

**MINUTES OF THE VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING**  
**NEBRASKA CENTER FOR NURSING**  
**December 20, 2022**

**Call to Order**

The meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing (CFN) Board was called to order by Lisa Walters, Chair, on December 20, 2022, at 3:02 p.m. 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 distributed in advance to the Board members on December 13, 2022, posted outside the Licensure Unit within the Nebraska State Office Building on December 13, 2022, and posted on the Department of Health and Human Services website on December 13, 2022. Walters announced that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was available at the central meeting location as well as online using the link listed on the agenda.

**Roll Call**

The following Board members were in attendance during all or part of the meeting via virtual conference:

- Lina Bostwick
- Kathy Bowman
- Beth Burbach
- Suzanne Deyke,
- Charity Ebert (arrived at 3:18 p.m.)
- Ronda Ehly
- Christi Glesmann
- Kathy Harrison
- Joan Nelson
- Lisa Walters

The following Board members were not in attendance: Tamara Allen, Sheila Bjerrum, and Laura Weber.

The following newly appointed Board members were in attendance:

- Ashley Havel
- Adam Kuenning
- Angela Johnson
- Janelle Francis
- Jerry Cooper
- Leah Logan
- Michelle Summers
- Wayne Briner, Jr

The following staff members were present: Ann Oertwich, *Program Manager*, and Sherri Joyner, *Health Licensing Coordinator*.

The following staff members attended via videoconference during all or part of the meeting: Ginger Rogers, *Nursing Practice Consultant*, and Jacci Reznicek, *Nursing Education Consultant*.

**Introductions**

Introductions were made on behalf of the newly appointed Board members. Walters explained that the meeting had originally been organized for the purpose of approving the minutes of previous meetings prior to the anticipated appointment of new board members. Walters provided a brief introduction to the Center's recent activities. She noted that the Center's strategic plan is organized

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Center for Nursing Board on January 30, 2023.

around three primary goals: data, collaboration, and promotion. The Center's workforce data comes from 1) surveys of nurses conducted as part of the license renewal process and from 2) the Center's workforce model. The renewal surveys provide good data regarding the "supply" of nurses. With the creation of the Center's workforce model, it can now better assess the "demand" for nurses.

Walters said that the Center's data played a vital role in securing a HRSA grant in partnership with UNMC. The grant is funding a project to promote wellness and resiliency in the nursing workforce. One component of the project involves providing courses in psychological first aid to nurses at critical access hospitals in Nebraska. Another component is to increase nurse's access to critical incident response training.

Other recent Center activities include posting job openings and COVID resources on the Center's website, developing a marketing plan, testifying at the Legislature on workforce numbers, and conducting focus groups with frontline workers. Walters said that the focus groups produced a lot of good information on the impact of COVID on the nursing workforce. The Center now needs to decide how to best use this data.

### **Adoption of the Agenda & Approval of the Minutes**

**Motion:** Bostwick made the motion, seconded by Glesmann, to adopt the agenda for the December 20, 2022, meeting of the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board.

Voting Yes: Bostwick, Bowman, Burbach, Deyke, Ehly, Glesmann, Harrison, Nelson, and Walters.  
Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Allen, Bjerrum, Ebert, and Weber. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Bostwick made the motion, seconded by Glesmann, to approve the minutes for the April, 22, 2022, June 17, 2022, September 16, 2022, and November 18, 2022 Center for Nursing Board meetings.

Voting Yes: Bostwick, Bowman, Burbach, Deyke, Ebert, Glesmann, Harrison, Nelson, and Walters.  
Voting No: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Allen, Bjerrum, Ebert, and Weber. Motion carried.

### **Foundation Report**

Oertwich explained that the Center for Nursing Foundation is a 501(3)(c) entity that was started with the aim of raising additional funds for the Center for Nursing. Since the Foundation is not a state government entity, it has more flexibility on some issues than the Center for Nursing Board.

Bostwick, who serves as the Foundation's President, described the Foundation's recent activities. For the previous three years, the Foundation was been working to secure a specialty license plate for the Center for Nursing. In order for the specialty plates to go into production, they had to obtain 250 "pre-order" applications for the plates. Bostwick and the Foundation's Treasurer, Lin Hughes, delivered the applications to the DMV on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. People who pre-ordered the plates, should be able to pick them up in January. Others who are interested in obtaining the specialty plates can order them through the DMV website.

Another project the Foundation has spearheaded is a study of the educational and training needs of rural nurses. Their results show that rural nurse are most in need of educational resources in the areas of diabetes, mental health, and trauma. The Foundation has looked into applying for grants to fund a project that would make it easier for rural nurses to access to educational resources on these topics.

Bostwich also reported that the Foundation updated its bylaws approximately three years ago. Walters recommended that new members review the bylaws at the Center's next meeting.

### **Board Vacancies & Reappointment**

Oertwich explained that a quorum of nine members must be present at Center for Nursing Board meetings in order for the Board to approve motions and make decisions. Members to the Center for Nursing Board must be appointed by the Governor. In recent years, appointments have not been made after the terms of current members have expired. Although Board members were allowed to serve until their replacements were found, the Center was not able to meet the quorum requirement at its recent meetings. Staff were not expecting that eight new Board members would be appointed so soon. There are still four Board members whose terms have expired for whom replacements have not yet been appointed.

### **2023 Meeting Dates**

The Center for Nursing Board has traditionally met on Fridays six times a year. Several new members indicated that Fridays might not be the best day for them to meet. Staff will email members to try to find meeting dates in 2023.

### **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded at 4:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherri Joyner  
Health Licensing Coordinator