

Tennessee Board of Nursing
665 Mainstream Drive
Iris, Poplar, and Dogwood Rooms
Nashville, Tennessee

MINUTES
May 15-16, 2024

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Call to Order

Sheila Bouie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. in the Iris Room.

Roll Call and Quorum

Ms. Tanya McCray-Hicks called roll.

Present: Sheila Bouie, RN; Amber Wyatt, APRN; Dru Malcolm, RN; Martina Harris, RN
Sheryl Wright, APRN; Samuel Alston, LPN; Angela Beard, RN; Charlotte Webb, APRN;
James Darren McCoy, APRN; Nancy Anness, APRN

Absent: None

A quorum was present.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Dr. Bouie welcomed the Board members and guests in the audience. No guests were identified.

Introduction of Staff

Sherry Richardson, Executive Director, introduced Board Staff:

Elizabeth Cooper, Nurse Consultant
Therese McLean, Nurse Consultant
Bethany Hardcastle, Nurse Consultant
Tanya McCray-Hicks, Administrative Director
Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel

Mr. Waters, Deputy General Counsel, introduced Legal Staff:

Ms. Moon – Attorney
Mr. Winters – Attorney
Mr. Heacock - Attorney

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Wyatt moved to approve minutes for the February 21-22, 2024, Board Meeting. Dr. Malcolm seconded; motion carried.

Assign Panels and Panel Chairs

Dr. Bouie assigned panels and panel chairs:

Panel 1 – Sheila Bouie – Chair, Panel Chair; Charlotte Webb; Nancy Anness

Panel 2 –Amber Wyatt, Vice-Chair, Panel Chair; Samuel Alston; Darren McCoy; Martina Harris

Panel 3 – Sheryl Wright, Panel Chair; Angela Beard; Dru Malcolm

Call the Docket

Mr. Mark Waters called the docket.

Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3
Sheila Bouie, Panel Chair	Amber Wyatt, Panel Chair	Sheryl Wright, Panel Chair
Charlotte Webb	Samuel Alston	Angela Beard
Nancy Anness	Darren McCoy	Dru Malcolm
	Martina Harris	

Disciplinary Business: Panel 1, Iris Room; Panel 2, Poplar Room; and Panel 3, Dogwood Room.

Panel 2 adjourned to the Poplar Room.

Panel 3 adjourned to the Dogwood Room

Panel 1 – Sheila Bouie, Panel Chair; Charlotte Webb; and Nancy Anness.

A quorum was present. Administrative Law Judge Darnell presided.

Conduct Disciplinary Hearing(s) – Iris Room:

<u>Jennifer J. Willis-Quailes</u> 209 Cody Court Clarksville, TN 37043	LPN 71235 Docket Number: 17.19- 240501A	Heacock State’s Attorney	Ms. Willis-Quailes was not present and was not represented by an attorney. Her case was delayed in being heard until 0854 to allow time for her to join the proceedings. Mr. Heacock requested to proceed in Default. Mr. Heacock provided proof of notice of service. Judge Darnell finds the notice of proceedings were adequate and respondent has chosen not to appear and participate. Dr. Webb moved to proceed in default; Ms. Anness seconded. Motion carried.
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			<p>Following presentation of proof and deliberation Dr. Webb moved to accept the findings of fact as written in the state’s proposed order. Ms. Anness seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Anness moved to accept the conclusions of law as written in the state’s proposed order. Dr. Webb seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Webb moved to accept the disciplinary action as written in the state’s proposed order. Ms. Anness seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Bouie read the policy statement of the board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee. The Board finds the appropriate action taken. Dr. Webb moved to accept. Ms. Anness seconded; motion carried.</p>
<p><u>Lauren C. Anderson</u> 591 River Road Church Hill, TN 37642</p>	<p>LPN 89632</p> <p>Docket Number: 17.19- 241363A</p>	<p>Zettersten State’s Attorney</p>	<p>Ms. Anderson was not present and was not represented by an attorney.</p> <p>Mr. Zettersten requested to proceed in Default. Mr. Zettersten provided proof of notice of service. Judge Darnell finds the notice of proceedings were adequate and respondent has chosen not to appear and participate. Ms. Anness moved to proceed in default; Dr. Webb seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Following presentation of proof and deliberation Dr. Webb moved to accept the findings of fact as written in the state’s proposed order. Ms. Anness seconded; motion carried.</p>

