

# NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

## MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MEETING HELD

February 15, 2024

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Jenda Stauffer, Board President, at 11:08 a.m. on February 15, 2024. The central meeting location was at the Nebraska State Office Building, Room 3W, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln NE 68508. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members on February 5, 2024, emailed to interested parties on February 5, 2024, posted in the east entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building on February 5, 2024, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on February 5, 2024. Copies of the revised agenda were emailed to the Board members on February 13, 2024, emailed to interested parties on February 13, 2024, posted in the east entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building on February 13, 2024, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on February 13, 2024. Joyner announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was in the room.

Board members, staff, and the public were able to attend the meeting virtually via video conference or phone as authorized by Neb. Rev. Statue 84-1411(7).

### ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call via videoconference:

- Kent Dunovan, *Public Member*
- Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, *Board Secretary*
- Sean Kenney, MD
- Alice Kindschuh, APRN-CNS, *Board Vice-President*
- Jenda Stauffer, APRN-CNM, *Board President*

The following Board members were absent: Barbara Foss, APRN-NP, Andrew Ingemansen, MD, Andrew Russell, 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*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Danielle Sund, *DHHS Legal*
- Patricia Lemke, *Investigator*

The following staff members from the Department attended the meeting via teleconference:

- Ginger Rogers, *Nursing Practice Consultant*
- Jacci Reznicek, *Nursing Education Consultant*
- Anna Harrison, *DHHS Compliance Monitor*
- Mindy Lester, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Andrea Cramer-Price, *Investigator*

These minutes were approved by the  
APRN Board on May 2, 2024.

### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Glidden made the motion, seconded by Dunovan, to adopt the revised agenda for the February 15, 2024, APRN Board meeting.

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Stauffer made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023, APRN Board meeting with noted corrections.

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

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

**MOTION:** Glidden made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, to appoint Jenda Stauffer as Board President.

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

**MOTION:** Kindschuh made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, to appoint Tim Glidden as Board Vice-President.

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

**MOTION:** Glidden made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, to appoint Sean Kenney as Board Secretary.

Voting Yes: Dunovan, Glidden, Kindschuh, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: Kenney. Absent: Foss, Ingemansen, Russell, 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:** Glidden made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, to continue using the same methods to notify the public of APRN Board meetings.

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

**PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENT**

Stauffer acknowledged that the Board received and reviewed a copy of the pharmacist collaborative practice agreement for Sidney Regional Medical Center between Brooke Schoening, APRN-NP, and Amanda Hunt, RP, and Michelle Mildenberger, RP.

**2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

Oertwich reported that the Department's bill introduced during the current legislative session, LB 1215, includes language that would make registration with the Nursys e-Notify system a license renewal requirement for all Nebraska LPNs, RNs, and APRNs. Another bill, LB 1417, proposes to eliminate the APRN Board and move its duties to the Board of Nursing. Based on the information she has received, Oertwich thought it unlikely that the bill will be voted on during the current session. Lester noted that it was her understanding that the aim of LB 1417 is to create efficiency by combining certain boards. In addition to combining the APRN Board with the Board of Nursing, the bill also proposing combining the Hearing Instrument Specialists Board with the Audiology Board and combining the Alcohol & Drug Counselors Board with the Mental Health Board. Glidden expressed support for keeping the APRN Board as a separate entity. Stauffer said she was open to the idea of combining boards as long as there was adequate representation of APRNs. Glidden noted that the Board of Nursing meets monthly, which would make participating difficult for many APRNs. Kenney expressed concerns that obstetric issues might not get the consideration they deserve if the Board becomes a part of a larger organization. Oertwich said that she would keep the Board informed of any updates on the bill.

**NCSBN ANNUAL MEETING**

Oertwich reported that members of the APRN Board can attend the National Council of State Board of Nursing's MidYear meeting, which will be held March 12-14, 2024, or the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for August 28-30, 2024. Any members interested in attending should contact Oertwich.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Stauffer made the motion, seconded by Glidden, 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: Dunovan, Glidden, Kenney, Kindschuh, and Stauffer. Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Foss, Ingemansen, Russell, 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.

11:33 a.m. Meeting went into closed session.

12:04 p.m. Meeting returned to open session.

## **LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

**MOTION:** Stauffer made the motion, seconded by Glidden, to recommend reinstating an unrestricted APRN-CRNA license to Jeremy R. Young.

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

## **CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner  
Health Licensing Coordinator