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MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF NURSING

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

June 2, 2026

State Board of Nursing
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BOARD MEMBERS:

Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chairperson
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Donald H. Bucher, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAANP, Vice
Chairperson
Kathryn L. Capiotis, MSN, BSN, RN
Laura Frank, PhD, RD, LDN - Absent
Brandy Hershberger, DNP, MSN, RN, CEN - Absent
Sue E. Hertzler, LPN
David Scher, MPH, MSN, RN, CEN
Tina D. Siegel, LPN

COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS AND LEGAL OFFICE STAFF:

Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel
Ashley Keefer Jones, Esquire, Board Counsel
Tiffanie Camarota, Esquire, Board Counsel
Lindsay Szymanski, Esquire, Board Counsel
Codi Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and
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David Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
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Garrett Rine, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Christopher Jones, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
Matthew Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
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Kathleen Mullen, Esquire, Executive Deputy Chief
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Jesse Goldman, Legal Intern

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Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary
Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator
Kelly Hoffman, MSN, RN, Nursing Education Advisor
Tracy Scheirer, PhD, MSN, RN, CMSRN, CNE, Nursing
Education Advisor

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND BOARD STAFF: (Cont.)

Linda Kmetz, PhD, RN, Nursing Education Advisor
Sue Petula, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FRE, Nursing
Education Annuitant

Susan Bolig, MSN, RN, Nursing Practice Advisor
Dulcey Frantz, DNP, RN, RAC-C, Nursing Practice
Advisor

Koren Linn, Operations Chief, State Board of Nursing
Justin Noel, **Administrative Officer, State Board of Nursing**
Willow Marsh, Legislative Aide, Department of State
Julie Drodgy, Program Co-Manager, Professional Health
Monitoring Programs
Robert Beecher, Policy Director, Office of Policy,
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicole Campbell, Division Chief, Division of Law
Enforcement Education and Trade Schools,
Pennsylvania Department of Education

Michele Orner, Private Licensed Schools Education
Administration Specialist, Pennsylvania Department
of Education

P. Daniel Altland, Esquire, Pennsylvania Association
of Nurse Anesthetists

Angie Jacobs, CRNA, UPMC

Katie Gruber, MSW, CADC, Billing, Data and Training
Manager, Nurses Health Program, Foundation of the
Pennsylvania Medical Society

Melissa Poust, BSW, Case Manager, Nurses Health
Program, Foundation of the Pennsylvania Medical
Society

Wesley Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Firm

Edie Brous, Esquire, RN, Law Offices of Edie Brous

Misha Patel, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel,
Pennsylvania Medical Society

Denise Vanacore, PhD, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, PMHNP-BC, Vice
Dean and Professor, Holy Family University School
of Nursing & Health Sciences

Kathleen Rundquist, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing
Program Director, Franklin County Career and
Technology Center

Wayne Reich, MSN, MBA, RN, Chief Executive Officer,
Pennsylvania State Nurses Association

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Larissa McDonnell, DNP, RN, CCRN, CCNS, NEA-BC, MSN,
Director of Nursing Professional Development,
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Mindy Guinard, EdD, Director of Nursing and Health
Sciences, Wilson College

Amy Ricords, MEd, BSN, RN-BC, Director of Nursing
Professional Advancement, Pennsylvania Nursing
Workforce Coalition

Carla Le'coin Jordan, RN, Jefferson Einstein
Philadelphia Campus, Pennsylvania Association of
Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals Executive
Board

Mary Marshall, Senior Director, Workforce and
Professional Development, The Hospital and
Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania

Jenifer Stilgenbauer, MEd, BSN, Bethlehem Area
Vocational-Technical School

Judith Neubauer, DNP, MSN, BSN, Associate Dean,
Director of Graduate Nursing Programs, Neumann
University

Janet Yontas, MSN, RN, Director, Practical Nursing
Program, Career Technology Center of Lackawanna
County

Stacy Delaney, MSN-Ed, RN, Practical Nursing Program
Director, Delaware County Technical Schools

Aaron Shenck, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic
Association of Career Schools

Patricia DeLucia, Director of Nursing, Lincoln
Technical Institute

Michelle Wallace, EdD, MSN, RN, Sales Nurse Educator,
ATI Nursing Education

Roberta Bradford, MSN, MBA, RN, FACHE, Practical
Nursing Program Director, Clearfield County Career
& Technology Center