			<p>Ms. Anness moved to accept the conclusions of law as written in the state’s proposed order. Dr. Webb seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Bouie moved to accept the disciplinary action as amended in the state’s proposed order. Dr. Webb seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Bouie read the policy statement of the board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee. The Board finds the appropriate action taken. Ms. Anness seconded; motion carried.</p>
<p><u>Jannet M. Joy</u> 625 Morrison Lane Whiteville, TN 38075</p>	<p>LPN 37071</p> <p>Docket Number: 17.19- 241276A</p>	<p>Zettersten State’s Attorney</p>	<p>Ms. Joy was not present and was not represented by an attorney.</p> <p>Mr. Zettersten requested to proceed in Default. Mr. Zettersten provided proof of notice of service. Judge Darnell finds the notice of proceedings were adequate and respondent has chosen not to appear and participate. Ms. Anness moved to proceed in default; Dr. Webb seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Following presentation of proof and deliberation Ms. Anness moved to accept the findings of fact as written in the state’s proposed order. Dr. Webb seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Webb moved to accept the conclusions of law as written in the state’s proposed order. Ms. Anness seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Bouie moved to accept the disciplinary action as written in the state’s proposed order. Ms. Anness seconded; motion carried.</p>

			Dr. Bouie read the policy statement of the board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee. The Board finds the appropriate action taken. Dr. Webb moved to accept; Ms. Anness seconded; motion carried.
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Adopt Agreed/Consent Orders – Iris Room:

None

Conduct Summary Action Hearing(s) – Iris Room:

None

Panel 2 – Amber Wyatt Panel Chair; Samuel Alston; Darren McCoy; and Martina Harris. A quorum was present. Administrative Law Judge Murrell presided.

Conduct Disciplinary Hearing(s) – Poplar Room:

<u>Tonya R. Bowles</u> 730 East Sevier Ave Kingsport, TN 37660	RN 145747 Docket Number: 17.19- 236970A	Moon State’s Attorney	Ms. Bowles was not present and was not represented by an attorney. Ms. Moon requested to proceed in Default. Ms. Moon provided proof of notice of service. Judge Murrell finds the notice of proceedings were adequate and respondent has chosen not to appear and participate. Mr. McCoy moved to proceed in default; Dr. Harris seconded. Motion carried. Following presentation of proof and deliberation Mr. McCoy moved to accept the findings of fact as amended in the state’s proposed order. Mr. Alston seconded; motion carried. Dr. Harris moved to accept the conclusions of law as written in the
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			<p>state’s proposed order. Mr. McCoy seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Harris moved to accept the disciplinary action as written in the state’s proposed order. Mr. McCoy seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Wyatt read the policy statement of the board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee. The Board finds the appropriate action taken. Dr. Harris seconded; motion carried.</p>
<p><u>Kimberly Ann Smith</u> 924 Dobbins Pike Gallatin, TN 37066</p>	<p>RN 258263 Docket Number: 17.19-236895A</p>	<p>Moon State’s Attorney</p>	<p>Ms. Smith was present via Webex and was not represented by an attorney.</p> <p>Opening statement made by Ms. Moon. Opening statement made by Ms. Smith.</p> <p>Ms. Moon presented closing statement with the State requesting a mental evaluation from TNPAP, and one \$500 civil penalty not to exceed \$20,000. Ms. Smith made her closing statement stating she is unable to attend TNPAP since she is living in the state of Florida.</p> <p>Following presentation of proof and deliberation Dr. Harris moved to accept the findings of fact as amended in the state’s proposed order. Mr. McCoy seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. McCoy moved to accept the conclusions of law as written in the state’s proposed order. Dr. Harris seconded; motion carried.</p>

			<p>Dr. Harris moved to accept the disciplinary action as amended in the state’s proposed order. Mr. McCoy seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Wyatt read the policy statement of the board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee. The Board finds the appropriate action taken. Mr. McCoy seconded; motion carried.</p>
<p><u>Joi Kelly</u> 561 Taylorsville Road Shacklesfords, VA 23156</p>	<p>RN (VA) 0001223227</p> <p>Docket Number: 17.19- 240350A</p>	<p>Moon State’s Attorney</p>	<p>Ms. Kelly was present and was not represented by an attorney.</p> <p>Opening statement made by Ms. Moon. Opening statement made by Ms. Kelly. Ms. Kelly stated she will not be testifying.</p> <p>Ms. Moon presented closing statement with the State requesting to deny the petition to accept application or overturn the board’s previous denial. Ms. Kelly waived making a closing statement.</p> <p>Following presentation of proof and deliberation Mr. McCoy moved to accept the findings of fact as written in the state’s proposed order. Mr. Alston seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Harris moved to accept the conclusions of law as written in the state’s proposed order. Mr. Alston seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. McCoy moved to accept the disciplinary action as written in the state’s proposed order. Dr. Harris seconded; motion carried.</p>

