

**NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**January 22, 2021
MINUTES**

Time and Place of Meeting	A regular meeting of the North Carolina Board of Nursing was held via teleconference on January 22, 2021. Meeting convened at 9:02 a.m.
Presiding	Pam Edwards, RN
Members Present	Ann Marie Milner, RN Lori Lewis, LPN Lora Bartlett, RN Racquel Ingram, RN Becky Ezell, RN LaDonna Thomas, RN Arlene Imes, LPN Kimberly McKnight, RN Andrea Jeppson, LPN Lynetta Howard, RN Tom Minowicz, Public Member Dianne Layden, Public Member
Guest Present	Aimy Steele, Pending Public Member
Staff Present	Crystal Tillman, Chief Executive Officer Amy Fitzhugh, Chief Legal Officer Gayle Bellamy, Chief Financial Officer Angela Ellis, Chief Administrative Officer Joyce Winstead, Education/Practice Consultant Jennifer Lewis, Education/Practice Consultant 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	<p>The Consent Agenda be approved as presented. MOTION: That the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Lewis/Passed.</p> <p>The following items were accepted/approved by adoption of the Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes of September 18, 2020 (Board Meeting)• Minutes of December 3, 2020 (Administrative Hearings)• Board Governance Committee<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Summary of Activities(b) BOES Update (FYI)

- (c) Board Assessment Action Plan Final Report (FYI)
- Chief Executive Officer
 - (a) NC Office of Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council
- Education and Practice Committee
 - (a) Education Program Activity
 - (b) Research Committee Update
 - (c) NCLEX Quarterly Pass Rates – 4th Quarter
- Licensure Review Panels
 - (a) Licensure Review Panel Report
- Settlement Committee
 - (a) Summary of Activities
- Report on Non-Hearing Discipline, Investigation/Monitoring, Practice Matters
 - (a) Administrative Actions on Non-Hearing Disciplinary Activities
 - (b) Administrative Actions on Non-Hearing Compliance Matters
 - (c) Administrative Actions on Non-Hearing Practice Matters
- Drug Monitoring Programs
 - (a) Program Statistics
- Meetings/Conferences
 - (a) Summary of Activities

Meeting Agenda The Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.
MOTION: That the Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.
Layden/Passed

Finance Committee

- 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.

MOTION: That the Board approve the Auditor's Report as presented.
Committee Recommendation/Passed

Board Governance Received and reviewed proposed Board Assessment Action Plan for 2021.
MOTION: That the Board approve the Board Assessment Action Plan for 2021 as presented.
Committee Recommendation/Passed

Chief Executive Officer Received updates as follows:

- Continue monthly call with NCSBN. Discussions include COVID status and NCLEX Exam Testing.
- Emergency Temporary Waivers were created in April 2020. Waivers have been extended until December 2021.
- David Benton of NCSBN announced that FEMA will be setting up 100 sites over the next 30 days. Enlisting community helpers to help with the pandemic. As additional information will be shared as it is made available.

- AACN accelerate nursing schools to combat the vaccine. Engaging faculty, students to help administer the vaccine and educate the community.
- The following staff changes were shared: Effective February 1: Jennifer Lewis Education/Practice Consultant to Director of Education; Joyce Winstead Education/Practice Consultant to Director of Practice. The position of Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) has been created and will be an internal posting. The CNO position will report directly to and assist the CEO and will have some oversight of the Board functions.