Sandra Cohen, MSN, CRNP, CNE, Senior Associate Dean,
St. Luke's School of Nursing

Lee Daignault, MSN, BSN, Associate Dean of Academic
Affairs, St. Luke's School of Nursing

Trysha Hopkins, DNP, CRNP, FNP-C, Director, Villa
Maria School of Nursing, Gannon University

Aimee Wechsler, MPA, Director of Government Affairs,
The Wright Centers for Community Health and
Graduate Medical Education

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Anna Fry, MPH, RN, PA Workforce Coalition, National Nurse-
Led Care Consortium

Rachael Silveria, Nightingale College

Kelli Manfred, RN, Allegheny Health Network

Theresa Pietsch, PhD, MSN, BSN, Dean, School of
Nursing and Health Sciences, Neumann University

Marcia Landman, MSN-FNP, BSN, RN, Practical Nursing
Program Director, United Career Institute

Christine Kasper, PhD, FANN, FASCM, Dean/Professor,
University of Pittsburgh

John O'Donnell, DrPH, CRNA, CHSE, FSSH, FAANA, FAAN,
Senior Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning,

University of Pittsburgh

Mohammed Abdel Fattah, MBA, Associate Budget

Director, University of Pittsburgh

Kimberly Sharp, PhD, RN, Associate Dean of

Nursing/Professor, Eastern University

Andrea Ruth, Director of Financial Aid, Eastern
University

Darlene Callahan, Executive Assistant to the Dean,
College of Health Service, Eastern University

Shante Sims, MSN, RN, Thomas Jefferson University

Elaine Fuguet, MSN, RN, CCRN, BSN Program Director,
Eastern University

Heather Haines, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program
Director, Mifflin County Academy of Science and

Technology

Amy Droskinis, RN, Faculty, Cedar Crest College

Arielle Brown, Student, Cedar Crest College

Abbie Banks, Student, Cedar Crest College

Karandeep Kaur, Student, Cedar Crest College

Kayla Kutt, Student, Cedar Crest College

Quamira Baldwin, Student, Cedar Crest College

Mason Fisher, Student, Cedar Crest College

Akashia Johnson, Student, Cedar Crest College

Pooja Patel, Student, Cedar Crest College

Bennett Nakao, Cedar Crest College

Brianna Estrella, Student, Cedar Crest College

Madison Gardner

Alexis Tsihlis, Student, Cedar Crest College

Kathleen Farrell

Matthew Jorden, Jorden Law Group

Prisca F.

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

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The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Nursing was held on Monday, June 2, 2026. Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Introduction of Board Members

[Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, requested an introduction of Board Members. A quorum was present.]

Introduction of Board Counsel

[Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, requested an introduction of Board Counsel.]

Introduction of Board Staff

[Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, requested an introduction of Board staff.]

Introduction of Board Prosecution

[Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, requested an introduction of Board Prosecutors.]

Introduction of Attendees

[Cynthia K. Miller, Board Administrator, provided an introduction of virtual attendees. In-person attendees introduced themselves.]

[Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the meeting was being recorded and voluntary participation constituted consent to be recorded.]

Adoption of Agenda

CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

The agenda for today's meeting is before you. Are there any corrections?

MS. CASTOR:

Nos. 9 and 29 on the agenda are being withdrawn.

CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

Nine and 29 are being withdrawn?

MS. CASTOR:

Yes. And Dr. Bucher is going to be recused for the University of Pittsburgh presentation, And Attorney Schertz must go first because he has a hearing.

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

2 Okay, can we have a motion to adopt the
3 Agenda with the corrections listed?

4 DR. BUCHER:

5 So moved, Bucher.

6 MS. HERTZLER:

7 Second, Hertzler.

8 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

9 All those in favor? Opposed?

10 Abstentions?

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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13 Adoption of Minutes

14 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

15 The minutes for the April 20, 2026
16 meeting are before you. Are there any
17 additions or corrections?

18 Hearing none, can we have a motion
19 for approval?

20 MS. HERTZLER:

21 So moved, Hertzler.

22 DR. BUCHER:

23 Second, Bucher.

24 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

25 All those in favor? Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Report of Prosecution Division

5 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, noted

6 Agenda Items 2 through 8 were VRP Consent

7 Agreements.]

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9 [David Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, thanked
10 the Board for allowing him to attend the National
11 Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Discipline
12 Case Management Conference. He presented Agenda
13 Items 11 and 12.]

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15 [Garrett Rine, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
16 Agenda Item 10.]