			Ms. Wyatt read the policy statement of the board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee. The Board finds the appropriate action taken. Dr. Harris seconded; motion carried.
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Adopt Agreed/Consent Orders – Poplar Room:

John Heacock

Tonya I. Borton	RN 160066	Mr. McCoy moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Mr. Alston; motion carried.
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Conduct Summary Action Hearing(s) – Poplar Room:

None

Panel 3 – Sheryl Wright Panel Chair; Angela Beard; and Dru Malcolm

A quorum was present. Administrative Law Judge Michael Begley presided.

Conduct Disciplinary Hearing(s) – Dogwood Room:

<u>Tobey G. Lowe</u> 118 West Lane Oliver Springs, TN 37840	RN 85570 Docket Number: 17.19- 235528A	Nida State’s Attorney	See Agreed/Consent Order
<u>Joy Schmitz</u> 101 Dee Street Arp, Texas 75750	RN 193330 Docket Number: 17.19- 237027A	Winters State’s Attorney	Ms. Schmitz was not present and was not represented by an attorney. Mr. Winters requested to proceed in Default. Mr. Winters provided proof of notice of service. Judge Begley finds the notice of proceedings were adequate and respondent has chosen not to appear

			<p>and participate. All members agreed to proceed in default.</p> <p>Following presentation of proof and deliberation, Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the findings of fact as written in the state’s proposed order. Ms. Beard seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the conclusions of law as written in the state’s proposed order. Ms. Beard seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Beard moved to accept the disciplinary action as written in the state’s proposed order. Dr. Malcolm seconded; motion carried.</p> <p>Dr. Wright read the policy statement of the board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Tennessee. The Board finds the appropriate action taken. Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the policy statement; Ms. Beard seconded; motion carried.</p>
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Adopt Agreed/Consent Orders – Dogwood Room:

Eric Winters

Melanie B. Austin	RN 155794 APRN 25484	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Holly N. Garland	RN 153216 APRN 19666	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the agreed order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Andrea M. Gilbert	LPN 56271	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written.

		Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Patton D. Graham	RN 191940 APRN 20562	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Jennifer P. Harris	RN 231240	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Austin A. Hogle	RN 182243 APRN 24449	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Patsy A. Langford	RN 204742 APRN 19604 RN (NV) 851526 APRN (NV) 851526	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Bailey J. Laws	RN 231504	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Stephanie M. Mota	RN 208719	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Rita Nemeth	RN 174117 APRN 17458	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Anna Smith aka Anna Kaye Trim Smith	APRN 20171 RN (MS) 888533 APRN (M) 888533	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.

Candace Carter

Robert M. Sexton	RN 169410 APRN 16746	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
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Brittani Kendrick

Ashley Pennington	RN 83433 APRN 6421	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
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Jena Renee Ellis	LPN 84774	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Tobey G. Lowe	RN 85570	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the agreed order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Ashley Lynn McClendon	RN 224996	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Caitlin Grace McClure	LPN 92555	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Ralph Pane, Jr.	RN (NC) 280504	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the agreed order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Latasha G. Scott	LPN 78960	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Whitney A. Teffeteller	RN 147896	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Amber Elizabeth Webb	RN 207361	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the agreed order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Katharina Whitbeck	LPN 78958	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written.

		Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
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Peter Zettersten

Tabitha Lynn Jones	RN 272465	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Stephanie Lee	RN 265305	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Tamara Lightner	RN (AL) 1-145862	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Timothy McCombs	LPN 76409	Dr. Malcolm moved to reject the consent order as written. Seconded by Mr. McCoy; motion carried.
Shenisha McCraven	RN 228203	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Sarah Pierce	RN 234575	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Shantel Ray	RN 243630	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Carrie Ruth Bell Webb	LPN 89609	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Bridgette R. Willis	RN 149397	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Lisa L. Zalsman	RN 177578	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written.

		Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
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Mark Waters

Morgan Boyce	RN 242381	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Jacob L. Crawford	RN 255286	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
James K. Melmige	LPN 72636	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.

Kristen Moon

Lesley H. Bernhardt	RN 132974	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the agreed order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Becky LM Carter	LPN 73122	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Tracy Lynne Clack	LPN 99902	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Amanda Michelle Conwill	RN (GA) RN192609	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the agreed order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Vickie Shonta Craft	LPN 86206	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Natasha Paris Louise Forbes	RN 267442	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written.

		Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Tekisha Hill	RN 225100	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Amanda Renee Kelly	RN 208972	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Brittany A. Lawson	RN 207320	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Kari Ann Lynch	LPN 94442	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Erica Nicole Nale	LPN 77992	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Amber M. Smith	RN 189681	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.
Bailey Kristen Sullivan	RN 228037	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried.
Kirsty G. Witzgall	RN 189221	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Malcolm; motion carried.

Conduct Summary Action Hearing(s) – Dogwood Room:

None

Adopt Consent Agenda

- School Announcements
- Education Consent Agenda
- OGC Report
- Investigations Report

- TNPAP Report
- ED Report
- Board Meeting Debrief Survey February 2024

Motion made by Ms. Wyatt to adopt the consent agenda; Mr. McCoy seconded; motion carried.

Approve Travel:

- NCSBN Annual Meeting 2024 – August 27-30, 2024 – Chicago, IL: requesting 4 to attend (2 Staff, 2 Board Member)
- Tennessee Pain Society Annual Meeting 2024 – September 19-22, 2024 – Chattanooga, TN: 2 to attend (Mr. McCoy and 1 other Staff or Board Member)
- Pain Week – September 3-6, 2024 – Las Vegas, NV: requesting 2 to attend (Dr. Linda Johnson and 1 Staff or 1 Board Member)
- NCSBN NCLEX Conference – September 12, 2024 – Virtual: unlimited if no fee; 6 to attend if fee
- Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation Annual Educational Conference – September 16-19, 2024 – Baltimore, MD: requesting 2 to attend (2 Staff or Board Member)
- FARB Regulatory Law Seminar and Innovation in regulation Conference – Fall 2024 – Atlanta, GA; requesting 4 to attend (2 Attorney and 2 Staff/Board member)
- EBAS, Test Development Committee – June 21-22, 2024 – Greeley, CO; requesting 2 to attend (2 Staff or Board Member)

Motion made by Dr. Harris to approve Travel and Mr. Alston seconded; motion carried.

Consider Vote to Approve E.D. Application Review Committee Recommendations- Ms. Hardcastle PHNC2, Ms. Richardson, Executive Director, and Mr. Waters, Deputy General Counsel:

Mr. Waters presented 4 orders from ARC.

- Ashley Thornton, File #187709, RN reinstatement applicant, recommend acceptance of the conditional license order as written. Ms. Wyatt moved to accept the conditional license order as written. Mr. Alston seconded; motion carried.
- Sara Holt, File #135308, RN reinstatement applicant, recommend acceptance of the conditional license order as written. Dr. Webb moved to accept the conditional license order as written. Dr. Malcom seconded; motion carried.
- Laura Grody, File #89659, RN reinstatement applicant, recommend acceptance of the conditional license order as written. Dr. Wright moved to accept the conditional license order as written. Mr. Alston seconded; motion carried.
- Deirdre Rhodes, File #66253, LPN reinstatement applicant, recommend acceptance of the conditional license order as written. Mr. McCoy moved to accept the conditional license order as written. Dr. Harris seconded; motion carried.

Ms. Richardson and Ms. Hardcastle presented 1 case from ARC.

- Shahnaz Poursaied, File #181186, RN reinstatement applicant. Applicant requested to withdraw application. Dr. Harris moved to accept the request of withdrawal of application. Ms. Wyatt seconded; motion carried.

Consider and Vote on Petitions for Order of Compliance and Modification- Mr. Waters, Deputy General Counsel:

Mr. Waters stated there are none.

Recessed at 2:00pm; will reconvene on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 8:15am.

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Call to Order

Sheila Bouie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the Iris Room.

Roll Call and Quorum

Ms. Tanya McCray-Hicks called roll.

