

NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

May 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Timothy Glidden, Board Vice-President, at 8:37 a.m. on May 2, 2024, at the Best Western Plus Meeting Room, 2201 Wildcat Circle, Lincoln NE 68521. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members on April 22, 2024, emailed to interested parties on April 22, 2024, posted in the east entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building on April 22, 2024, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on April 22, 2024. Glidden announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was in the room.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call via videoconference:

- Kent Dunovan, *Public Member*
- Barbara Foss, APRN-NP
- Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, *Board Vice President*
- Andrew Ingemansen, MD
- Sean Kenney, MD, *Board Secretary*
- Andrew Russell, MD

The following Board members were absent: Alice Kindschuh, APRN-CNS, Jackie Sandersfeld, *Public Member*, and Jenda Stauffer, APRN-CNM.

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

- Ann Oertwich, RN, *Executive Director*
- Ginger Rogers, *Nursing Practice Consultant*
- Jacci Reznicek, *Nursing Education Consultant*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Danielle Sund, *DHHS Legal*,
- Brittany Bigham, *Investigator*
- Andrea Cramer-Price, *Investigator*
- Susan Held, *Investigator*
- Patricia Lemke, *Investigator*
- Mendy Mahar-Clark, *Investigator*

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

- Anna Harrison, *DHHS Compliance Monitor*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Foss made the motion, seconded by Kenney, to adopt the agenda for the May 2, 2024, APRN Board meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Glidden made the motion, seconded by Ingemansen, to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2024, APRN Board meeting.

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

CLOSED SESSION

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

Glidden 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.

8:42 a.m. Meeting went into closed session.

9:30 a.m. Meeting returned to open session.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS

No applications were submitted for Board review.

2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Oertwich reported that the Legislature approved LR 372, which was a proposal to do an interim study on the make-up of the Board of Nursing and the APRN Board. The request for the study was prompted by proposed legislation (LB 1417) that would have combined a number of boards, including combining the APRN Board with the Board of Nursing. The proposed bill, however, did not get out of committee.

Oertwich reported that the Department's omnibus bill, LB 1215, did pass, and it includes language that makes registration with the Nursys e-Notify system a license renewal requirement for all Nebraska LPNs, RNs, and APRNs. The requirement will not be implemented until the LPN renewal period in 2025. Because the e-Notify system collects workforce data, nurses will no longer be asked to complete long workforce surveys during the renewal process.

NURSING NEWS

Oertwich reported that for the previous 20 years, the publisher of *Nebraska Nursing News*, mailed hard copies of the Board of Nursing's newsletter four times a year all Nebraska-licensed. Because advertising revenues are no longer covering mailing costs, the publisher has changed to a policy of

mailing only one issue directly to licensees each year. The other three issues will be sent in bulk to facilities that employ nurses, and the facilities could then distribute the newsletter to their nurses.

NCSBN ANNUAL MEETING

Oertwich announced that any APRN Board member who was interested in attending the National Council of State Board of Nursing's Annual Meeting in August should contact her. Funding is usually available to cover travel and attendance costs for board members who attend NCSBN meetings.

NEBRASKA CENTER FOR NURSING

Oertwich provided updates on the implementation of LB 227, which was passed last year and approved funds to the Center for Nursing for the purpose of expanding the availability of clinical sites for nursing students. The plan includes 1) approval of a new clinical model that partners staff nurses at rural facilities with nursing program faculty to allow the staff nurses to serve as clinical instructors, 2) providing funds to cover the travel and housing costs of students who do clinicals at rural facilities, 3) distributing simulation equipment to facilities, 4) creating internships at critical access hospitals for nursing students, 5) standardizing compliance training to reduce the time it takes to onboard new student nurses at clinical sites, and 6) a marketing campaign to recruit new nurses into the profession and retain existing nurses.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No requests from the public were received to speak before the Board at this meeting.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner
Health Licensing Coordinator