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18 [Matthew Sniscak, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
19 presented Agenda Item 13.]

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21 [Codi Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and
22 Prosecution Co-Liaison, presented Agenda Item 14.]

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24 [T'rese Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
25 Agenda Item 64.]

[Codi Tucker, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor and Prosecution Co-Liaison, on behalf of Caitlin B. Everetts, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented Agenda Item 66.]

Regulation Update

[Megan E. Castor, Esquire, Board Counsel, reported that while Judith Pachter Schulder retired in May, she would be returning as an annuitant in July. She provided the following updates on open regulations. 16A-5139, Volunteer License had no new updates. 16A-5141, Nursing Education Programs, was with the Office of General Council Policy and Budget Office. 16A-5145, CRNA Licensure, was scheduled for the July 16, 2026 IRRC meeting, and Ms. Pachter Schulder will be attending. 16A-5150, CRNA Prescribing and Dispensing, will be worked on by Ms. Pachter Schulder upon her return. 16A-5151, LPN Pronouncement of Death, is in the public comment period.]

Pennsylvania Legislative Update - No Report.

Report of Board Chairperson - No Report.

1 Report of Acting Commissioner - No. Report.

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3 Committee Meetings - Probable Cause

4 [Sue E. Hertzler, LPN, reported that the Committee
5 moved on 8 Petitions for Appropriate Relief, 17
6 Petitions for Mental Physical Examinations, and 3
7 Immediate Temporary Suspensions, one on April 24,
8 2026, and two on May 1, 2026.]

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10 Committee Meetings - Application Review

11 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, reported
12 that the Committee met and moved applications
13 forward.]

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15 Committee Meetings - Advanced Practice - No Report

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17 Committee Meetings - RN/PN Practice, Education &
18 Regulation - No Report.

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20 Committee Meetings - Dietitian-Nutritionist - No
21 Report.

22 ***

23 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on
24 Behalf of the Board - No Report.

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1 Report of Executive Secretary

2 [Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary, reminded
3 everyone that LPN renewals were due by June 30, 2026.

4 She noted that converting a single state license to
5 a multistate Compact license does not change the due
6 date.]

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8 Old Business - None.

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10 New Business

11 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, noted
12 the new business was the 2026 NLC Commission Annual
13 Meeting and the 2026 NCSBN Annual Meeting.

14 Discussion ensued on the number of attendees for each
15 meeting and who might attend.

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17 DR. BUCHER:

18 Motion to send one Board Member and two
19 staff members to the NLC Commission
20 Annual Meeting.

21 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

22 Okay, there is a motion to send one
23 Board Member and two staff members to
24 the 2026 NLC Commission Annual Meeting.
25 Is there a second?

1 MS. SIEGEL:

2 Second, Siegel.

3 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

9 Okay, then we need a motion to send
10 three Board Members and two staff
11 members to the NCSBN Annual Meeting.

12 MS. HERTZLER:

13 So moved, Hertzler.

14 DR. BUCHER:

15 Second, Bucher.

16 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

17 All those in favor? Opposed?

18 Abstentions?

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Appointment - University of Pittsburgh's Proposals
22 for Adult-Gerontology Acute Care (AGAC),
23 Family/Individual Across the Lifespan (FIAL),
24 and Psychiatric Mental Health Across the
25 Lifespan (PMH) Master of Science in Nursing

1 (MSN) and Post Master's Certificate Certified
2 Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) Programs
3 [Christine Kasper, PhD, FAAN, FASCM, Dean/Professor,
4 University of Pittsburgh, explained that each of the
5 three programs were approximately two years, or six
6 semesters in length and included 780 clinical hours,
7 exceeding all requirements needed for Board
8 certification. She reviewed the credits and clinical
9 hours for each of the BSN to MSN programs and the
10 certificate programs. The programs will be offered
11 fulltime. Students will be admitted in cohorts with
12 a planned program start date in the fall semester.
13 Dr. Kasper shared how the courses would be delivered,
14 noting a hybrid approach. Students will be required
15 to report to campus three times during the program
16 for hands-on, immersive activities in support of
17 applied knowledge and skill development.

18 Regarding faculty, Dr. Kasper noted that the
19 University of Pittsburgh currently has nurse
20 practitioner faculty members who will be assigned to
21 support the program, including three areas of
22 concentration coordinators. The Clinical Management
23 Office will support faculty and students with
24 clinical placements across the United States. She
25 added that the University already has established

1 clinical partners with active affiliation agreements.