Present: Sheila Bouie, RN; Dru Malcolm, RN (left at 10:44am); Martina Harris, RN
Sheryl Wright, APRN; Samuel Alston, LPN; Angela Beard, RN; Charlotte Webb, APRN;
James Darren McCoy, APRN; Nancy Anness, APRN (arrived at 9:23am)

Absent: Amber Wyatt, APRN

A quorum was present.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests

Dr. Bouie welcomed the Board members and guests in the audience. No guests were identified.

Introduction of Staff

Sherry Richardson, Executive Director, Introduced Board staff:
Elizabeth Cooper, Nurse Consultant
Therese McLean, Nurse Consultant
Bethany Hardcastle, Nurse Consultant
Tanya McCray-Hicks, Administrative Director
Mark Waters, Deputy General Counsel

School Hearings— Dr. Cooper, PHNC2

Mission Health Communities, Dickson, TN

Seeking approval for Medication Aide Training Program. Presenting information: Ms. Cassandra Stephens, Program Director. Following the presentation and discussion, Mr. McCoy made a

motion to grant approval for the Medication Aide Program based on Administrative Rule 1000-05-.07 Training Programs. The program meets all Board standards in T.C.A statutes and TN Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Dr. Wright; motion carried.

Ursuline College, Pepperpike, OH

Seeking approval for letter of intent to offer a Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthesia. Presenting information: Dr. Stephanie Woodruff, Nurse Anesthesia Program Director. Following the presentation and discussion, Dr. Harris made a motion to grant approval for the letter of intent to Ursuline College with Somnia Nurse Anesthesia Program (SNAP) for a Doctor of Nursing Practice Nurse Anesthesia based on Administrative Rule 1000-01-.05 (2) board approval of initial development of the nursing program. The program meets all Board standards in T.C.A. statutes and TN Board of Nursing Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Mr. McCoy; motion carried.

Adopt Agreed/ Consent Orders:

Candace Carter

Angie Renee Cox Riddle	RN 87512 APRN 17373	Dr. Malcolm moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Mr. McCoy; motion carried.
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Presentation – Update Regarding Simulation for Nursing Programs – Dr. Beth Hallmark, Director of Education, Belmont Simulation Center, Belmont University and Dr. Susan Hebert, Assistant Dean of Simulation, University of Tennessee, Knoxville College of Nursing.

Dr. Hallmark and Dr. Hebert presented information regarding updates and best practices with high fidelity simulation in nursing education.

Nancy Anness arrived at 9:23am.

Adopt Agreed/ Consent Orders:

Peter Zettersten

Timothy McCombs	LPN 76409	Mr. McCoy moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Dr. Wright; motion carried.
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John Heacock

Amy J. Davis	RN 184087	Ms. Beard moved to accept the consent order as written. Seconded by Mr. McCoy; motion carried.
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Dr. Malcolm left at 10:44am; quorum remains.
Recess for lunch at 10:44am.

Back in session at 12:57pm. Quorum present.

Presentation Regarding Petition for Change to LPN Rules: Curriculum – Dr. Jothany Reed, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Tennessee Board of Regents.

Dr. Reed presented information.

Eric Winters

Tonesha T. Spearman	RN (MS) 891990	Mr. McCoy moved to accept the agreed order as written. Seconded by Dr. Wright; motion carried.
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Consider and Vote on Permanent and Emergency Rules to Implement SB2300 Regarding Required Minimum Hours for PN programs – Mr. Waters, Ms. Richardson

Mr. Waters presented information regarding Public Chapter 891 and proposed amendments based on Public Chapter 89.

Proposed Amendments to the Rule Rewrite Package (Permanent Rule):

- (v) Practical nursing education shall include:
 - (I) A minimum of five hundred fifty (550) instruction hours, to include classroom instruction and planned clinical conferences. **Change to read: Sufficient classroom instruction to comply with the requirements of rule 1000-01-.11 (2) (a) and (b).**
 - (II) Clinical experience:
 - I. Adult-Gerontological Nursing – 325 contact hours **Change to read: Medical-Surgical Nursing – 325 contact hours**
 - II. Mother and Infant care – 35 contact hours **Change to read: Maternal and Infant Care – 35 hours**

III. Nursing of Children – 35 contact hours **Change to read: Pediatric Nursing – 35 hours**

IV. Mental Health Nursing – 35 contact hours **Change to read: Behavior/Mental Health Nursing – 35 hours**

Add: (III) For public institutions of higher education, a total minimum of one thousand two hundred ninety-six (1296) contact hours or an equivalent number of credit hours.

