

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR  
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES  
February 16, 2012**

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A Special Board meeting was held at the office of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses at 101 Dee Drive, Suite 102, Charleston, WV 25311-1620, on February 16, 2012.

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

ROBIN WALTON, MSN, RN, Ed.D., PRESIDENT

JUDY NYSTROM, PUBLIC MEMBER, SECRETARY

JOYCE EGNOR, MSN, RN

MARY FRIEL FANNING, MSN, RN

TERESA RITCHIE, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

ANN BOSTIC, MSN, CRNA

(ANN BOSTIC RECUSED HERSELF AND WAS NOT PRESENT FOR ALL DISCUSSIONS  
RELATED TO MOUNTAIN STATE UNIVERSITY)

MARY ELIZABETH FARMER, PUBLIC MEMBER

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

LAURA S. RHODES, MSN, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ALICE R. FAUCETT, JD, GENERAL COUNSEL & DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE

MARGARET "MARTY" ALSTON, SECRETARY II/ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT II

**FEBRUARY 16, 2012**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Robin Walton Board President at 9:05 a.m.

**2. QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

3. The Board reviewed the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Judy Nystrom to approve the agenda as presented. The second was offered by Mary Fanning. Motion carried.

**4. INTRODUCTIONS**

4. Introductions were made by Board Members, staff and guests.

**5. MINUTES**

**A. REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR  
NOVEMBER 17, 2011 SPECIAL  
BOARD MEETING**

5. The meeting minutes for the November 17, 2011 Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to accept the minutes as submitted. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried.

**B. REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR  
JANUARY 13, 2012 SPECIAL  
BOARD MEETING**

The meeting minutes for the January 13, 2012 Special Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. Libby Farmer to accept the minutes as amended. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

**C. REVIEW OF MINUTES FOR  
FEBRUARY 6, 2012  
EMERGENCY BOARD  
MEETING**

The meeting minutes for the February 6, 2012 Emergency Board meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Dr. Libby Farmer to accept the minutes as submitted. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried.

**3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

3. The Executive Director provided the Board with an updated report on several Bills of interest introduced during the 2012 Legislative Session. Senate Bill 109 was reviewed. Teresa Ritchie offered a motion to oppose the bill. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. Discussion ensued. After further review of the updated language of the bill Teresa Ritchie withdrew her motion. The Board found no objection to it at this time.

**4. EDUCATION  
A. NCLEX-RN RESULTS**

4. The Board reviewed the 2011 calendar year NCLEX-RN results for all programs in West Virginia. Overall West Virginia ranks near the bottom of the state averages across the country. No action taken at this time. This agenda item will appear on the March 22-23, 2012 agenda.

**B. SALEM INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY DIRECTOR  
REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

- 4.B. Discussion on this topic was delayed until Dr. Bloch could be contacted by phone.

**C. WEST VIRGINIA JUNIOR  
COLLEGE REQUEST FOR  
APPROVAL OF ONLINE  
COURSES**

- 4.C. A motion was made by Mary Fanning to approve general education courses to be presented in an online format. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.

**D. MARSHALL UNIVERSITY  
BUDGET INFORMATION**

**Robin Walton, Board President recused herself at this time and left the room. Judy Nystrom, Board Secretary assumed the Chair position.**

- 4.D. A motion was made by Mary Fanning to approve the Annual Report submitted for Marshall University in September 2011 including the updated budget and for future reports to represent the budget for programs leading to initial licensure. The second was offered by Teresa Ritchie. The motion carried. The Board directed staff to review how other education programs with undergraduate, graduate and completion programs are reporting the budget and report back to the Board.

**B. SALEM INTERNATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY DIRECTOR  
REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

- 4.B. Dr. Bloch was not able to be contacted by phone. The Board moved forward with this item

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Robin Walton, Board President, announced that in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 4(2)(A), of the Code of West Virginia, Executive Sessions may be held by governmental agencies to discuss certain matters. All motions arising from the discussion during the Executive Session shall be made and voted on in an open meeting immediately following an Executive Session.

A motion was made by Ann Bostic that the Board recess and reconvene in an Executive Session for legal advice from Counsel. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried. The Board reconvened in Executive Session.

### **RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

A motion was made by Libby Farmer to reconvene the regular meeting. The second was offered by Judy Nystrom. Motion carried. The Board reconvened in Public Session. There were no motions from the Executive Session.