2 She also noted the University of Pittsburgh is an
3 active participant in State Authorization Reciprocity
4 Agreements (SARA), making it compliant with national
5 standards for offering distance education.

6 Chair Hunsberger asked if the University already
7 had the programs as a DNP program, and if so, what
8 the push was to offer both programs.

9 Dr. Kasper confirmed he was correct about the DNP
10 program. She explained there were multiple reasons,
11 including being a national trend across the American
12 Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) members
13 and that the programs would be faster than a DNP
14 program. The programs would also give students the
15 ability to add certifications on top of core
16 programs.

17 John O'Donnell, DrPH, CRNA, CHSE, FSSH, FAANA,
18 FAAN, Senior Associate Dean for Teaching and
19 Learning, University of Pittsburgh, commented that
20 the students who may want to enter the programs often
21 cannot attend fulltime. He noted that many
22 facilities offer tuition support for individuals who
23 are going through programs, and the programs were
24 designed to allow students to access the support. He
25 stated because the program would be offered where

1 students are, a benefit of the programs would be
2 students could continue working while in the program.
3 He added that being able to project the program
4 further than the local Pittsburgh market will benefit
5 nurses throughout both the Commonwealth and the
6 country.

7 Chair Hunsberger asked what the pass rate was of
8 the current DNP programs. Dr. O'Donnell confirmed
9 the pass rates were consistently between 95 percent
10 and 100 percent.]

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12 Appointment - Eastern University's (EU) Proposal for
13 Establishment of a Full-time, 6-Semester,
14 Prelicensure Direct Entry-Master of Science in
15 Nursing (DEMSN) Program with a Joint Award of a
16 BSN and MSN on Program Completion
17 [Kimberly Sharp, PhD, RN, Associate Dean of
18 Nursing/Professor, Eastern University, explained the
19 intended structure of the program, noting there would
20 be six semesters of concurrent study for students who
21 already have a first undergraduate degree. The
22 direct entry program would consist of the
23 competencies which would be level one competencies
24 for a bachelor's program. The bachelor's program
25 would be completed as part of the master's track.

1 Both degrees would be awarded simultaneously at the
2 end of the six semesters of study. She noted there
3 is not an intent to have an early exit from the
4 program. She added the intent for the program is to
5 have the students meet competencies as verified by
6 the registrar to sit for the NCLEX at the end of
7 semester four, after which the students will be able
8 to continue to work and consolidate their nursing
9 skill while completing the final two semesters of the
10 master's program.

11 Dr. Sharp emphasized the degree would be
12 unclassified, a Master of Science generic
13 qualification. She noted both degrees would be
14 awarded at the completion of the full six semesters.
15 The bachelor's degree would not be awarded when the
16 student received the authority to test. She added if
17 a student encounters a life event or wanted to exit
18 the program at the bachelor's level, they will have
19 to file an exception to be awarded the degree. The
20 student would not earn a master's degree and would be
21 responsible for any graduate level funding. She
22 noted EU wanted students to really commit to the
23 master's program if they were going to be eligible
24 for funding.

25 Ms. Castor questioned what would happen if the

1 student was made eligible to test after four
2 semesters and then drops out of the program, noting
3 it seems like they would be eligible for a license,
4 but the law requires a degree which they have not yet
5 been awarded.

6 The Board questioned how the student could be
7 expected to get a license when the law requires a
8 degree in order to test. Dr. Sharp stated the
9 student would have earned the bachelor's degree, but
10 the conferral was just delayed. Chair Hunsberger
11 pointed out the conferral could not be delayed in
12 order for the Board to authorize a student to get a
13 license. Dr. Sharp stated if needed, the program
14 could be changed to award the bachelor's degree when
15 it was earned.

16 Chair Hunsberger noted he was struggling, as EU
17 already has a second-degree BSN program. Dr. Sharp
18 stated EU was not going to admit to the second-degree
19 program anymore, as they were going to have the
20 direct entry master's program.

21 Chair Hunsberger questioned if the program was a
22 direct entry program, as the prelicensure would still
23 be a BSN. He noted EU could have developed a generic
24 master's degree, had students enroll, and
25 accomplished the same intention of the program. Dr.

1 Sharp replied that EU wanted to be transparent about
2 their program, as they would be changing how the
3 degree is marketed. Chair Hunsberger stated other
4 direct entry master's programs have students graduate
5 with their master's degree before licensure. He
6 noted that, as written, the EU program appears to be
7 a BSN program with dual enrollment with an MSN.

