

**REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES
APRIL 17, 2020**

A Special Board meeting was held by the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses by conference call, on April 17, 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:

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

1. The meeting was called to order by the Board President at 3:00 p.m.

2. QUORUM

2. A quorum was established.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS, STAFF AND GUESTS

3. Introductions were made recognizing the visitors in attendance.

4. MISSION REVIEW

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

5. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

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

6. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FOR EMERGENCY MEETINGS HELD:

- A. MARCH 20, 2020
- B. MARCH 24, 2020
- C. APRIL 3, 2020

6. A motion was made by John Martin to approve the minutes for the March 20, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting, the March 24, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting, and April 3, 2020 Emergency Board Meeting. Theresa Dennison offered the second. The motion carried

7. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF RULES TO BE SUSPENDED DURING A DECLARED DISASTER BY THE GOVERNOR OF WEST VIRGINIA

- A. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF §19-13-6. MINIMUM STANDARDS OF A DIALYSIS TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS.

7. Teresa Ritchie made the motion to approve the following:

The Honorable Governor of the State of West Virginia, Jim Justice, declared a State of Emergency on March 16, 2020, to address the emergency created by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, or more commonly known as the novel coronavirus. With Surrounding states having confirmed case, the Governor, in accordance with emergency powers granted to the Governor pursuant to W. Va. Code § 15-5-6, and more specifically W.Va. Code § 15-5-6(c)(7) and as stated in the Governor's Proclamation Declaring a state of Emergency issued on March

16, 2020, the West Virginia Board of Examiners for Registered Professional Nurses (Board) at the direction of the Governor seeks to temporarily suspend the requirements of certain rules as set forth below.

§19-13-6 Minimum Standards of a Dialysis Technician Training Programs.

§13-13-6.1.f. The curriculum offered by the training program shall include both classroom and clinical instruction...The registered professional nurse educator or clinical preceptor shall be physically present and accessible to the student when the student is in the patient care area. 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.

Ann Bostic offered the second. The motion carried.

8. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

A. UPDATE ON DEA RELATED TO SCHEDULE II FOR APRN'S

- 8.A.** The Executive Director provided an update on APRNs with current prescriptive authority and an active DEA number, who are approved to practice in West Virginia during the State of Emergency, may refill Schedule II drugs of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, and antineoplastics, if the patient has been on these medications. Schedule II prescriptions are permitted to be refilled if the refill is required during the declared emergency. The DEA is working on the implementation of this change. An email will be sent to APRNs with prescriptive authority when the details are published.

B. UPDATE ON JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL

- 8.B.** The Executive Director provided an update related to the Joint Advisory Council. She informed the Board of an email she received from Charlie Roskovensky related to an email he received from Majority Leader Summers requesting the group meet to discuss HB 4334-30-7-15CGG independent Prescribing by APRN's to begin a pilot program.

C. UPDATE NCLEX-RN TESTING

- 8.C.** The Executive Director provided an update related to NCLEX-RN testing. She reported that every Monday the Board gets a list of sites that are open for testing and the list is forwarded to all Deans and Directors for nursing programs.

9. MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.** There was no information or actions under this topic.

10. ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nancy Atkins. The motion was seconded by Theresa Dennison. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:18 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**