/a Shayla Jones, LPN,  
5 Case No. 17-51-05411; Kyle Priebe, LPN,  
6 Case No. 17-51-05471; Antoinette Diann  
7 McMillan, LPN, Case No. 16-51-09810;  
8 Adeniyi Saiki, LPN, Case No. 16-51-  
9 13716; Shannon M. Sipes, LPN, Case No.  
10 16-51-09796; Kelly Ann Henry-Helffrich,  
11 LPN, Case No. 18-51-012471; Jason Perry  
12 Faith, RN, Case No. 19-51-001475; Andrea  
13 Green, LPN, Case No. 17-51-12500;  
14 Rachel Margaret Haberberger, LPN, Case  
15 No. 17-51-13266; Ronald S. Russo, RN,  
16 Case No. 14-51-04021; John T. Spanogle,  
17 RN, Case No. 18-51-005411; Misti E.  
18 Wolf, LPN, Case No. 16-51-07686; and  
19 Catherine Tesauro Woyurka, RN, Case No.  
20 19-51-004981?

21 MS. HENDRICKS:

22 So moved.

23 MR. OWEN:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
4 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft  
8 Adjudication and Order in the matter of  
9 Anna Jean Freitag, RN, Case No. 17-51-  
10 12963?

11 MS. HENDRICKS:

12 So moved.

13 DR. KMETZ:

14 Second.

15 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

16 All those in favor? Opposed?

17 Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
19 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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21 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

22 Is there a motion to grant the Request  
23 for an Extension of Provisional Status  
24 for Falcon Institute of Health and  
25 Science, for which there are no



1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
4 voting on the motion.]

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6 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

7 Is there a motion to grant the Request  
8 for an Extension of Provisional Status  
9 for Lincoln University until June 4,  
10 2020, provided that the program has  
11 provided the letter for discontinuance  
12 temporarily for a year, that they have  
13 indicated in their proposal, otherwise,  
14 their provisional status would only run  
15 until April 24, 2020, at which time they  
16 would appear before the Board?

17 MS. HENDRICKS:

18 So moved.

19 MS. LUCHS:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
25 voting on the motion.]

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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

3 Is there a motion to grant the request  
4 for Extension of Provisional Status for  
5 the Pennsylvania Institute of Technology  
6 until April 24, 2020, and require them  
7 to come back and make a presentation to  
8 the Board?

9 MS. HENDRICKS:

10 So moved.

11 MS. KMETZ:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried. Mr. Owen opposed the motion.  
17 Mr. Stauffer abstained from voting on the motion.]

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19 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

20 Is there a motion to grant the request  
21 for an Extension of Provisional Status  
22 for Prism Career Institute, for which  
23 member Hendricks is recused, until June  
24 4, 2020?

25 DR. KMETZ:

1 So moved.

2 MR. OWEN:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

5 All those in favor? Opposed?

6 Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried. Ms. Hendricks recused herself  
8 from deliberations and voting on the motion. Mr.  
9 Stauffer abstained from voting on the motion.]

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11 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

12 Is there a motion to grant the request  
13 for Extension of Provisional Status for  
14 Western Area Career Center, for which  
15 member Kmetz is recused, until June 4,  
16 2020?

17 MS. HENDRICKS:

18 So moved.

19 MS. HERTZLER:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Dr. Kmetz recused herself from  
25 deliberations and voting on the motion. Mr. Stauffer



1 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 As part of Western Area, the letter that  
5 the Board would also advise them that  
6 because they had cut the size of their  
7 cohort in half, the Board will permit  
8 them to have that additional cohort as  
9 it still represents the same number of  
10 students that there had been in the  
11 past.

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13 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

14 Is there a motion to grant the proposal  
15 for Lackawanna College for an Associate  
16 Degree Nursing Program?

17 MR. OWEN:

18 So moved.

19 MS. HENDRICKS:

20 Second.

21 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
25 voting on the motion.]

