

NEBRASKA BOARD OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE MEETING HELD

December 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Nebraska Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses was called to order by Jenda Stauffer, Board Vice-President, at 1:381p.m. on December 1, 2022. 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 November 21, 2022, emailed to interested parties on November 21, 2022, posted outside the Licensure Unit within the Nebraska State Office Building on November 21, 2022, and posted on the Department of Health & Human Services website on November 21, 2022. 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) and Executive Orders Nos. 21-12 and 22-02.

ROLL CALL

The following Board members answered roll call via videoconference:

- Kent Dunovan, *Public Member*
- Barbara Foss, *APRN-NP*
- Andrew Ingemansen, *MD*
- Alice Kindschuh, *APRN-CNS, Board Vice-President*
- Jackie Sandersfeld, *Public Member*
- Jenda Stauffer, *APRN-CNM*

The following Board members were absent: Timothy Glidden, APRN-CRNA, and Andrew Russell, MD.

One Board position was vacant.

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

- Ann Oertwich, *RN, Executive Director*
- Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*
- Mindy Lester, *Assistant Attorney General*

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

- Ginger Rogers, *Nursing Practice Consultant*
- Jacci Reznicek, *Nursing Education Consultant*
- Teresa Hampton, *DHHS Legal*
- Jennifer Miralles, *DHHS Legal*
- Brittany Bigham, *Investigator*
- Andrea Cramer-Price, *Investigator*
- Susan Held, *Investigator*
- Patricia Lemke, *Investigator*

These minutes were approved by the
APRN Board on March 15, 2023.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Kindschuh made the motion, seconded by Dunovan, to adopt the agenda for the December 1, 2022, APRN Board meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: Foss made the motion, seconded by Kindschuh, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022, APRN Board meeting.

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

PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENT

Stauffer acknowledged that the Board received and reviewed a copy of the collaborative pharmaceutical care agreement between Brendan Cope, PharmD, and Angelina Giles, APRN-NP.

ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT CREDENTIALING REVIEW

Oertwich reported that a hearing will be held on December 7, 2022, to obtain public comment on the proposal to create a license for anesthesiologist assistants (AAs) in Nebraska. The Board of Nursing, and the Nebraska Nurses Association will speak in opposition to the proposal.

MOTION: Kindschuh made the motion, seconded by Stauffer, to approve having Timothy Glidden represent the APRN Board by appearing at the December 7th hearing or by submitting a letter.

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

APRN RENEWALS

Oertwich reported that a higher than usual number of RNs and APRNs have applied for reinstatement after they failed to renew their licenses by the October 31, 2022, deadline. Because 2020 renewals were deferred until 2021 due to COVID-19 licensing waivers, some nurses seemed to be under the impression that they did not have to renew this year. During the renewal cycle, approximately 31,067 RNs, 653 APRN-CRNAs, 59 APRN-Nurse Midwives, 3,352 APRN-Nurse Practitioners, and 67 APRN-Clinical Nurse Specialists renewed their licenses.

COMMUNICATION

Nursing News – Oertwich reported that the next issue of *Nursing News* is expected to be mailed out in the upcoming week. The newsletter includes an article on IV infusion centers, an educational piece regarding CRNAs, and an article on incivility and bullying in the workplace.

Staff Updates – Oertwich reported that the Licensure Unit is experiencing staff shortages. Of the four permanent positions for staff who process nursing license applications, two are currently vacant. There is also a vacancy for the manager of the Nursing Support section, as Daniel Taylor, who previously held the position, is now an administrator for facility licensing.

Nebraska Center for Nursing – Oertwich reported that specialty license plates featuring the Nebraska Center for Nursing can now be ordered through the DMV's website. The license plates are expected to become available in January.

CLOSED SESSION

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

1:54 p.m. *Meeting went into closed session.*

3:01 p.m. *Meeting returned to open session.*

LICENSE APPLICATION

No license applications were reviewed by the Board.

CONCLUSION AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner
Health Licensing Coordinator