

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**NEBRASKA BOARD OF**  
**ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**  
**MARCH 27, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Steven Wooden, Board Vice President, at 1:00 p.m., March 27, 2015, at Staybridge Inn & Suites, 2701 Fletcher Avenue, 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. Wooden announced the location of a current copy of the Open Meetings Act within the room.

**ROLL CALL**

The following board members were present to answer roll call:

- George Adam, MD
- Barbara Foss, APRN-NP
- Diane Hansmeyer, Public Member
- Marilyn Lowe, APRN-CNM, *Vice President*
- Ruth VanGerpen, APRN-CNS, *Secretary*
- Steven Wooden, APRN-CRNA, *President*

The following Board members were absent during roll call:

- Stephen Jackson, Public Member
- Michelle Knolla, MD
- Arthur Molnar, MD

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

The following staff members from the Department and the Attorney General's Office were also present:

- Karen Bowen, RN, *Executive Director*
- Nancy "Niki" Eisenmann, RN, *Practice Consultant*
- Shane Bailey, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Teresa Hampton, *Attorney (arrived at 1:38 p.m.)*
- Lisa Anderson, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Sharon Fitts, RN, *Investigator*
- Peggy Persell, RN, *Program Manager*

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA & APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** VanGerpen made the motion, seconded by Hansmeyer, for the Board to adopt the agenda and approve the January 23, 2015 board meeting minutes.

**Voting Yes:** Adam, Foss, Hansmeyer, Lowe, VanGerpen, and Wooden.

**Voting No:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Jackson, Knolla and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

**RESCIND PREVIOUS MOTION (1-23-2015) TO CORRECT THE OCTOBER 3, 2014 MINUTES**

Bailey explained that at the January 23, 2015 board meeting, there had been an incorrect name listed on the agenda for a re-entry plan. The incorrect name had caused some confusion at the time and led the Board to believe that they needed to correct the minutes from the October 3, 2014. The minutes from the October meeting don't actually need to be corrected, as the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting agenda had been incorrect. Therefore, the motion that was made to correct the October 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes needed to be rescinded.

These minutes were approved by  
the APRN board on June 9, 2015.

**MOTION:** Adam made the motion, seconded by VanGerpen, to rescind the motion made at the January 23, 2015 meeting to correct the October 23, 2014 meeting minutes.

**Voting Yes:** Adam, Foss, Hansmeyer, Lowe, VanGerpen, and Wooden.

**Voting No:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Jackson, Knolla and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

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

**Voting Yes:** Adam, Foss, Hansmeyer, Lowe, VanGerpen, and Wooden.

**Voting No:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Jackson, Knolla and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

1:06 p.m.      *The Board went into closed session.*  
 1:37 p.m.      *The Board came out of closed session.*  
 1:38 p.m.      *Hampton arrived to the meeting.*  
 1:38 p.m.      *Persell left for the remainder of the meeting.*  
 1:39 p.m.      *Chapman left for the remainder of the meeting.*

### **LICENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS**

There were no licensure recommendations made by the Board.

### **BOARD BUSINESS**

#### **Board Discussion of Re-Entry Plan Process**

Eisenmann explained the current re-entry plan process to the Board. The Board expressed interest in revising the current regulations regarding the re-entry plan requirements. Bowen and Hampton explained the process of revising the regulations. Eisenmann will provide information and research to the Board at their next meeting in August. Eisenmann was asked to also provide recommendations at the August meeting. The Board will also look at the regulations.

#### **Approval of Re-Entry Plan: Rebecca Elliott**

The Board reviewed the re-entry plan of Rebecca Elliott, APRN-NP.

**MOTION:** VanGerpen made the motion, seconded by Adam, for the Board approve the re-entry plan of Rebecca Elliott.

**Voting Yes:** Adam, Foss, Hansmeyer, Lowe, VanGerpen, and Wooden.

**Voting No:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Jackson, Knolla and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

#### **Approval of Re-Entry Plan: Korinne Riley**

The Board reviewed the re-entry plan of Korinne Riley, APRN-NP.

**MOTION:** Adam made the motion, seconded by VanGerpen, for the Board to approve the re-entry plan of Korinne Riley.

**Voting Yes:** Adam, Foss, Hansmeyer, Lowe, VanGerpen, and Wooden.

**Voting No:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Jackson, Knolla and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATION****Legislative Update**

Bowen updated the Board on the two legislative bills related to nursing:

- LB 129, the bill that would require all initial and endorsement applicants for LPN and RN licensure to undergo a criminal background check by the FBI via fingerprint scan, has been signed by the Governor. The current law only requires nurses with prescriptive authority to undergo an FBI background check.
- LB 107, the bill that would eliminate the integrated practice agreement between physicians and nurse practitioners, has passed been signed by the Governor.

Both bills will go into effect ninety days after the current Legislative session has ended.

**National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)**

Last week was NCSBN's Midyear Meeting which was held in Louisville, Kentucky. The meeting addressed the issue of tele-health in relation to nursing. The administrators of the Nurse Licensure Compact met to discuss revisions to the current compact law. The main revision which will impact Nebraska is the requirement that nurses with felonies or certain misdemeanor convictions will not be eligible for a multistate license.

The Board reviewed the March 3, 2015 revisions to the APRN Compact law made by the Compact Revision Team (CRT). The APRN Compact is modeled on the current Nurse Licensure Compact for LPNs and RNs.

**MOTION:** Adam made the motion, seconded by VanGerpen, for the Board to support the March 3, 2015 revision document of the APRN Compact.

**Voting Yes:** Adam, Foss, Hansmeyer, Lowe, VanGerpen, and Wooden.

**Voting No:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Jackson, Knolla and Molnar. **Motion carried.**

On Monday, May 4, 2015, the NCSBN will be holding a special delegate assembly to vote on the revisions to the Compact. Delegates will be flown into Chicago on Sunday, May 5, 2015, attend the meeting the following day, vote, and then fly out in the afternoon. The NCSBN will pay for flights and will provide accommodations. Bowen asked if there was one member of the Board who was interested in attending. Foss expressed interest in attending.

The Annual Meeting of NCSBN will be held in Chicago, August 19-21, 2015.

**Nursing News Newsletter**

The new issue of the newsletter will soon be sent out.

**CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shane Bailey  
Health Licensing Coordinator

