

**NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING HELD

August 2, 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 1:02 p.m. on August 2, 2024. The central meeting location was at the Best Western Plus Meeting Room, 2201 Wildcat Circle, Lincoln NE 68521. Copies of the agenda were emailed to the Board members on July 22, 2024, emailed to interested parties on July 22, 2024, posted in the east entrance to the Nebraska State Office Building on July 22, 2024, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on July 22, 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 attended in-person and answered roll call:

- Barbara Foss, APRN-NP
- Andrew Russell, MD
- Sean Kenney, MD, *Board Secretary*

The following Board members answered roll call via videoconference:

- Andrew Ingemansen, MD
- Jenda Stauffer, APRN-CNM, *Board President*

The following Board members were absent: Kent Dunovan, *Public Member*, Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, *Board Vice-President*, and Jackie Sandersfeld, *Public Member*.

One Board position was vacant.

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

- Ann Oertwich, RN, *Executive Director*
- T.J. O'Neill, *Assistant Attorney General*
- Ginger Rogers, *Nursing Practice Consultant*
- Danielle Sund, *DHHS Legal*
- Jacci Reznicek, *Nursing Education Consultant*
- Susan Held, *Investigator*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Patricia Lemke, *Investigator*
- Mendy Mahar-Clark, *Investigator*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

These minutes have not been approved
by the APRN Board.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Kenney made the motion, seconded by Russell, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2024, APRN Board meeting.

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

CLOSED SESSION

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

1:06 p.m. Meeting went into closed session.

1:51 p.m. Meeting returned to open session.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS

MOTION: Foss made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, to table Lakin Bohac's APRN-Nurse Practitioner license application in order to obtain additional information.

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

PHARMACEUTICAL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENTS

Stauffer acknowledged receipt of two pharmaceutical collaborative practice agreements: 1) from CHI between Scott Jakopovic, PharmD, Caley Bogatz, APRN-NP 113285, Leslie Horton, APRN-NP 113663, Jill Johnson, APRN-NP 110601, and Cassandra Kilpatrick, APRN-NP 112535, and 2) from Rock County Pharmacy between Joshua Coyle, PharmD, Michelle Sinsel, RP, Abbie Albrecht, APRN-NP 112466, Crystal Dailey, APRN-NP 112345, and Shelly Herrington, APRN-NP 110661

RN & APRN RENEWALS

Joyner announced that online renewals for Nebraska RN and APRN licenses are expected to go live in late August.

NCSBN ANNUAL MEETING

Oertwich announced that she and Lisa Kollasch-Parker, the APRN member on the Board of Nursing will serve as delegates for the Nebraska APRN Board at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's Annual Meeting, to be held August 28-30, 2024, in Chicago. Oertwich is not aware of any major issues on the agenda for the meeting.

NEBRASKA CENTER FOR NURSING

Oertwich reported that the Center for Nursing's marketing plan to recruit and retain more nurses is in full swing with ads appearing on radio and social media. The Center is also working with the Nebraska Hospital Association to expand clinical sites for nursing students in rural areas. Staff nurses at critical access hospitals are being trained to serve as clinical instructors for the students through a mentoring partnership with nursing faculty members. Financial support, including support for student housing, will be provided to participants in the program. Other components of the project include internships for nursing students this summer in Columbus, Nebraska, streamlining compliance training for students going into clinical settings, and a statewide portal to track people's interests in health careers.

COMMUNICATION

Nursing News – Oertwich reported that the August edition of *Nursing News* is currently in production. Hard copies will be mailed to all Nebraska-licensed nurses. The issue includes information on RN and APRN renewals.

Licensure Unit Updates – Oertwich reported that Licensure Unit's database is currently being upgraded. Once the upgrade is complete, the Licensure Unit might be able to add other components, such as allowing people to submit initial license applications online, in a year or so. Oertwich also reported that the Licensure Unit will implement a new process improvement program based on the Theory of Constraints.

Stauffer asked about the status of the interim study on the makeup of the Board of Nursing and the APRN Board. The Unicameral passed the resolution to conduct the study during its most recent session. The resolution was in response to a proposal to condense several boards, including combining the APRN Board with the Board of Nursing. Oertwich said she has not received information that would indicate the study has been initiated.

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 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner
Health Licensing Coordinator