8 Dr. Sharp explained the reasoning behind the
9 structuring of the program. She noted having
10 students wait the extra two semesters to test for
11 NCLEX is not conducive to a high pass rate. All of
12 the prep work for NCLEX readiness is done during the
13 synthesis courses at the end of semester four. She
14 explained that the last two semesters are focused on
15 graduate outcomes and the program of study that leads
16 them to the master's in nursing. Regarding the three
17 Ps, she explained students would have a combined
18 course which would have the content and application.
19 The course is part of the final two semesters of
20 study.

21 Dr. Bucher questioned a single course for the
22 three Ps. Dr. Sharp stated there would be two
23 courses, as the application of a clinical component
24 is a separate course. Dr. Bucher noted if a student
25 chose to become a nurse anesthetist or wanted a nurse

1 practitioner post-master's certificate, the
2 individual three P courses would be needed. He asked
3 what the benefit was for the student doing a program
4 like the EU proposal versus the second-degree
5 bachelor's and then going for a master's in nursing.

6 Dr. Sharp stated students who had been asking for
7 a program like the proposed one were not as keen on
8 just doing the undergraduate degree and wanted a
9 bridge to the master's degree. She explained why
10 testing for NCLEX when the student has completed
11 competencies was important, noting that if EU had to
12 award the degree at that point, they would do so.

13 Ms. Castor commented there would need to be a
14 revision to the proposal indicating the bachelor's
15 degree would need to be conferred prior to taking the
16 NCLEX. She asked what would stop students from
17 leaving the program at that point. Dr. Sharp replied
18 if a student chose not to continue at the end of the
19 bachelor's when they take NCLEX, then the student
20 would not progress into the master's portion and
21 would be responsible for any funding incurred related
22 to the masters.

23 Ms. Wendy Miller commented that having the
24 bachelor's was important not just because of
25 Pennsylvania law but because it can be carried to

1 another state for licensure. She noted she was
2 curious about the benefit of a combined three P
3 course versus singular courses which would be needed
4 to transition to any type of advanced practice
5 program.

6 Dr. Sharp stated that in addition to the combined
7 three P course, EU offers individual courses so that
8 the student can decide if they do not want to take
9 the shortened route. Wendy Miller noted students
10 needed to be educated on their choices.

11 Dr. Bucher commented that the program
12 fundamentally did not appear to be a direct entry
13 program. Wendy Miller commented that there was
14 another Pennsylvania university which may be similar
15 to the proposal from EU. The other program is an
16 accelerated track within that university's BSN.

17 Dr. Bucher asked if EU was concerned about
18 financial aid if it did not change, with nursing no
19 longer being categorized as a profession and being
20 able to apply for aid for the graduate degrees. He
21 noted the program would be very expensive to run if
22 the financial aid is not there. Dr. Sharp replied
23 Andrea Ruth, Director of Financial Aid, had been
24 looking at the financial aspect and was attentive to
25 the ever-changing landscape.

1 Chair Hunsberger asked if the first four
2 semesters which earn a bachelor's degree were charged
3 graduate level tuition or undergraduate level
4 tuition. Dr. Sharp explained the tuition is
5 differential in terms of how it is apportioned. She
6 noted that online courses for the graduate program
7 are at a reduced fee to market to students with
8 flexible learning outcomes. Undergraduate courses
9 reflect similar cost points, with pricing reflecting
10 the cost burden of intensive face-to-face delivery of
11 courses. She stated that EU believes their students
12 will be well prepared to do nursing that is efficient
13 and effective.

14 Chair Hunsberger asked what Nurse 521, the three
15 P clinical practicum would entail. Dr. Sharp replied
16 that there was a description in the actual handbook,
17 but the application was two clinical practicums. One
18 was done with the other course students were working
19 on. The other would focus on strengthening skills to
20 ensure students identify where their biggest fear is
21 and address those skills in an intentional way with a
22 preceptor to build on competencies. She noted there
23 was a direct care aspect allowing students to improve
24 and enhance their skills to focus on patient care
25 outcomes.

1 Chair Hunsberger noted that based on her
2 description, students who are already licensed and
3 met the BSN still need to do an actual clinical in
4 semester five.

