

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
MARCH 8, 2019**

**A Board meeting was held at the office of the West Virginia Board of Examiners
for Registered Professional Nurses at 90 MacCorkle Avenue, Suite 203, South
Charleston, WV 25303, on March 8, 2019.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

TARA F. HULSEY, PhD, RN, CNE, FAAN, PRESIDENT

NANCY V. ATKINS, MSN, APRN WHNP-BC

JOHN MARTIN, PUBLIC MEMBER

L. ANN BOSTIC, DNP, APRN CRNA

DORIS F. BURKEY, DNP, MSN, APRN FNP-BC

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

TERESA RITCHIE, DNP, APRN FNP-BC, SECRETARY

THERESA L. DENNISON, PUBLIC MEMBER

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

DR. SUE A. PAINTER, DNP, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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

ROBIN A. LEWIS, ED.D., MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, DIRECTOR OF PRACTICE AND
EDUCATION

MARGARET "MARTY" ALSTON, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

1. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by, Board President at 9:00 a.m.

2. QUORUM

2. A Quorum was established.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTROUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

3. Introductions were made recognizing the visitors in attendance.

4. MISSION REVIEW

4. Tara Hulsey, Board President provided a review of the Board's mission.

5. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

5. The Board reviewed the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Doris Burkey to approve the agenda. Ann Bostic offered the second. The motion carried.

6. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

A. NOVEMBER 8, 2018 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

6. A. The Board reviewed and considered the meeting minutes for the Special Board Meeting held on November 8, 2018. A motion was made by Nancy Atkins to approve the minutes as written. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

B. DECEMBER 14, 2018

- 6.B. The Board reviewed and considered the meeting minutes for the Board Meeting held on December 14, 2018. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to approve the minutes as written. The second was offered by Doris Burkey. The motion carried.

**C. JANUARY 18, 2019 SPECIAL
BOARD MEETING**

- 6.C. The Board reviewed and considered the meeting minutes for the Special Board Meeting held on January 18, 2019. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to approve the minutes as written. The second was offered by John Martin. The motion carried.

**D. JANUARY 29, 2019 SPECIAL
BOARD MEETING**

- 6.D. The Board reviewed and considered the meeting minutes for the Special Board Meeting held on January 29, 2019. A motion was made by Ann Bostic to approve the minutes as written. The second was offered by Nancy Atkins. The motion carried.

7. OPEN FORUM

7. There was no one present that expressed the desire to speak during the open forum.

**8. PRE-LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR
REGISTERED NURSES (NCLEX-RN)**

A. 2018 CALENDAR YEAR RESULTS

- 8.A. The 2018 National Prelicensure Nursing Education First Time Test Taker Graduate NCLEX-RN licensure pass rate result was 88.89. The 2018 West Virginia Prelicensure Nursing Education First Time Test Taker Graduate NCLEX-RN licensure pass rate result was 93.58%. West Virginia 2018 NCLEX-RN rank for overall first-time test taker graduate pass rate was 4th highest out of all 55 jurisdictions.

**B. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF
ACCREDITATION COMMISSION
FOR EDUCATION IN NURSING
NOTIFICATIONS TO
CONSTITUENTS FOR PROGRAM
WITHDRAWALS AND CLOSING AND
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE ACTIONS**

- 8.B. The Board reviewed and considered ACEN Notification of program

withdrawals and closings, and substantive change actions. No reported actions taken on WV nursing education programs.

**C. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF
COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE
NURSING EDUCATION BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS ACTIONS**

8.C. No reported actions taken on WV nursing education programs.

**D. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF
NATIONAL NURSING
ACCREDITED PRE-LICENSURE
NURSING EDUCATION
PROGRAMS**

8.D. The Board reviewed and considered national nursing accredited pre-licensure nursing education programs.

**1. ACCREDITATION
COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION
IN NURSING (ACEN)**

**a. ALDERSON BROADDUS
UNIVERSITY
BACCALAUREATE OF
SCIENCE IN NURSING
PROGRAM- ACEN
SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE
REPORT AND NURSE
ADMINISTRATOR
CHANGE REPORT**

8.D.1.a. The Board reviewed the ACEN substantive report submitted January 22, 2019. The Board reviewed ACEN nurse administrator change report submitted January 31, 2019.

**b. BLUEFIELD STATE
COLLEGE-ACEN LETTER
OF CONTINUING
ACCREDITATION**

8.D.1.b. The Board reviewed the ACEN Letter of Continuing Accreditation Report submitted December 18, 2018.

2. COMMISSION ON COLLEGIATE NURSING EDUCATION (CCNE)

8.D.2. No reports received.

E. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF NON-TRADITIONAL NURSING ACCREDITED NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. SALEM UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM- ANNUAL REVIEW, CALENDAR YEAR REPORT OF GRADUATES ON THE NATIONAL COUNCIL LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR REGISTERED NURSES AND APPROVAL CONSIDERATION FOR THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

8.E.1. The Board reviewed the annual review, calendar year report of graduates on the national council licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Salem University associate degree nursing program had 100% licensure pass rate.