Strategic Plan Update	Received and reviewed the strategic plan. CEO provided an update on the initiatives to include dates that have been pushed out due the COVID Pandemic. Additionally, planning will begin for the next 4-year Strategic Plan. Staff will begin research and data collection. Final draft to be presented to the full Board at its January 2022 Board Meeting.
Legislative Update	Received and reviewed a legislative update presented by Catherine Moore, Regulatory Consultant and Legislative Liaison. Update included legislative refresher, Nurse legislators and Legislative Session Summary.
Education & Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received and reviewed Summary of Activities from the Education and Practice Committee.• Received and reviewed LPN Scope of Practice Proposed Revisions.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Received and reviewed proposed revision to 21 NCAC 36 .0120(39) definition. MOTION: That the Board accept the proposed revision to 21 NCAC 36 .0120(39) definition as presented. Committee Recommendation/Passed◦ Received and reviewed proposed revision to LPN Scope of Practice. MOTION: That the Board accept the proposed revision to LPN Scope of Practice as presented. Committee Recommendation/Passed◦ Received and reviewed proposed revision to RN and LPN Scope of Practice as presented. MOTION: That the Board accept the proposed revision to RN and LPN Scope of Practice as presented. Committee Recommendation/Passed• Received and reviewed request for 2021 Education and Practice Committee Charge. The request identified a comprehensive review of the Law and Administrative Code related to Nursing Education Programs and recommend needed revisions to the NCBON Education Rules in 21 NCAC 36 .0300 Approval of Nursing Programs to the full Board. MOTION: That the Board approve the Education and Practice Committee charge to review best practices for nursing education program regulation, the related Law and Rules, and recommend any needed revisions to the NCBON Education Rules in 21 NCAC 36 .0300 – Approval of Nursing Programs to the Board.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- Received and reviewed the revised Joint Position Statement: Opioid Treatment Programs.

MOTION: That the Board approve the revised Joint Position Statement North Carolina Board of Nursing and North Carolina State Opioid Treatment Authority: Opioid Treatment Programs.

Ingram/Passed

Education Program Activity

- Received and reviewed Application for establishment of new BSN program and ABSN option at Elon University.

MOTION: That the Board grant Elon University initial approval for a traditional 4-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and an Accelerated Bachelor of Science Program Option with an approval for maximum total enrollment for 280 students to begin Fall 2021.

Milner/Passed

Program Non-Compliance

- Received and reviewed Region A Nursing Consortium ADN program.

MOTION: That the Board approve to continue program status of Approval with Warning and report to the Board status, and recommendation as indicated by outcomes on or before September 2021.

Lewis/Passed

- Received and reviewed Southwestern Community College ADN program.

MOTION: That the Board approve to continue program status of Approval with Warning and report to the Board status and recommendation as indicated by outcomes on or before September 2021.

Minowicz/Passed

- Received and reviewed South University-High Point BSN program non-compliance with 21 NCAC 36 .0320(e).

MOTION: That the Board approve to continue program status of Approval with Warning and report to the Board status and recommendation as indicated by outcomes January 2022.

Ezell/Passed

- Received and reviewed report of Approval Status Changes related to Annual NCLEX Results.

MOTION: That the Board approve the Status Changes related to the Annual NCLEX Results as presented.

Layden/Passed

NCAC Chapter 36 - Rules

- Received and reviewed proposed amendment.

- 21 NCAC 36 .0809 Prescribing Authority

MOTION: That the Board approve proposed amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0809 Prescribing Authority as presented. Further direct staff to proceed with rulemaking process.

Ingram/Passed

Midwifery Joint Committee

- Received and reviewed recommendation for appointment of Stephanie Godfrey, CNM to the Midwifery Joint Committee.

MOTION: That the Board approve the appointment of Stephanie Godfrey, CNM to the Midwifery Joint Committee effective January 2021.
Committee Recommendation/Passed

Closed Session **MOTION:** 11:24 am Executive Session for discussion of legal matters
Minowicz/Passed

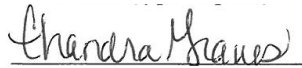
Open Session **MOTION:** 11:46 am Open Session
Milner/Passed

Adjournment **MOTION:** 11:46 am Meeting be adjourned.
Minowicz/Passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

February 2, 2021

Date Submitted



Chandra Graves
Executive Assistant

May 27, 2021

Date Approved



Crystal L. Tillman, DNP, RN, CNP, FRE
Chief Executive Officer