

**NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONIC MEETING HELD

March 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Timothy Glidden, Board President, at 1:01 p.m. on March 20, 2020. The central meeting location was at Conference Room 3D, Nebraska State Office Building, 3rd Floor, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE 68508. 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 via teleconference:

- Sheila Ellis, MD
- Jenna Fiala, MD
- Barbara Foss, APRN-NP
- Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA,
President
- Stephen Jackson, *Public Member*
- Alice Kindschuh, APRN-CNS, *Vice-
President*
- Michael Losee, *Public Member*
- Michael Skoch, MD
- Jenda Stauffer, APRN-CNM

The following staff members from the Department were present:

- Ann Oertwich, RN, *Executive Director*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*

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

- Kathy Hoebelheinrich, RN, *Nursing
Practice Consultant*
- Jacci Reznicek, RN, *Nursing Education
Consultant*
- Anna Harrison, RN, *Compliance Monitor*
- Susan Held, *Investigator*
- Patricia Lemke, *Investigator*
- Lisa Anderson, *Assistant Attorney
General*

A quorum was present, and the meeting convened.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Fiala made the motion, seconded by Losee, to adopt the agenda for the March 20, 2020, APRN Board meeting.

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

These minutes have not been approved
by the APRN Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Foss made the motion, seconded by Fiala, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2020, Board meetings.

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

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Glidden made the motion, seconded by Fiala, 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, Foss, Glidden, Jackson, Kindschuh, Losee, Skoch, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

1:05 p.m. Meeting went into closed session.

1:41 p.m. Meeting returned to open session. Anderson, Harrison, Held, and Lemke left the call.

LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS

No license applications were reviewed by the Board.

CREDENTIALING REVIEW

Members reviewed the Board of Nursing's request that a credentialing review (also called a 407 review) be conducted on the topic of having all APRNs practice under a single statute and single scope of practice. Oertwich noted that Senator Howard had suggested that a credentialing review for Certified Nurse Midwives would be necessary in order to consider LB730, which was introduced in the Legislature in 2019, and would have aligned Nebraska's APRN statutes with the NCSBN's APRN Consensus Model. Oertwich said that the goal of the Board of Nursing's request was to demonstrate the similarity of the four APRN roles and allow all APRNs to practice to the full extent of their education.

LEGISLATION

Oertwich noted that the current legislative session is suspended until July due to the COVID-19 emergency.

NCSBN MEETINGS

Oertwich reported that changes to the proposed APRN Compact were discussed at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's Mid-Year Meeting in early March. The plan at that time was to firm up the APRN Compact's uniform licensing requirements at the APRN Roundtable scheduled for April 7, 2020, and then present the proposed changes at the NCSBN's Annual Meeting in August. The APRN Roundtable Meeting, however, has been cancelled, and Oertwich did not know whether or not the APRN Compact changes would be considered at the Annual Meeting.

COMMUNICATION

Regulations – Oertwich reported that the amended APRN regulations have been reviewed by the Board of Health's Regulations Committee. The regulations, however, still need approval from the full Board of Health in order to move forward in the approval process. The Board of Health did not have permission to meet telephonically, so its March 16th meeting had to be cancelled. They are trying to arrange a meeting in April.

Staff Updates – Oertwich reported that Pearson VUE and other companies that proctor licensure examinations have closed temporarily due to COVID-19. DHHS is considering temporary waivers to current licensing requirements in order to allow licensure applicants to enter the workforce and practice safely.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner
Health Licensing Coordinator