

**REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES  
APRIL 9, 2020**

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**An Emergency Board meeting was held of the West Virginia Board of Examiners  
for Registered Professional Nurses by teleconference on April 9, 2020.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

TERESA RITCHIE, DNP, APRN FNP-BC,

NANCY V. ATKINS, MSN, APRN, WHNP-BC

JOHN MARTIN, PUBLIC MEMBER

L. ANN BOSTIC, DNP, MSN APRN FNP-BC

THERESA L. DENNISON, PUBLIC MEMBER

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

**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 3:00 p.m.

**2. QUORUM**

A quorum was established.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS**

Introductions were made recognizing the visitors in attendance.

### **4. MISSION REVIEW**

Tara Hulseley, 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 DIALYSIS TECH**

#### **A. § 19-13-14 APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION; TEMPORARY PERMIT AND ENDORSEMENT OF CERTIFICATION.**

A.1. Teresa Ritchie made a motion that pursuant to the Governor's issued State of Emergency Declaration related to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in which he delegated authority to state agencies to suspend rules, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order directing the same, I move the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) suspend Rule 19-13-14.1c, in whole or in part as follows: The applicant shall submit to a state and national electronic criminal history records check for the purpose of determining whether the applicant has been charged, with, indicted for, or convicted of a crime that may have bearing upon the applicant's fitness to hold a license. Such suspension shall take effect immediately and shall cease upon the filing of a Notice lifting the suspension or upon the termination of the State of Emergency, whatever occurs first. Theresa Dennison offered the second. The motion Carried.

A.2. Ann Bostic made a motion that pursuant to the Governor's issued State of Emergency Declaration related to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in which he delegated authority to state agencies to suspend rules, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order directing the same, I move the West Virginia Board of Examiners for registered Professional Nurses (Board) modify Rule 19-4.2, in whole or in part, as follows: the board may issue a temporary permit to an applicant who files a completed "Application for

Credentials” following completion of a board approved training program. The temporary permit is effective from the date of issuance until ~~three (3) days following receipt by the applicant and the board of the results of the first written certification examination or after 18 months whichever is sooner~~ the declared emergency is lifted and testing is available. Such modification shall take effect immediately and shall cease upon the filing of a Notice lifting the modification or upon the termination of the State of Emergency, whichever occurs first. Nancy Atkins offered the second. The motion carried.

- A.3. Nancy Atkins made a motion to approve pursuant to the Governor’s issued State of Emergency Declaration related to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in which he delegated authority to state agencies to suspend rules, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency and pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order directing the same, I move the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) suspend Rule 19-14.8.e, in whole or in part, as follows: the results of a local and Federal criminal background check completed with the previous six (6) months. Such a suspension shall take effect immediately and shall cease upon the filing of a Notice lifting the suspension or upon the termination of the State of Emergency, whichever occurs first. John Martin offered the second. The motion carried.

**B. § 19-13-6. MINIMUM STANDARDS  
OF A DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN  
TRAINING PROGRAMS**

- B.1. Teresa Ritchie made a motion to that pursuant to the Governor’s issued State of Emergency Declaration related to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus in which he delegated authority to state agencies to suspend rules, if strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency and pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order directing the same to suspend and modify the clinical requirements contained in 19 CSR 1-8 as follows:

6.1.f.1 Classroom instruction, which may be supported by audio-visuals, can be met utilizing any available mechanism including, simulation, telecommunications or by any other acceptable form as determined by the training program. Board approved programs shall file a report with the Board at least thirty days prior to its October Board meeting outlining how the clinical requirements were met during the declared state of emergency.

Such suspension shall take effect immediately and shall cease upon the filing of a Notice lifting the suspension or upon the termination of the State of Emergency, whichever occurs first.

Ann Bostic offered the second. The motion carried.

## **7. MISCELLANEOUS**

The Executive Director provided an update related to continued communication with the DEA Diversion Investigation District Office in Charleston. No information additional was available at this time however this issue has been forwarded to DEA Headquarters in Washington D.C, for implementation specifics.

## **8. ADJOURN**

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Theresa Dennison. The motion was seconded by Nancy Atkins. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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

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