Following discussion by the Board regarding Public Chapter 891 and proposed amendments to rule rewrite package (Permanent Rule); Dr. Harris made a motion to accept the proposed amendments as presented to be added to the current rule rewrite package. Mr. McCoy seconded; Roll Call Vote: Bouie – Yes; Harris – Yes; Wright – Yes; Alston – Yes; Beard – Yes; Webb – Yes; McCoy – Yes; Anness – Yes. Motion carried.

Proposed Amendment to Current Rules (Emergency Rule):

1000-02-.09 SCHOOLS - CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, EVALUATION.

(2) Curriculum Content. Minimum instruction and clinical experience:

(a) Instruction hours - 550 contact hours (this includes both classroom and planned clinical conferences). **Change to read: Classroom instruction shall be sufficient to comply with the requirements of rule 1000-02-.09 (d).**

(b) Clinical experience - a minimum of:

1. Medical-Surgical Nursing, 300 contact hours. **Change to read: Medical-Surgical Nursing, 325 contact hours**
2. Mother and Infant care, 60 contact hours. **Change to read: Mother and Infant care, 35 contact hours**
3. Nursing of Children, 35 contact hours.
4. Mental Health Nursing, 35 contact hours.

Add: (c) For public institutions of higher education, a total minimum of one thousand two hundred ninety-six (1296) contact hours or an equivalent number of credit hours.

(c) Areas of learning: **Change to (d) Areas of learning:**

1. Area I: Supporting Content. This area should include personal, family and community health, vocational relationships, basic anatomy and physiology, basic nutrition, and basic nursing skills including pharmacology and the administration of medication.

2. Area II: Core Content. This area includes assisting patients in all age groups to meet their needs for daily living, nursing patients with relatively stable nursing requirements and assisting the professional nurse in more complex nursing situations. Courses of instruction and clinical experience shall be planned in the nursing care of newborn infants, children, adolescents and adults across the age span. Concepts of mental health nursing shall be included in the curriculum including chemical dependency. This area is not necessarily distinct, and some

aspects of it may be interwoven with Area I. Principles learned in Area I should be applied in nursing situations in Area II.

Following discussion by the Board regarding Public Chapter 891 and proposed amendments to current rules (Emergency Rule); Mr. McCoy made a motion to accept the proposed amendments as presented to be added to an emergency rule change package. Dr. Harris seconded; Roll Call Vote: Bouie – Yes; Harris – Yes; Wright – Yes; Alston – Yes; Beard – Yes; Webb – Yes; McCoy – Yes; Anness – Yes. Motion carried.

Discuss and Vote to Amend Nursing Rule Rewrite Packet to Address Feedback from A.G.'s Office and Incorporate LPN Scope of practice changes – Mr. Waters, Ms. Richardson

Mr. Waters presented the document with the proposed amendments, as follows (red, indicates added language):

Proposed Amendments:

Page 9: Rule 1000-01-.04 RN/LPN Licensure by Endorsement.

(2) Qualifications - The applicant must either be a graduate of an approved school of nursing, or the approved school must certify to the Board that the applicant has met all requirements for a diploma, degree, or certificate and been licensed by examination in the other **U.S.** jurisdiction.

(e) An **internationally educated** applicant ~~internationally educated or licensed in another country shall be required to submit~~ **cause** a copy of certificate from the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) ~~or school transcript.~~ ~~When there is a question as to the educational qualification, a CES evaluation~~ **to submit a CES professional report** ~~may be required.~~

Page 14: Rule 1000-01-.07 Discipline of Licensees, Unauthorized Practice of Nursing, Civil Penalties, Screening Panels, Subpoenas, Advisory Rulings, Declaratory Orders, and Assessment of Costs.

(5) Civil Penalties

(a) Schedule of Civil Penalties

1. A Type A Civil Penalty may be imposed whenever the Board finds a person who is required to be licensed, certified, permitted, or authorized by the Board, guilty of a willful and knowing violation of the Tennessee Code, or regulations pursuant thereto, to such an extent that there is, or is likely to be, an imminent, substantial threat to the health, safety and welfare of an individual patient or the public. For purposes of this section, willfully and knowingly practicing ~~professional~~ nursing without a permit, license, certification, or other authorization from the Board is one of the violations of the Tennessee Code for which a Type A Civil Penalty is assessable.

Page 20: Rule 1000-01-.08 Unprofessional Conduct and Unfitness or Incompetence by Reason of Negligence, Habits or Other Cause.