Nancy Atkins made a motion to continue Salem University associate degree nursing program with full approval status and requires progress reports on program national nursing accreditation by a national nursing accreditor recognized by the US Department of Education 30 days prior to each scheduled Board meeting. Doris Burkey offered the second. The motion carried.

2. UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

a. BECKLEY CAMPUS- ANNUAL REVIEW, CALENDAR YEAR REPORT OF GRADUATES ON THE

**NATIONAL COUNCIL
LICENSURE
EXAMINATION FOR
REGISTERED NURSES
AND APPROVAL
CONSIDERATION FOR
THE ASSOCIATE
DEGREE NURSING
PROGRAM**

- 8.E.2.a. The Board reviewed the annual review, calendar year report of graduates on the national council licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN).

University of Charleston Beckley campus associate degree nursing program had 94.44% licensure pass rate.

Doris Burkey made a motion to continue University of Charleston Beckley Campus associate degree nursing program with full approval status and requires progress reports on program national nursing accreditation by a national nursing accreditor recognized by the US Department of Education 30 days prior to each scheduled Board meeting. Ann Bostic offered the second. The motion carried.

**b. CHARLESTON CAMPUS-
ANNUAL REVIEW,
CALENDAR YEAR
REPORT OF
GRADUATES ON THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL
LICENSURE
EXAMINATION FOR
REGISTERED NURSES
AND APPROVAL
CONSIDERATION FOR
THE ASSOCIATE
DEGREE NURSING
PROGRAM**

- 8.E.2.b. The Board reviewed the annual review, calendar year report of graduates on NCLEX-RN.

University of Charleston, Charleston Campus associate degree nursing program began enrollment fall 2018 and had no students test on the licensure examination during calendar year 2018.

Ann Bostic made a motion to continue University of Charleston, Charleston

Campus associate degree nursing program with full approval status and requires progress reports on program national nursing accreditation by a national nursing accreditor recognized the US Department of Education 30 days prior to each scheduled Board meeting. Nancy Atkins offered the second. The motion carried.

**3. WEST VIRGINIA JUNIOR
COLLEGE ASSOCIATE
DEGREE PROGRAM**

**a. CHARLESTON CAMPUS-
NEW PROGRAM
APPLICATION AND
APPROVAL
CONSIDERATION OF THE
ASSOCIATE DEGREE
NURSING PROGRAM**

- 8.E.3.a. The Board reviewed the new program application to start a Charleston Campus associate degree nursing program to admit 40 students annually beginning enrollment in fall 2019 The current nurse administrator is Kelly Pauley, MSN.

Nancy Atkins made a motion to accept the West Virginia Junior College associate degree nursing program application. John Martin offered the second. The motion carried.

**b. MORGANTOWN
CAMPUS- ANNUAL
REVIEW, CALENDAR
YEAR REPORT OF
GRADUATES ON THE
NATIONAL COUNCIL
LICENSURE
EXAMINATION FOR
REGISTERED NURSES
AND APPROVAL
CONSIDERATION FOR
THE ASSOCIATE
DEGREE NURSING
PROGRAM**

- 8.E.3.b. The Board reviewed the annual review, calendar year report of graduates on NCLEX-RN.

West Virginia Junior College Morgantown Campus associate degree nursing program had a 100% licensure pass rate.

Doris Burkey made a motion to continue the West Virginia Junior College associate degree nursing program with full approval status and requires progress reports on program national nursing accreditation by a national nursing accreditor recognized by the US Department of Education 30 days prior to each scheduled Board meeting. Nancy Atkins offered the second. The motion carried.

**4. DAVIS AND ELKINS COLLEGE
TRADITIONAL
BACCALAUREATE OF
SCIENCE IN NURSING
DEGREEPROGRAM- NURSE
ADMINISTRATOR CHANGE
REPORT**

- 8.E.4. The Board reviewed Nurse Administrator change report received on February 4, 2019.

Ann Bostic made a motion to accept the Davis and Elkins College baccalaureate degree nursing program Nurse Administrator change report. Nancy Atkins offered the second. Motion carried.

**5. PIERPONT & TECHNICAL
COLLEGE – INTENT TO PLAN
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING
PROGRAM**

- 8.E.5. The Board reviewed intent to plan associate degree nursing program submitted on February 22, 2019.

Ann Bostic made a motion to accept the Pierpont Community and Technical College intent to plan associate degree nursing program. Doris Burkey offered the second. Motion carried.

**9. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF
FINANCE AND BUDGET
INFORMATION**

**A. PURCHASE CARD EXPENDITURE
REPORTS FOR JANUARY &
FEBRUARY 2019**

- 9.A. The Board reviewed the Purchase Card report September 2018 thru December 2018. The Director of Finance and Operations was available to address any questions regarding the report. Nancy Atkins made a motion to approve the report. Ann Bostic offered the second. The motion carried.

