

WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES

April 13, 2011

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BY CONFERENCE CALL

ROBIN WALTON, MSN, RN, Ed.D., FNP-BC, PRESIDENT

JUDY NYSTROM, SECRETARY

ANN BOSTIC, MSN, CRNA

MARY FRIEL FANNING, MSN, RN

TERESA RITCHIE, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

MARY ELIZABETH FARMER, PhD, PUBLIC MEMBER

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT

JOYCE EGNOR, MSN, RN

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robin Walton, Board President at 3:00 p.m.

2. QUORUM

With the required number of members being present a quorum was established.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

3. A motion was made by Judy Nystrom to approve the proposed agenda. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

4. WEST VIRGINIA JUNIOR COLLEGE PROPOSED NURSING PROGRAM

4. Board member Mary Fanning and Board staff, Alice R. Faucett completed the On-Site Visit to West Virginia Junior College regarding the proposal for an Associate Degree Program in Morgantown, WV and provided an overview to the Board. Patty Callen, Executive Director for West Virginia Junior College and Heather Lucy, Nursing Program Director for West Virginia Junior College were present in person. Discussion ensued regarding transfer of credits from this program to other nursing programs as well as accreditation by a national nursing accrediting body. At this time, credits from this program will not transfer to other state schools and it is not known if the credits will transfer to private schools of nursing for those planning to obtain a bachelors degree in nursing. Ms. Lucy shared with the Board that she has an arrangement with Sandra Wynn, Director at Bluefield State College Nursing Program to be a consultant/mentor to her. A motion was made by Mary Fanning for provisional approval of the new program and approval of Ms. Lucy as the Director of the Program. The second was offered by Mary Farmer. The motion carried. The Board directed that the provisional approval will remain in effect at least until the NCLEX-RN licensing exam results of the first class are known. The Board requires monthly reports regarding the progress related to implementation and annual site visits from the Board will occur. Ms. Lucy was invited to attend the June Board meeting.

5. MISCELLANEOUS

A. MOUNTAIN STATE UNIVERSITY CHANGE IN NURSING LEADERSHIP

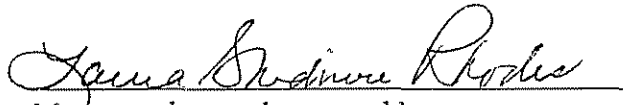
Ann Bostic recused herself from the meeting prior to discussion of this topic and disconnected from the conference call.

- 5.A. The Board reviewed the letter from Charles H. Polk, President, Mountain State University in which he announces the resignation of Dr. Nancey France and the appointment of Dr. Sheila Garland as the Interim Dean, and the appointment of Dr. Garland the Dean of the School of Nursing pending Board approval. Dr. Sheila Garland, EdD, RN was present by conference call. A motion was made by Teresa Ritchie to approve Dr. Garland as the Dean of the School of Nursing at Mountain State University. The Second was offered by Mary Fanning. Motion

carried. The Board welcomed Dr. Garland to the new role and invited her to attend the June Board meeting.

6. ADJOURN

6. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Judy Nystrom. The second was offered by Mary Farmer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.


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


Respectfully submitted by
Judy Nystrom, Secretary