

Mission Statement

Protect the public by regulating the practice of nursing

Time and Place of Meeting	A regular meeting of the North Carolina Board of Nursing was held at the North Carolina Board of Nursing office in Raleigh, North Carolina on January 25, 2024. Meeting convened at 9:00 a.m.
Presiding	Dr. LaDonna Thomas, RN
Members Present	Dr. Lora Bartlett, RN – Vice Chair Dr. Aimy Steele, RN Andrea Jeppson, LPN Dr. Anna Seaman, RN Dr. Carmen Shaw, RN Cheryl Wheeler, LPN Ms. Dianne Layden, Public Member Dr. Edna Ennis, RN Karen York, RN Dr. Racquel Ingram, RN Sandra Lewis, RN Tom Minowicz, Public Member
Members Absent	Arlene Imes, LPN
Staff Present	Dr. Crystal Tillman, Chief Executive Officer Anna Choi, General Counsel Dr. Sara Griffith, Chief Nursing Officer Ms. Gayle Bellamy, Chief Financial Officer Dr. Terry Ward, Education Consultant Joyce Winstead, Director, Practice Chandra Graves, Manager, Administration
Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest	Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement was read. No conflicts were identified
Consent Agenda	The Consent Agenda be approved as presented. MOTION: That the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Minowicz/Passed. The following items were accepted/approved by adoption of the Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes of September 20, 2023 (Administrative Hearings)• Minutes of September 21, 2023 (Board Meeting)

- Minutes of November 16, 2023 (Called Board Meeting)
- Minutes of December 6, 2023 (Administrative Hearings)
- Board Governance
 - (a) Summary of Activities
- Education
 - (a) Education Program Activity
 - (b) NCLEX Quarterly Pass Rates
- Practice
 - (a) Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Programs
- Licensure Review Panel
 - (a) Summary of Activities
- Settlement Committee
 - (a) Summary of Activities
- Administrative Actions on Non-Hearing
 - (a) Disciplinary Activities
 - (b) Compliance Matters
 - (c) Practice Matters
- Drug Monitoring Programs
 - (a) Program Statistics
- Meetings/Conferences
 - (a) Summary of Activities

Meeting Agenda

The Meeting Agenda be adopted with modifications.

MOTION: That the Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

Steele/Passed

Open Comment Period

The following individuals addressed the Board during Open Comment Period

- Dr. Yolanda Van Riel: Commendation of Dr. Terry Ward, Education Consultant for the knowledge, work and dedication
- Daschia Thompson: LPN participation in Nurse Aide training and education

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer Dr. Crystal Tillman reported the following:

- Welcome to newly elected Board Members:
 - Dr. Carmen Shaw, Nurse Administrator
 - Sandra Lewis, RN At-Large
- Welcome to new staff members:
 - Christy Joyce, Staff Attorney
 - Alexis Tremble, Staff Attorney
 - Erika Brooks, Investigator
 - Becky Ezell, Investigator
 - Brittany Pulley, Investigator

- Recognize Dr. Racquel Ingram who presented the Letter of Commendation to Winston Salem State University celebrating 70 years of nursing service
- Recognition to Dr. LaDonna Thomas who presented the Letter of Commendation to the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at the VA Hospital
- Congratulations to Mrs. Meredith Parris, Chief Legal Officer serving on the Discipline Subcommittee of Model Act and Rules Review with NCSBN.
- Operation Nightingale continues with 15 cases in our jurisdiction
- Legislative Update: Short Session April 24-July 31.
 - The SAVE Act alive in the Short Session;
 - Medicaid expansion provides help with access to care;
 - Budget included 30 million in funding for nursing at the North Carolina Community College; salary increases; training for behavioral health professionals
- Recommendations from the NCIOM will be published in the Bulletin. The 2024 focus is recruitment and retention.
- Nurse Licensure Compact – 41 States have enacted the NLC

Rulemaking Update	Received and reviewed rulemaking update related to Education Rules presented by Angela Ellis, Chief Administrative Officer and Rulemaking Coordinator. The update included the process for creating, updating and approval of a rule.
Strategic Plan Update	Received and reviewed strategic plan updates presented by Angie Matthes and Angela Ellis. Updates included recap of 2022 achieved items; 2023 achieved items, staff activities; review of 2024 targets.
Finance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received and reviewed Summary of Activities to include 1st Quarter Financials and review of investments as presented by Wells Fargo Advisors. • Received and reviewed the Auditor’s Report presented by Sandy Newell with Bernard Robinson & Company, LLP. <p>MOTION: That the Board approve the Auditor’s Report as presented. Committee Recommendation/Passed</p>
Board Governance and Finance Committee Profile	Received and reviewed the Board Governance and Finance Committee profile. MOTION: That the Board approve the newly combined Board Governance and Finance Committee for implementation January 2024. Committee Recommendation/Passed
Education Program Activity	Received and reviewed Determination of Program Approval Status – Initial Approval for New Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piedmont Community College, Roxboro – Application for establishment of a new Practical Nursing Program

MOTION: That the Board grant Piedmont Community College initial approval for the PN program with a maximum total enrollment of 24 students to begin August 2024.
Steele/Passed

- South College, Asheville – Application for establishment of new Associate of Science in Nursing program

MOTION: That the Board delay South College ASN program application for initial approval until the status of the PN program can be determined consistent with Rule 21 NCAC 36 .0302.

Layden/Passed

Practice

- Received and reviewed an update of work from the Education and Practice Committee presented by Committee Chair Dr. Racquel Ingram. The update included reviewing proposed revisions for the Position Statement Telehealth/Telenursing.
- Received and reviewed proposed revisions to the Telehealth/Telenursing Position Statement for RN, LPN, and APRN Practice.

MOTION: That the Board approve the revised Telehealth/Telenursing Position Statement for RN,LPN, and APRN Practice as recommended by the Education and Practice Committee.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

Executive Session

Closed Session for legal matters

MOTION: 11:39 am To go into closed session
Lewis/Passed

Open Session

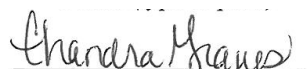
MOTION: 11:49 am To go into open session
Layden/Passed

Adjournment

MOTION: 11:51 am Meeting be adjourned.
Seaman/Passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

February 5, 2024
Date Submitted



Chandra Graves, Manager, Administration

May 23, 2024
Date Approved



Crystal L. Tillman, DNP, RN, CPNP, PMHNP-BC, FRE
Chief Executive Officer