

**WEST VIRGINIA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
MARCH 24, 2020**

An Emergency Board meeting was by teleconference call of the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses at 90 MacCorkle Avenue, Suite 203, South Charleston, WV 25303, on March 24, 2020.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (via teleconference call):

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

TERESA RITCHIE, DNP, APRN FNP-BC, SECRETARY

NANCY V. ATKINS, MSN, APRN WHNP-BC

THERESA L. DENNISON, PUBLIC MEMBER

JOHN MARTIN, PUBLIC MEMBER

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

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

L. ANN BOSTIC, DNP, APRN CRNA

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

DR. SUE PAINTER, DNP, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ALICE FAUCETT, JD, GENERAL COUNSEL AND DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE

MARGARET "MARTY" ALSTON, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 1:03 p.m.

2. QUORUM

A Quorum was established.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

The Board President welcomed all visitors that were on the call and did a roll call of Board members and Staff in attendance.

4. MISSION REVIEW

Dr. Tara Hulse, Board President provided a review of the Board's mission.

5. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The Board reviewed the proposed agenda. The agenda was approved by consent.

6. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO APPROVE SENIOR NURSING STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED POSITIONS AT FACILITIES, COMPLETED GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, OR OTHERWISE COMPETENT, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL NURSING CARE DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY BY GOVERNOR.

The discussion was continued from the March 20, 2020 meeting. A request to consider pre-graduate nurse to have the authority, responsibility, and shift accountability for the delivery of nursing care through the use of the nursing process. The pre-graduate nurse accepts accountability, applies competent clinical knowledge skills, and uses independent nursing judgement for care provided by self and health care providers to who care is delegated to achieve quality patient care outcomes.

Nancy Atkins made a motion to approve the request to permit senior level nursing students to work as a pre-graduate nurse OR another option to meet the need. Theresa Dennison offered the second. The motion did not carried. Nancy Atkins withdrew her motion.

The Board directed staff to report on how many pre-graduate nurses fall under this criteria and the Board would monitor the situation.

**7. REVIEW AND CONSIDER REQUEST FROM
THE WEST VIRGINIA NURSES ASSOCIATION,
WEST VIRGINIA OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS
AND THE WV AFFILIATE ACNM**

The Board reviewed a request from the West Virginia Nurses Association, West Virginia Association of Nurse Anesthetists and the WV Affiliate NCNM (mid-wives) for the Board to consider an Executive Order developed by the groups to be presented to Governor Justice. A discussion ensued. No motions were made related to the request.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

There were no issues to review under this topic.

9. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Teresa Ritchie. The motion was seconded by Theresa Dennison. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at p.m.



Minutes taken and prepared by
Margaret E. Alston
Director of Finance and Operations



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