

**NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONIC MEETING HELD

June 19, 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 1:04 p.m. on June 19, 2020. The central meeting location was at the Licensure Unit Conference Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 1st 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, *Secretary*
- 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 board member was absent: Stephen Jackson, *Public Member*.

The following staff members from the Department were present:

- Kathy Hoebelheinrich, RN, *Nursing Practice Consultant*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*

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

- Jacci Reznicek, RN, *Nursing Education Consultant*
- Anna Harrison, RN, *Compliance Monitor*
- Sharon Fitts, *Investigator*
- Patricia Lemke, *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 agenda for the June 19, 2020, APRN Board meeting.

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

These minutes were approved by the
APRN Board on October 2, 2020.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Foss made the motion, seconded by Fiala, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2020, Board meetings.

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

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON NURSING LICENSURE

Hoebelheinrich reported that most testing sites for pre-licensure examinations have reopened, but testing capacity is at approximately 50% of pre-COVID-19 levels. Nurse Practitioners taking ANCC certification exams have the option of taking exam at home.

NCSBN DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing's Annual Meeting will not be held in 2020. Instead, NCSBN will hold a one-day, virtual Delegate Assembly on August 12, 2020, which will include a committee forum on the APRN Compact and elections for the NCSBN's Board of Directors. The Nebraska APRN Board can be represented by two delegates at the Assembly. Joyner explained that for past meetings, the APRN Board has generally designated one Board member and one staff member to represent the Board.

MOTION: Fiala made the motion, seconded by Glidden, to appoint Barb Foss and Ann Oertwich as delegates for the Nebraska APRN Board at the NCSBN Delegate Assembly.

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

CREDENTIALING REVIEW

Hoebelheinrich reported that arrangements are being made to hold the first meeting for the Credentialing Review of APRN licensure. The Board of Nursing had applied for the Credentialing Review with the aim of aligning Nebraska's statutes with the APRN Consensus Model so that Nebraska could join the APRN Compact. Hoebelheinrich reported that if the application is approved, it would pave the way for legislation to allow prescriptive authority for Clinical Nurse Specialists, remove the practice agreement requirement for Certified Nurse Midwives, and remove the transition to practice agreement for Nurse Practitioners. Hoebelheinrich said that these changes would put Nebraska in alignment with the Consensus Model.

COMMUNICATION

Regulations – Changes to the APRN regulations, which the Board previously approved, are making their way through the approval process.

Nursing News – Hoebelheinrich reported that the next edition of Nursing News will focus on APRNs. Topics that might be covered include the impact on APRNs of not having a multistate license option and the increasing number of APRNs interested in telehealth.

Staff Updates – Hoebelheinrich reported that potential candidates have been identified for a Health Licensing Specialist position that has been vacant for four months. The position is responsible for processing APRN license applications.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Losee 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, Kindschuh, Losee, Skoch, and Stauffer. Voting No: None.
Abstain: None. Absent: Jackson. Motion carried.

1:30 p.m. *Meeting went into closed session.*
2:23 p.m. *Meeting returned to open session..*

LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS

No license applications were reviewed by the Board.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner
Health Licensing Coordinator