

**NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONIC MEETING HELD

February 1, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The telephonic meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Timothy Glidden, *Board President*, at 1:00p.m., on February 1, 2019, at the Nebraska State Office Building, Room LL-B, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed in advance to the Board members, emailed to interested parties, posted outside the Licensure Unit within the Nebraska State Office Building, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website. Joyner announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was in the room.

ROLL CALL

The following board members answered roll call:

- Sheila Ellis, MD (via teleconference)
- Jenna Fiala, MD (via teleconference)
- Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, *President*
- Stephen Jackson, *Public Member* (via teleconference)
- Alice Kindschuh, APRN-CNS, *Vice-President* (via teleconference)
- Michael Losee, *Secretary, Public Member* (via teleconference)
- Michael Skoch, MD (via teleconference)
- Jenda Stauffer, APRN-CNM (via teleconference)

The following Board member called into the meeting via teleconference after roll call: Barbara Foss, APRN-NP (called in at 1:24 p.m.).

The following staff members from the Department were present during the meeting:

- Ann Oertwich, RN, *Executive Director*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Jacci Renznicek, RN, *Nursing Education Consultant*

The following staff members from the Department and the Attorney General's Office participated in the meeting via teleconference:

- Mendy Mahar-Clark, RN, *Investigator*
- Lisa Anderson, *Assistant Attorney General*

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Kindschuh made the motion, seconded by Skoch, to adopt the revised agenda for the February 1, 2019, APRN Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Ellis, Fiala, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, Losee, Skoch, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Foss. Motion carried.

These minutes were approved by the
APRN Board on May 3, 2019.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Skoch made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018, APRN Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Ellis, Fiala, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, Losee, Skoch, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Foss. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Losee made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, for the Board to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing and discussing investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals.

Voting Yes: Ellis, Fiala, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, Losee, Skoch, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Foss. Motion carried.

1:06 p.m. Meeting went into closed session.

1:30 p.m. Meeting returned to open session.

LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff reported that no applications requiring Board review have been received.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The APRN Board notifies the public of its meetings by posting the meeting agenda at the Nebraska State Office Building, posting the agenda on the Department's website, and emailing the agenda to an interested parties list.

MOTION: Fiala made the motion, seconded by Foss, to continue using the same method to notify the public of APRN Board meetings.

Voting Yes: Ellis, Fiala, Foss, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, Losee, Skoch, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

NCSBN MIDYEAR MEETING

Foss and Losee expressed interest in attending the National Council of State Boards of Nursing meeting on March 26-28, 2019, but were unsure of schedule conflicts. Both said they would contact Oertwich after checking their calendars.

LEGISLATION/APRN COALITION AND CONSENSUS MODEL

Kindschuh provided a summary of LB730. Kindschuh said that the bill 1) would consolidate the five APRN practice acts in one act, 2) would create consistency in the renewal requirements for the four APRN license types, 3) would not change the scope of practice for any APRN role, 4) would not give Clinical Nurse Specialists prescription authority, and 5) would change the supervisory requirements for Certified Nurse Midwives. Kindschuh noted that giving Clinical Nurse Specialists prescriptive authority would require a 407 Review, which is one reason why it was not included in the bill.

Glidden noted that the original draft of the bill would have eliminated the APRN Board. Oertwich said that the language eliminating the Board is not included in the current draft of LB730. Oertwich said that by aligning Nebraska's statutes with the NCSBN's APRN Consensus Model, LB730 would make Nebraska eligible for the APRN Licensure Compact.

Stauffer said that the bill's proposed changes in the supervisory requirements for Certified Nurse Midwives would probably generate the most discussion. Stauffer said that Certified Nurse Midwives acknowledge that

they need practice agreements with physicians and hospitals for emergency cases, but that these types of agreements are different from the state-required practice agreement. She noted that when her supervising physician moved out of state, she faced challenges in finding a replacement. Physicians told her that they were willing to help her in emergencies, but that they did not want to sign an agreement that they thought might make them responsible for all of a midwife's actions.

Fiala noted that it was important for a physician to be familiar with a midwife's practices because of differences in how obstetrics is practiced from practitioner to practitioner. Fiala expressed concerns that LB730 would increase instances of physicians being called in to assist with cases where a midwife has done all of the patient care and the physician is not familiar with the midwife's practices or may not agree with what the midwife has done.

1:50 p.m. *Fiala left the meeting.*

Stauffer said that if LB 730 passed, Certified Nurse Midwives would still need to have supervising physicians due to hospital requirements. She noted that she is required to provide the name of her supervising physician when she applies for admitting privileges.

MOTION: Foss made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, that the APRN Board support LB730.

Skoch said that he thought the vote on the motion should be unanimous and noted that one member [Fiala] was not present to vote. Glidden said that the motion, like other Board motions, could be decided by a majority vote as long as a quorum was present.

Voting Yes: Ellis, Foss, Glidden, Kindschuh, and Stauffer. Voting No: Skoch. Abstain: Jackson and Losee. Absent: Fiala. Motion carried.

MOTION: Glidden made the motion, seconded by Foss, to approve having Stauffer and Kindschuh represent the APRN Board at the committee hearing for LB730.

Voting Yes: Ellis, Foss, Glidden, Kindschuh, Losee, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: Jackson and Skoch. Absent: Fiala. Motion carried.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner
Health Licensing Coordinator