- (1) Unprofessional conduct and unfitness or incompetency by reasons of negligence, habits or other cause, as those terms are used in the statute includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (g) Being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, or under the influence of drugs which impair judgment while on **call or on** duty in any health care facility, school, institution or other workplace location;
 - (k) Practicing ~~professional~~ nursing in this state on a lapsed (state) license or without an active license;

Page 26: Rule 1000-01-.11 Criteria For Schools of Nursing.

- (4) Students
- (b) Students shall be provided with the opportunity to acquire and demonstrate the knowledge, skills and abilities required for safe and effective nursing practice, in theory and clinical experience, through **faculty** ~~facility~~ supervision and appropriate advisement.

Page 31: Rule 1000-01-.14 Continuing Approval of a School of Nursing.

- (3) Board Closure of a School of Nursing. The Board shall withdraw approval if, after proper notice and opportunity to be heard, it determines that:
- (a) A school of nursing fails to meet the standards of these rules **and**;

Page 37: Rule 1000-01-.18 Standards of Nursing Competence.

Successful completion of (10) contact hours per **renewal period** ~~year~~ of continuing education / in-service education applicable to ~~the licensee's~~ nursing practice ~~per year regardless of practice status.~~

Page 48: Rule 1000-04-.04

- (4) An advanced practice registered nurse who possesses a certificate of fitness and prescribes shall, prior to prescribing, file a notice with the Board containing:
- (c) The name of the licensed physician **collaborating with the nurse who has** ~~having~~ ~~Supervision~~, control and responsibility for prescriptive services rendered by the nurse.

Following discussion by the Board regarding the proposed amendments of the Nursing Rule Rewrite Packet to Address Feedback from A.G.'s Office; Dr. Webb made a motion to accept the changes as presented in the Nursing Rule Rewrite Packet addressing feedback from A.G.'s Office. Dr. Wright seconded; Roll Call Vote: Bouie – Yes; Harris – Yes; Wright – Yes; Alston – Yes; Beard – Yes; Webb – Yes; McCoy – Yes; Anness – Yes. Motion carried.

Changes to LPN Scope of Practice:

Mr. Waters presented documentation of the Board's vote from the August 2023 meeting as follows:

(4) Intravenous (IV) Push Medications - The administration of intravenous push medications refers to medications administered from a syringe directly into an ongoing intravenous infusion or into a saline or heparin lock. Intravenous push does not include saline or heparin flushes.

(a) Licensed Practical Nurses May deliver selected intravenous push medications when prescribed by a licensed health care professional who has legal authority to prescribe such medications, and when under the Supervision of a licensed physician, dentist or Registered Nurse pursuant to T.C.A. § 63-7-108, provided:

~~1. The Licensed Practical Nurse administers IV push medications in peripheral lines only; and~~

~~2. The Licensed Practical Nurse administers IV push medications only to adults weighing over eighty (80) pounds; and~~

~~3. The Licensed Practical Nurse has successfully completed a course of study developed from the Infusion Nurse Society Standards; or~~

~~4. The Licensed Practical Nurse has successfully completed a formal (institutional/agency based) intravenous therapy training and competency program prior to January 1, 2007.~~

1. The Licensed Practical Nurse has successfully completed a course of study developed from the Infusion Nurse Society Standards; or

2. The Licensed Practical Nurse has successfully completed a formal (institutional/agency-based) intravenous therapy training and competency program prior to January 1, 2007; and

3. Intravenous medication administration will be based on the knowledge, training and the competency validation specific to the licensed practical nurse's role and practice environment; and

4. The Licensed Practical Nurse administers IV push medications only to adults weighing over eighty (80) pounds.

(b) Licensed Practical Nurses Shall not administer IV push medications to pediatric or prenatal obstetrical patients.

Following discussion by Board regarding changes to the LPN Scope of Practice; Dr. Harris made a motion to not incorporate the changes of the LPN Scope of Practice, that were voted on in August 2023, into the Rule Rewrite Package. Ms. Anness seconded; all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment:

No requests received; no one present.

Conduct Summary Action Hearing(s):

Mr. Waters stated none this afternoon.

Debrief/Open Discussion/Other Business - Dr. Bouie:

Board members discussed aspects of the meeting that went well, what didn't go well, what was learned.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Dr. Harris. Seconded by Ms. Beard; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.