B. EXPENDITURES TO DATE

- 9.B. The Board reviewed the Expenditure Report provided to date as of February 28, 2019. The Director of Finance and Operations was available to address any questions regarding the report. Nancy Atkins made a motion to approve the report. Ann Bostic offered the second. The motion carried.

**C. REQUEST FOR INCREASE IN
SPENDING AUTHORITY**

- 9.C. The Board reviewed request for increase in spending authority. Doris Burkey made a motion to approve request. Ann Bostic offered the second. The motion carried.

**10. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

A. ORBS IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

- 10.A. The Executive Director and the Director of Practice and Education provided the Board with an update on the progress for the ORBS System. They reported that the go-live date was scheduled for March 11, 2019 at 7:00 a.m.

**B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FOR 2019
SESSION**

- 10.B. The Executive Director provided the Board with a legislation 2019 session update. A report related to the highlights of the session are filed herewith.

11. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF NURSE HEALTH PROGRAM

A. WV RESTORE REPORT

- 11.A. Mike Brown provided the Board with a report related to the Nurse Health Program, WV Restore; however, no staff member from WV Restore attended the meeting. No Board action was required at this time.

B. WV RESTORE TRENDING REPORT

- 11.B. The Board reviewed a Dashboard Trending Report provided by the Executive Director.

C. WV RESTORE CONTRACT OPTIONS FOR 2020

- 11.C. The Executive Director presented options the West Virginia Restore Nurse Health Program when the current contract with the WV Pharmacists Recovery Network expires on December 14, 2019 as this contract has been renewed as permitted by the WV Purchasing Policies. A discussion ensued.

Nancy Atkins made a motion to provide the management and operation of WV Restore within the Board Operations. John Martin seconded. Let the minutes reflect that Ann Bostic and Doris Burkey abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

12. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PRACTICE

- 12.A. Nancy Atkins presented the Practice Committee report to the Board. The report was unanimously approved.

B. DISCIPLINE REVIEW

- 12.B. Due to ORBS go-live the report was not available at this board meeting.

13. REPORTS OF MEETINGS ATTENDED.

A. 2019 FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS OF REGULATORY

BOARDS- JANUARY 24-27 NEW ORLEANS

13.A. Board staff members, Alice Faucett, Marty Alston and Rita Douglas attended this conference which was held in New Orleans, Louisiana on January 24-27, 2019. Alice and Marty provided the Board with valuable insight and information related to highlights from the seminar.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6, SECTION 4(2)(A) OF THE CODE OF WEST VIRGINIA.

14. Nancy Atkins made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session. Ann Bostic offered the second. The motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session at 11:05 a.m.

Tara Hulseley, 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 consider 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.

15. PUBLIC SESSION FOR MOTIONS RELATED TO MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. A motion was made by Nancy Atkins to reconvene the regular meeting to make motions related to discussion during the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by John Martin. The motion carried.

A. REPORT OF OBSERVED VERSUS UNOBSERVED URINE DRUG TESTING IN WV RESTORE

- 15.A. There was no motion made related to the discussion on this topic.

B. REPORT OF WV RESTORE PARTICIPANT CONTINUED DRUG USAGE

15.B. There was no motion made related to the discussion on this topic.

**C. HEARING EXAMINER'S FINDINGS
OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND RECOMMENDED DECISION,
HEARING TRANSCRIPT AND
DETERMINATION FINAL ORDER –
A. BLANKENSHIP #68474**

15.C. Tara Hulse made a motion that the license issued to Blankenship, number 68474, be reprimanded for a period of three (3) months. During the three (3) month time period Blankenship shall complete 15 hours continuing education in ethics. Blankenship shall cause proof of her completion of the continuing education course to be sent to the Board office. The Board further ORDERS Blankenship to pay administrative costs and a fine totaling five hundred dollar (\$500.00). If Blankenship fails to complete the ethics course within three months, Blankenship's license number 68474 shall be placed on probation until the course is complete. If Blankenship's license is placed on probation, she shall be assessed a fine and administrative costs in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). Violation of this ORDER shall result in the suspension of Blankenship's registered professional nurse license in the state of West Virginia. The second was offered by Ann Bostic. The motion carried.

16. MISCELLANEOUS

**A. PASSAGEWAYS ONBOARD
WEBINAR DATE**

16.A. The Passageways OnBoard webinar date is set for April 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

**B. PROPOSED DATE CHANGE FOR
JUNE 13 COMMITTEE AND JUNE
14 BOARD MEETINGS**

16.B. The Board by consensus agreed on the date changes for the following Board Meetings: June 6-7, 2019 and October 24-25, 2019.

C. PROPOSED DATES FOR 2020

16.C. The Board proposed the following dates for 2020 Board Meetings: March 12-13, 2020; June 11-12, 2020; and October 22-23, 2019.

17. ADJOURN

17. Nancy Atkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 pm. Ann Bostic

offered the second. The motion carried.

18.DEBRIEF

Minutes taken and prepared by
Margaret “Marty” Alston
Executive Assistant Director of Operations

Respectfully submitted by
Teresa Ritchie, DNP, APRN FNP-BC
Board Secretary