5 Dr. Sharp confirmed students in level one
6 complete their undergraduate competencies. She noted
7 EU does not want the students to remain at level one
8 and wants students in the master's portion to work on
9 the three Ps in an area that will help them grow and
10 enhance their skills.

11 Mr. Scher questioned whether the plan was for the
12 students to get all of the accreditation or
13 bachelor's to continue to enroll in the master's
14 program. He noted the students would not be working
15 at the office because they do not have a conferred
16 degree. Dr. Sharp stated students would be able to
17 work if they have the authority to test completed.
18 She felt part-time work would allow students to
19 consolidate their skills and strengthen their ability
20 as effective caregivers.

21 Ms. Hertzler questioned if nurses should be
22 working who still need enhancements of their skills
23 prior to being effective. Dr. Sharp replied that the
24 nurses would already have their RN competencies and
25 would be a beginning nurse strengthening their

1 skills. She noted every beginning nurse is competent
2 to a point, but they are not an advanced practice
3 nurse until they have been coached and mentored. She
4 explained what she has learned through conversations
5 with students who are nervous about graduating and
6 entering the field.

7 Ms. Wendy Miller asked if there was a policy in
8 place ensuring the preceptor piece was not done in
9 the student's place of employment. Dr. Sharp
10 confirmed the preceptor had to be in an extraneous
11 separate area. She noted the preceptor could be in
12 an area they like and have an affiliation with but
13 needed to be in a place that allowed the student to
14 learn without fear and reprisal from a work
15 situation.

16 Ms. Miller asked if the students, once a master's
17 is conferred, would qualify for the clinical nurse
18 leader exam certification. Dr. Sharp replied the
19 competencies were there, but she would prefer to do a
20 clinical nurse leader structured program.

21 Chair Hunsberger noted Dr. Sharp had stated
22 students would be working part time. He asked if the
23 handbook stated they could not work full time. Dr.
24 Sharp stated students could work the hours they are
25 able to manage and balance. She could not legislate

1 how much a student could work but could make
2 recommendations in terms of a reasonable amount of
3 work for a student engaged in online studies.

4 Chair Hunsberger commented on seeing a struggle
5 with how a student was supposed to manage graduating,
6 being a graduate nurse, and being eligible for
7 tuition reimbursement when training programs will
8 want them to be full time. He stated there was an
9 added component of clinical mentorship, which he
10 noted many of the hospitals around him have built
11 into their orientation process. He also noted, if the
12 student only works part time, then they would not
13 qualify for tuition reimbursement from the facility.

14 He was struggling to see how the program would
15 compare to the five-semester direct-entry MSN
16 programs in Pennsylvania. He also noted the program
17 would be listed as BSN prelicensure for NCLEX pass
18 rates.

19 Dr. Sharp shared her focus is that students need
20 to sit for their NCLEX when they are at the point in
21 the program when they are best prepared to do so.
22 She explained that students are best prepared at the
23 end of semester four. She also wants students to be
24 qualified to work part time as a nurse so they are
25 mentored in their growth for the completion of the

1 master's while consolidating their skills as a
2 beginning nurse. She acknowledged EU's program was
3 different; however, she stated it was different with
4 a purpose.

5 Ms. Hertzler asked if students would understand
6 they would not be qualified to teach in a nursing
7 program even though they have an MSN.

8 Dr. Sharp stated the master's is unclassified, so
9 students interested in teaching would need to do an
10 MSN with the nurse educator track. She stated the
11 program validates the fact that students have a
12 previous bachelor's in something else and recognizes
13 using their bachelor's as leverage to transition into
14 nursing.

15 Ms. Castor asked about the pass rate of the
16 current nursing program. Dr. Sharp stated last
17 year's pass rate was 97%, and they were still
18 tallying the scores from the last cohort.

19 Ms. Wendy Miller clarified regarding the
20 regulations that faculty qualifications for RN
21 programs require a graduate degree in nursing but do
22 not require a specific specialty. The piece EU
23 students would be missing is the clinical expertise
24 which they would need to go out and get prior to
25 being qualified to teach in a program.

1 Chair Hunsberger asked if the Board should
2 deliberate or wait, as the program would need to
3 rewrite the proposal to include the conferment of the
4 BSN at the end of semester four before the Board
5 could approve the program.

6 Ms. Wendy Miller stated the edit could be minor
7 if the structure was already in place. She noted the
8 letter sent to the school would include details
9 regarding what would be required by the Board based
10 on the change made by the program.

