

# **NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD**

**January 23, 2025**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Jenda Stauffer, Board President, at 8:09 a.m. on January 23, 2025, at the Best Western Plus Meeting Room, 2201 Wildcat Circle, Lincoln NE 68521. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members, emailed to interested parties, posted in the east entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on January 13, 2025. Stauffer announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was in the room.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following Board members answered roll call:

- Gina Crudden, APRN-CNS
- Kent Dunovan, *Public Member*
- Andrew Russell, MD
- Jenda Stauffer, APRN-CNM, *Board President*
- Indra Sukhram, APRN-NP

The following Board member arrived after roll call: Sean Kenney, MD, *Board Secretary* (arrived at 8:39 a.m.)

The following Board members were absent: Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, *Board Vice-President*; Andrew Ingemansen, MD, and Jackie Sandersfeld, *Public Member*.

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

- Ann Oertwich, RN, *Executive Director*
- Jacci Reznicek, *Nursing Education Consultant*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Anna Harrison, *DHHS Compliance Monitor*
- Teresa Hampton, *DHHS Legal*
- Milissa Johnson-Wiles, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Brittany Bigham, *Investigator*
- Andrea Cramer, *Investigator*
- Susan Held, *Investigator*
- Patricia Lemke, *Investigator*

The following staff members from the Department attended the meeting via teleconference: Ginger Rogers, *Nursing Practice Consultant*.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Dunovan made the motion, seconded by Russell, to adopt the agenda for the January 23, 2025, APRN Board meeting.

These minutes were approved by the  
APRN Board on April 23, 2025.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, Kenney, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Russell made the motion, seconded by Dunovan, to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2024, APRN Board meeting and the October 23, 2024, APRN Board meeting.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, Kenney, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Dunovan made the motion, seconded by Russell, 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: Crudden, Dunovan, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, Kenney, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

Stauffer announced that the Board was in 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.

*8:17 a.m. Meeting went into closed session.*

*10:37 a.m. Meeting returned to open session.*

### **LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

No applications were presented for Board review.

### **ELECTION OF 2024 BOARD OFFICERS**

**MOTION:** Dunovan made the motion, seconded by Kenney, to elect Timothy Glidden as Board President.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Kenney, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Kenney made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, to elect Sean Kenney as Board Vice-President.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Kenney, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Stauffer made the motion, seconded by Kenney, to elect Kent Dunovan as Board Secretary.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Kenney, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF BOARD MEETINGS**

Joyner explained that boards administered by DHHS are asked to pass a motion annually on the methods that will be used to notify the public of its meetings. During the previous year, the public was notified of APRN Board meetings by publishing the agenda on the DHHS website, posting the agenda in the Nebraska State Office Building, and by emailing the agenda to an interested parties list.

**MOTION:** Kenney made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, to continue to use the same method to notify the public of APRN Board meetings.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Kenney, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

## **PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENTS**

Stauffer acknowledged that the Board received and reviewed copies of the pharmacist collaborative practice agreements for 1) Charles Drew Health Center: between Mark Cherney, RP, William “Tom” Dunn, PharmD, Tamehene Massabe, PharmD, Susan Mendenhall, RP, & Shelby Jensen, PharmD, with Mark Darby, APRN-NP, and for 2) Rock County Pharmacy between Joshua Coyle, PharmD, & Michelle Sinsel, RP, with Abbie Albrecht, APRN-NP, Bree Almgren, APRN-NP, & Shelly Herrington, APRN-NP.

## **NCSBN MEETINGS**

That National Council of State Boards of Nursing holds two meetings every spring that APRN Board members can attend. The NCSBN MidYear Meeting is an in-person meeting that will be held this year in Pittsburgh, PA, from March 11-15, 2025. The NCSBN APRN Roundtable is a virtual meeting scheduled for April 15, 2025. Funding to cover registration and travel costs for Board members can usually be obtained from NCSBN. Oertwich asked any members interested in attending these meetings to contact her.

## **APRN RENEWALS AND AUDITS**

Reznicek reported that 100% the APRNs who were sent audit notices following the 2024 license renewal cycle have verified that they are in full compliance with their continuing competency requirements. Reznicek noted that due to COVID-era waivers, this is the first audit that has been conducted since 2018. It is also the first audit during which Nurse Practitioners were required to complete three hours of continuing education in opioid prescribing. Not all of RNs who were sent audit notices have yet responded. So far, ten RN licenses have been inactivated due to noncompliance with continuing competency requirements. Sukhram noted that nurses can use the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) website to log their continuing education.

## **2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Oertwich reported that two bills have been introduced in the Legislature that propose eliminating the APRN Board. LB 281 would add three APRN members and one public member to the Board of Nursing and move the duties of the APRN Board to the Board of Nursing. LB346, which proposes eliminating and consolidating a number of state boards and committees, would put APRN licensing

under the Board of Nursing, but the bill does not specify expanding the Board of Nursing. Stauffer noted that the Board of Nursing meets monthly, and she was concerned that the time commitment would be a barrier to APRN participation. Kenney expressed concerns about diluting the time of APRNs who would need to focus on RN cases instead of cases related specifically to APRNs. Crudden noted that Nebraska is the “unicorn,” being the only state that has a separate APRN board.

Oertwich reported that LB 374 would adopt the Licensed Midwives Practice Act. The bill would create a Licensed Midwife category for persons who have graduated from high school or the equivalent and who have either been certified as professional midwives or have been trained in midwifery.

**MOTION:** Kenney made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, that the Board send a letter in opposition to LB374, the bill to adopt the Licensed Midwives Practice Act.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Kenney, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

Oertwich reported that LB 676 would eliminate the requirement that APRN-Certified Nurse Midwives maintain a collaborative practice agreement with a physician. Stauffer noted that the practice agreement is required even for breast exams and other non-delivery care that CNMs are allowed to provide.

**MOTION:** Crudden made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, that the Board send a letter of support for LB 676.

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Kenney, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

### **PDMP ACCESS FOR INVESTIGATORS**

**MOTION:** Kenney made the motion, seconded by Sukhram, to support allowing DHHS Investigators to have access to the Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

Voting Yes: Crudden, Dunovan, Kenney, Russell, Stauffer, and Sukhram. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Glidden, Ingemansen, and Sandersfeld. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were received from the public.

### **CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner  
Health Licensing Coordinator