- 4B.** Dr. Bloch was present by phone for portions of the Board's discussions. A motion was made by Teresa Ritchie to approve the appointment of Dr. Bobbie Bloch with the requirement of implementing a mentoring and development plan defined by the Board which will be sent under separate cover. The director shall only teach 6 clock hours a week including lecture and clinical combined. This shall be fully implemented by the Board's March 22, 2012 meeting. Dr. Bloch is to appear in person at the Board's March 22, 2012 meeting held in Charleston, West Virginia. Dr. Bloch is to attend meetings of the West Virginia Association of Deans and Directors of Nursing Education (ADDNE). Further, Salem International University is to:
1. Immediately cease all admission for all nursing students. This includes students at each level;
  2. Submit a plan and status report regarding the hiring of new faculty and the progress in the mentoring and development plan for Dr. Bloch by May 1, 2012 for review at the Board's June 2012 meeting;
  3. Submit a report that includes the total number of nursing faculty (full time and part time) which provides the programs in which they teach and each person's teaching load. This report shall include information regarding faculty teaching in any nursing program include LPN, RN-BSN and ADN.

The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.

LUNCH 12 - 1:00 PM

**E. MOUNTAIN STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**Ann BOSTIC recused herself from discussion and decisions regarding Mountain State University and was not in the room.**

**E. MOUNTAIN STATE  
UNIVERSITY CON'T**

- 4.E.** The Board's Executive Director reviewed the Status Report submitted by Dr. Sheila Garland, Mountain State University (MSU) required by the Board during the February 16, 2012 meeting. Discussion ensued. The Board recognized individuals requesting to address the Board. These included Justine Beckett, MSU Student; Dr. Jerry Ice, Interim President for MSU and current President of the Board of Trustees; Dr. Jessica Sharp, Faculty MSU and Dave Stoots, Parent of an MSU student.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Robin Walton, Board President, announced that in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 4(2)(A), of the Code of West Virginia, Executive Sessions may be held by governmental agencies to confer with legal counsel. All motions arising from the discussion during the Executive Session shall be made and voted on in an open meeting immediately following an Executive Session.

A motion was made by Teresa Ritchie that the Board recess and reconvene in an Executive Session for legal advice from Counsel. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried. The Board reconvened in Executive Session.

**RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION**

A motion was made by Joyce Egnor to reconvene the regular meeting. The second was offered by Judy Nystrom. Motion carried. The Board reconvened in Public Session. There were no motions from the Executive Session.

Dr. Garland spoke to the NCLEX-RN pass rates for 2011. The Board addressed the deficiencies identified in the recent review of student records. William Fife, Board of Trustee Member requested an opportunity to speak with the Board in a closed session.

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A motion was made by Joyce Egnor that the Board recess and reconvene in an Executive Session for discussion with the representatives from the MSU Board of Trustees. The second was offered by Libby Farmer. The motion carried. The Board reconvened in Executive Session.

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A motion was made by Libby Farmer to reconvene the regular meeting. The second was offered by Judy Nystrom. Motion carried. The Board reconvened in Public Session. There were no motions from the Executive Session.

Mary Fanning made a motion to withdraw approval of Mountain State University (MSU) nursing program effective midnight August 31, 2012 and by March 12, 2012 MSU Board of Trustees and Dr. Garland will show evidence of meeting with all current MSU nursing students to identify options for transfer to an accredited nursing program. The second was offered by Libby Farmer. The motion carried.

#### **4.F. EXAM APPLICATION**

- 4.F.** Teresa Ritchie made a motion to approve the exam application presented to the Board provided that first the applicant have an assessment completed by a nursing education program, areas of learning identified and evidence of addressing those learning needs submitted to the Board. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.

#### **5. NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS (NOAP) CONFERENCE**

- 5.** Joyce Egnor made a motion for the Board to approve attendance of a total of 4 individuals (Board members and staff) at the NOAP conference, March 14 - 17, 2012 in Nashville, TN. The second was offered by Libby Farmer. The motion carried.

6. ADJOURN

6. Teresa Ritchie made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 PM. The second was offered by Joyce Egnor. The motion carried.



Minutes taken and prepared by  
Margaret "Marty" Alston  
Secretary II/Accounting Assistant II

and



Minutes taken and prepared by  
Laura Skidmore Rhodes, MSN, RN  
Executive Director



Respectfully submitted by  
Judy Nystrom, Public Member  
Board Secretary