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2 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

3 Is there a motion to approve the  
4 Duquesne University School of Nursing  
5 Proposal for a Certified Registered  
6 Nurse Practitioner Program that is a  
7 Master's of Science in Nursing and Post  
8 Master's Certificate Nurse Practitioner  
9 Program with specialties in  
10 Adult/Gerontology Acute Care and  
11 Psychiatric/Mental Health for which  
12 member Kmetz is recused?

13 MS. HENDRICKS:

14 So moved.

15 MR. OWEN:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried. Dr. Kmetz recused herself from  
21 deliberations and voting on the motion. Mr. Stauffer  
22 abstained from voting on the motion.]

23 \*\*\*

24 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

25 Is there a motion to table the proposal

1 of Lansdale School of Business for a  
2 Practical Nursing Program until the next  
3 meeting by which time the program shall  
4 submit to the Board an agreement from  
5 Tower Health with regard to the  
6 statements today for acute care services  
7 to pediatric, elderly and geriatric  
8 patients, in that, the Tower Health  
9 agreement that has been included with  
10 the proposal indicates that it is only  
11 for the urgent care but the discussion  
12 today was only for observation?

13 MR. OWEN:

14 So moved.

15 MS. LUCHS:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

18 All those in favor? Opposed?

19 Abstentions?

20 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
21 voting on the motion.]

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23 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

24 In terms of the Request for a Faculty  
25 Extension for Sondra Forringer, BSN, RN,

1 is there a Motion to deny the request  
2 for a 5-year extension for her to serve  
3 as a faculty member; however, she is  
4 permitted to teach until the end of the  
5 academic year?

6 MS. HENDRICKS:

7 So moved.

8 MS. LUCHS:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from  
14 voting on the motion.]

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16 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

17 As part of the letter to Edinboro on  
18 behalf of Ms. Forringer, the Board  
19 desires to schedule them for a meeting  
20 to discuss the upcoming faculty  
21 vacancies that they have indicated in  
22 their letter.

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24 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

25 Is there a Motion to Adopt the Draft

1 Adjudications and Orders for Cynthia  
2 Sandvik McKenzie, RN, Case No. 19-51-  
3 001894, and Jamie Lindsey Kennedy-Pirl,  
4 LPN, Case No. 18-51-00832, for which  
5 members Hendricks and Luchs are recused?

6 MS. HERTZLER:

7 So moved.

8 MR. OWEN:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried. Ms. Hendricks and Ms. Luchs  
14 recused themselves from deliberations and voting on  
15 the motion. Mr. Stauffer abstained from voting on the  
16 motion.]

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18 [Chair Coughlin announced that a proclamation from the  
19 Department of State Bureau of Professional and  
20 Occupational Affairs has been prepared acknowledging  
21 Dr. O'Donnell's contributions to the Pennsylvania  
22 State Board of Nursing and citizens of the  
23 Commonwealth.]

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25 Adjournment

1 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

2 Do I have a motion to adjourn?

3 MS. HENDRICKS:

4 So moved.

5 MS. LUCHS:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR COUGHLIN:

8 All those in favor?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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

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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.



Evan Bingaman,  
Minute Clerk  
Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.

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13	9:10	Report of Prosecutorial Division
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15	9:18	Regulation Update
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17	9:23	Legislative Update
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19	9:28	Report of Board Chairperson
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21	9:29	Report of Committees
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23	9:34	Report of Executive Secretary
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25	9:35	New Business - Election of Officers
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27	9:38	Committee Meeting - RN/PN Practice, Education and Regulation/Advanced Practice
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31	9:40	CRNP Statement of Policy
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33	10:01	Act 41
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35	10:03	Report of Acting Commissioner
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37	10:07	Maria Battista, Esquire, Pennsylvania Coalition of Nurse Practitioners (PCNP)
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40	10:10	Executive Session
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42	10:34	Return to Open Session
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44	10:34	Motions
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