

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 26, 2023. Meeting convened at 9:01 a.m.
Presiding	Dr. Racquel Ingram, RN
Members Present	Andrea Jeppson, LPN Dr. Lora Bartlett, RN Dr. Aimy Steele, Public Member Dr. LaDonna Thomas, RN Karen York, RN Tom Minowicz, Public Member Edna Ennis, RN Frank DeMarco, RN Dianne Layden, Public Member Dr. Shakira Henderson, RN Cheryl Wheeler, LPN
Members Absent	Arlene Imes, LPN
Staff Present	Dr. Crystal Tillman, Chief Executive Officer Anna Choi, General Counsel Angela Ellis, Chief Administrative Officer Dr. Sara Griffith, Chief Nursing Officer Gayle Bellamy, Chief Financial Officer Dr. Terry Ward, Education Consultant Dr. Ann Marie Milner, 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. Layden/Passed. The following items were accepted/approved by adoption of the Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of September 22, 2022 (Board Meeting)

- Minutes of September 21, 2022 (Administrative Hearings)
- Minutes of December 7, 2022 (Administrative Hearings)
- Board Governance
 - (a) Summary of Activities
 - (b) Board Assessment Action Plan Final Report
- Education
 - (a) Education Program Activity
 - (b) NCLEX Quarterly Pass Rates
 - (c) Approval Status Changes Related to Annual NCLEX Pass Rate Results
- 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 as presented.

MOTION: That the Meeting Agenda be adopted as presented.

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Open Comment Period

The following individual addressed the Board during Open Comment Period

- Dr. Lori Byrd: Discussed proposed Education rule amendments

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Officer Dr. Crystal Tillman reported the following:

- Welcome newly elected board members:
 - Dr. Anna Seaman, PN Nurse Educator
 - Karen York, Staff Nurse
- Welcome to new board officers:
 - Dr. Racquel Ingram, Chair
 - Andrea Jeppson, LPN Vice-Chair
- Welcome new board staff:
 - Dr. Ann Marie Milner, Education Consultant
 - Tyana Langley, Operations Coordinator
 - Dr. Kimberly Luisana, APRN Consultant
- Reviewed members of the General Assembly who are nurses.

- Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC): There are 39 NLC Jurisdictions and status. Ohio most recent, while Alaska is pending; Hawaii and New York are moving forward with becoming a compact state.
- National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) CEO Dr. David Benson is retiring in September 2023. NCSBN is currently in search of a new CEO.
- Fayetteville State University: Pioneering Class for the Black Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Launched.
- Provided an overview of licensed nurses in North Carolina including a downward trend of Licensed Practical Nurses. Statistical information can be found on the Board's website.
- NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination) Test Plans and passing score have been released for RN and LPN. The passing standard will be maintained for the current year. Additional information can be found on the NCSBN website.
- NGN (Next Generation NCLEX) will launch on April 1. The NGN outlines improved questions to determine clinical judgement to achieve best outcomes.
- NCBON rebranding has launched. The new brand depicts four leaves representing the regions of North Carolina. Updates to website and email reflect the new look.
- The 2023 Election of Nurse Members in progress. Licensees may visit the Board's website for additional information and open seats.
- Updates to the Licensure Verification System to include removing social security numbers to verify a license to ensure public protection of private information.
- Legislative staff from the General Statutes Commission reached out to the Board to request input to be considered when the Commission begins their discussion of the Uniform Telehealth Act.
- North Carolina and the country of Moldova are in a Bilateral partnership. Included in this partnership is starting nursing regulation, which is currently not available in Moldova.
- The Board continues with the DEI program, including providing educational opportunities and publishing an article in the Bulletin.

Strategic Plan Update Received and reviewed strategic plan updates presented by Dr. Sara Griffith. Updates included achievements for 2022: approval of Protocols; expanded options for support groups for nurses in AP or DP; and APRN Scope of Practice Position Statement. Identified targets for 2023 to include: Review and revise regulatory policies to align with law and rules; Collaborate with legislators and stakeholders regarding the SAVE Act; Research projects on nursing workforce.