11 Ms. Castor stated the Board should still
12 deliberate. The Board could vote according to the
13 discussion that Eastern University would need to
14 resubmit. She noted the Education Practice Advisors
15 would review the resubmitted proposal to ensure any
16 changes are consistent and within the constraints of
17 the regulations. She added additional questions or
18 concerns may arise from the discussions during
19 Executive Session which would be forwarded to Eastern
20 University as a discrepancy. She also noted the
21 discrepancy would also frame what the Board is
22 looking for to reconstruct the proposal indicating
23 that the degree would be conferred as required by law
24 before a student is given the authority to test. She
25 indicated Eastern University would be scheduled to

1 come back at a future meeting.]

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3 [Prior to exiting for Executive Session, Ms. Castor
4 noted Agenda Items 10 and 11 would need to be tabled
5 as the Board did not have a quorum after the
6 recusals.]

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8 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
9 at 10:05 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
10 Session for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
11 deliberations on the matters on the Agenda under the
12 Report of Board Counsel, Report of the Prosecutorial
13 Division, and the educational programs. The Board
14 returned to Open Session at 11:05 a.m.]

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16 Public Comment - None.

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18 MS. CASTOR:

19 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent
20 Agreements for Items 2 through 8?

21 Those are the VRP agreements.

22 DR. BUCHER:

23 So moved, Bucher.

24 MS. SIEGEL:

25 Second, Siegel.

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

2 All those in favor? Opposed?

3 Abstentions?

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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6 MS. CASTOR:

7 No. 9 was withdrawn.

8 Is there a motion to reject as too

9 harsh the Consent Agreement at No. 12,

10 23-51-001118?

11 DR. BUCHER:

12 So moved, Bucher.

13 MS. SIEGEL:

14 Second, Siegel.

15 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

16 All those in favor? Opposed?

17 Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried unanimously.]

19 ***

20 MS. CASTOR:

21 Is there a motion to adopt the

22 following Consent Agreements for which

23 there are no recusals: No. 14, 24-51-

24 019422; No. 64, 25-51-013086; and No.

25 66, 25-51-014215?

1 DR. BUCHER:

2 So moved, Bucher.

3 MS. SIEGEL:

4 Second, Siegel.

5 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously. The Respondents are
9 as follows: Agenda Item No. 14, Case No. 24-51-
10 019422, Stephanie Gayla McKinney, LPN; Agenda Item
11 No. 64, Case No. 25-51-013086, Nicole Lynn Bodenberg,
12 LPN; and Agenda Item No. 66, Case No. 25-51-014215,
13 Marjorie Lynn McDonald, RN.]

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15 MS. CASTOR:

16 10 and 11 were tabled.

17 Is there a motion to adopt the
18 following Consent Agreement for which
19 Hertzler and Scher are recused, No. 13,
20 24-51-010092?

21 DR. BUCHER:

22 So moved, Bucher.

23 MS. SIEGEL:

24 Second, Siegel.

25 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

1 All those in favor? Opposed?

2 Abstentions?

3 [The motion carried. Ms. Hertzler and Mr. Scher were
4 recused from deliberations and voting on the matter.
5 The Respondent at Agenda Item No. 13, Case No. 24-51-
6 010092 is Karen Ann Perlebach, RN.]

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8 MS. CASTOR:

9 Is there a motion to grant the
10 application of Ashley Colabaugh for
11 which there are no recusals?

12 DR. BUCHER:

13 So moved, Bucher.

14 MS. SIEGEL:

15 Second, Siegel.

16 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

17 All those in favor? Opposed?

18 Abstentions?

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 MS. CASTOR:

22 No. 32, is there a motion to authorize
23 Counsel to draft an Adjudication and
24 Order in the application of Sabrina
25 Marie Williams, 25-51-006680, for which

1 there are no recusals?

2 DR. BUCHER:

3 So moved, Bucher.

4 MS. SIEGEL:

5 Second, Siegel.

6 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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11 MS. CASTOR:

12 No. 65, is there a motion to deny the
13 application for Psychiatric Mental
14 Health CRNP Certification for Barbara
15 Hoffman, for which there are no
16 recusals?

17 DR. BUCHER:

18 So moved, Bucher.

19 MS. SIEGEL:

20 Second, Siegel.

21 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

22 All those in favor? Opposed?

23 Abstentions?

24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 MS. CASTOR:

2 No. 33, is there a motion to deem facts
3 admitted and authorize Counsel to
4 prepare an Adjudication and Order in
5 the matter of Michelle L. Spivey, RN,
6 25-51-002753, for which Hertzler and
7 Scher are recused?

