A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES AT 5001
MACCORKLE AVENUE, SOUTH CHARLESTON WV 25309, ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2022.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

TARA HULSEY, PHD, RN, CNE, FAAN, PRESIDENT

TERESA RITCHIE, DNP, APRN FNP-BC

WANDA MARKS, RN

LESLIE D. PERINE, RN

JASON S. VANHOOSE, RN

CATHY CHILDERS, DT

CHAD T. CALLEN

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

DR. SUE PAINTER, DNP, RN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MICHAEL D. PAYNE, Esq.  GENERAL COUNSEL

MARGARET “MARTY” ALSTON, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

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

LESLIE JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLINE

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 10 a.m.

2. QUORUM

A quorum was established.
3. REVIEW OF MISSION

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

4. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

The Board reviewed the proposed agenda. A motion was made by Jason Vanhoose to approve the agenda. Leslie Perine offered the second. The motion carried.

5. PRE-LICENSEURE NURSING EDUCATION
   a. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF NON-NATIONAL NURSING ACCREDITED PRELICENSURE NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAMS
      i. NEW RIVER COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE PARAMEDIC TO ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Teresa Ritchie made a motion to provisionally approve the New River Community and Technical College paramedic to associate degree nursing program and require 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. Leslie Perine offered the second. The motion carried.

      ii. SOUTHERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE ACCELERATED ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM NEW PROGRAM APPLICATION

Leslie Perine made a motion to provisionally approve the Southern West Virginia Community and Technical College accelerated associate degree nursing program and require 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. Teresa Ritchie offered the second. The motion carried.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A FINAL ORDER

Jason Vanhoose made a motion for the Board to convene in Executive Session. Chad Callen offered the second. The motion carried. The Board went into Executive Session.

Tara Hulsey, 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.

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

Leslie Perine made a motion for the Board to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the meeting in Public Session. Jason Vanhoose offered the second. The motion passed and the Board reentered Public Session.

a. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A FINAL ORDER FOR T. HALSTEAD LICENSEE #57109

Teresa Ritchie made a motion that the Board adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of Law and recommendations of the Hearing Examiner with the following modifications regarding license number 57109, issued to T. Halstead:

On the basis of the foregoing, the West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses (Board) hereby suspends the license number 57109 issued to Halstead, for one (1) year from September 9, 2022. The board further modifies the Hearing Examiner's recommendation as set out herein. The Board orders Halstead to submit a psychiatric mental health evaluation and substance abuse evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. Halstead shall request that a complete copy of her Board file, which includes this Final Order, be sent to the evaluator performing Halstead’s evaluation before her evaluation. Once Halstead has received an evaluation and has been deemed safe to practice. Halstead shall complete a Reinstatement Application (Application) and submit the Application, along with a copy of her evaluation to the Board for review. Halstead shall contact the Board and schedule an appointment to appear before the Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) after she has provided the above information. The Board must receive the aforementioned documents at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled DRC meeting. Following Halstead’s appearance, the DRC shall render a decision regarding her Reinstatement Application.

Violation of any of the above shall constitute grounds for denial of Halstead’s license.

Jason Vanhoose offered the second. The motion carried

b. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF A FINAL ORDER FOR LICENSEE #44124

Teresa Ritchie made a motion that the Board adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of Law and recommendations of the Hearing Examiner with the following modifications regarding license number 44124, issued to P. Bishop:
On the basis of the foregoing, the West Virginia Board of Registered Nurses (Board) hereby suspends the license number 44124 issued to Bishop, for six (6) months from the date of May 13, 2022. The Board further modifies the Hearing Examiner's recommendation as set out herein. The Board Orders Bishop to submit to a psychiatric mental health evaluation by a Board approved evaluator. Bishop shall request that a complete copy of her Board file, which includes this Final Order, be sent to the evaluator performing Bishop's evaluation before her evaluation. Once Bishop has received an evaluation and has been deemed safe to practice. Bishop shall complete a Reinstatement Application (Application), submit the application, along with a copy of her evaluation and documentation of thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education in each of the following areas: ethics, moral conduct and anger management to the Board for review. Bishop shall contact the Board and schedule an appointment to appear before the Disciplinary Review Committee (DRC) after she has provided the above information. The Board must receive the aforementioned documents at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled DRC meeting. Following Bishop's appearance, the DRC shall render a decision regarding her Reinstatement Application.

Violation of any of the above shall constitute grounds for denial of Bishop's license.

Chad Collins offered the second. The motion carried

8. MISCELLANEOUS

The Executive Director informed Board Members of Orientation Activities taking place on October 13, 2022.

9. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Vanhoose. The motion was seconded by Leslie Perine. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.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