Legislative Update	Received and reviewed the legislative update presented by Dr. Catherine Moore. Included updates were the start date of the long session; Identifying the five nurses elected to the North Carolina General Assembly; Legislative Report on increasing nursing graduates; and SAVE Act.
Finance Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Received and reviewed Summary of Activities to include 4th 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Received and reviewed revisions to Fiscal Policy F06 Per Diem & Reimbursement. <p>MOTION: That the Board approve the revision to Fiscal Policy F06 Per Diem & Reimbursement as presented. Committee Recommendation/Passed</p>
Board Governance	Received and reviewed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Board Chair Assessment <p>MOTION: That the Board accept the proposed amendments to the Code of Conduct/Job Description as presented. Committee Recommendation/Passed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Employment Validation (FYI)Election (FYI) <p>MOTION: That the Board approve proposed recommendations regarding the election process as presented Committee Recommendation/Passed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">End of Year Recognition (FYI)Oath of Office (FYI)Scripts (FYI)Governance Policies <p>MOTION: That the Board approve the Board Member Code of Conduct/Job Description and Governing Policies as presented Committee Recommendation/Passed</p>
Education Program Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Received and reviewed Summary of Activities from the Education and Practice Committee.Received and reviewed<ul style="list-style-type: none">21 NCAC 36 .0120 Definitions <p>MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0120 Definitions as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.</p>

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0220 Refresher Course

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0220 Refresher Course as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0233 Out of State Students

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0233 Out of State Students as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0302 Establishment of a Nursing Program-Initial Approval

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0302 Establishment of a Nursing Program-Initial Approval and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0303 Existing Nursing Program

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0303 Existing Nursing Program as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0309 Process for Closure of a Program

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0309 Process for Closure of a Program as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0317 Administration

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0317 Administration as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0318 Faculty

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0318 Faculty as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0320 Students

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0320 Students as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0321 Curriculum

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0321 Curriculum as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0322 Facilities

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0322 Facilities as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36 .0323 Records and Reports

MOTION: That the Board approve the amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0323 Records and Reports as presented and direct staff to proceed with the rulemaking process.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- Received and reviewed the following position statements

- External Examinations

MOTION: That the Board approve revisions to the Position Statement Use of Standardized External Examinations to a Guidance Statement with Revisions as presented.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- Distance Education

MOTION: That the Board approve the deletion of the Position Statement Distance Education.

Committee Recommendation/Passed

- Received and reviewed Determination of Program Approval Status – Initial Approval for New Program

- Cabarrus College, Concord – Application for establishment of a new BSN Program with ABSN entry – option

MOTION: That the Board grant Cabarrus College be granted initial approval for a Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program and Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing entry option, with approval for a maximum total enrollment of 167 students to begin August (Fall) 2023.

Steele/Passed

Practice

Received and reviewed request for 2023 Education and Practice Committee Charge. The request identified the need to review the Position Statement Telehealth/Telenursing and related law and rules to assure the provision of sufficient guidance for nurses practicing within this modality.

MOTION: That the Board charge the Education and Practice Committee to review the Position Statement concerning telehealth/telenursing and related Law and Rules; and recommend needed revision to the Board.

Layden/Passed

Administrative Code

Received and reviewed

- 21 NCAC 36. 0221 License Required

MOTION: That the Board approve proposed amendment to 21 NCAC 36 .0221 License Required and direct staff to proceed with rulemaking.

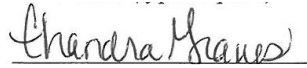
Ennis/Passed

- 21 NCAC 36. 0228 Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice
MOTION: That the Board approve proposed amendments to 21 NCAC 36 .0228 Clinical Nurse Specialist Practice and direct staff to proceed with rulemaking.
Henderson/Passed
- 21 NCAC 36. 0817 COVID-19 Drug Prevention Rule
MOTION: That the Board approve the repeal of the permanent rule 21 NCAC 36. 0817 COVID-19 Drug Preservation Rule and direct staff to proceed with rulemaking.
Steele/Passed


Adjournment **MOTION:** 11:37 am Meeting be adjourned.
Minowicz/Passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

February 8, 2023
Date Submitted


Chandra Graves, Manager, Administration

May 18, 2023
Date Approved


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