8 DR. BUCHER:

9 So moved, Bucher.

10 MS. SIEGEL:

11 Second, Siegel.

12 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

13 All those in favor? Opposed?

14 Abstentions?

15 [The motion carried. Ms. Hertzler and Mr. Scher were
16 recused from deliberations and voting on the matter.]

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18 MS. CASTOR:

19 Is there a motion to deem facts
20 admitted and authorize Counsel to
21 prepare Adjudications and Orders in the
22 matters of Jay Richard Palmer, RN, 24-
23 51-009426, and Ramon Garcia, 24-51-
24 004371, for which there are no
25 recusals?

1 DR. BUCHER:

2 So moved, Bucher.

3 MS. SIEGEL:

4 Second, Siegel.

5 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. CASTOR:

11 Is there a motion to adopt the Hearing
12 Examiner Proposals for which there are
13 no recusals: Zoey Judith-Ann Feyes, 25-
14 51-018941; Nydia C. Shomo, RN, f/k/a
15 Fuller, 23-51-017042; Laura Mae Smith,
16 LPN, 25-51-008883; and Robert Donald
17 Meeks, LPN, 24-51-013912?

18 DR. BUCHER:

19 So moved, Bucher.

20 MS. SIEGEL:

21 Second, Siegel.

22 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

MS. CASTOR:

Is there a motion to authorize Counsel to prepare an Adjudication and Order in the following matters for which there are no recusals: No. 36, Vincent K. Agbemehia, RN, LPN, 24-51-015340 and 23-51-012603; No. 38, Christian M. Cassarly, RN, 25-51-012969; No. 46, Lorna Fretwell, 21-51-007177; No. 47, Nancy Jabati, LPN, 22-51-001141; No. 48, Henrietta M. Kargbo, LPN, 22-51-001162; and No. 49, Seun Abiola Obi, RN, LPN, 22-51-011833.

DR. BUCHER:

So moved, Bucher.

MS. SIEGEL:

Second, Siegel.

CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

All those in favor? Opposed?

Abstentions?

[The motion carried unanimously.]

MS. CASTOR:

Is there a motion to authorize Counsel

1 to adopt the Hearing Examiner's
2 Proposals but substitute a Board Order
3 in the matters of No. 42, Tiffany
4 Kristen Wilson, RN, 22-51-015837; No.
5 37, Racheal A. Burgunder, RN, 24-51-
6 016549; No. 41, Heather Jo Lindsey,
7 LPN, 25-51-008623; and No. 45, Sara Rae
8 Miller, RN, 25-51-008838?

9 DR. BUCHER:

10 So moved, Bucher.

11 MS. SIEGEL:

12 Second, Siegel.

13 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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18 MS. CASTOR:

19 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
20 Adjudications and Orders for which
21 there are no recusals? No. 50, Mark
22 Niel Bomban, RN, 24-51-017007; No. 51,
23 Rachel A. Buzzeo, RN, a/k/a Smerick,
24 23-51-014537; Nos. 52 and 67, Berrell
25 Israel Hughes Jr., LPN, 23-51-002768

1 and 24-51-007480; No. 55, Michelle
2 (Miranda) Villa, LPN, 25-51-014014; No.
3 57, Jill Christine Vanhooose, LPN, 21-
4 51-005767; No. 58, Nadage Josma-Jean,
5 LPN, 22-51-001137; No. 59, Dianna
6 Kehyee, LPN, 23-51-006814; No. 60,
7 Steevens Plaisime, LPN, 23-51-006843;
8 and No. 61, Gentry Roberts, RN, LPN,
9 21-51-016918.

10 DR. BUCHER:

11 So moved, Bucher.

12 MS. SIEGEL:

13 Second, Siegel.

14 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

15 All those in favor? Opposed?

16 Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. CASTOR:

20 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
21 Adjudications and Orders for which
22 Hertzler and Scher are recused? No.
23 53, Maryann Jones, RN, 24-51-014545;
24 and No. 56, Kelly Ann Glucker, RN, 25-
25 51-006915.

1 DR. BUCHER:

2 So moved, Bucher.

3 MS. SIEGEL:

4 Second, Siegel.

5 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 VICE CHAIR BUCHER ASSUMED THE CHAIR.

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12 MS. CASTOR:

13 The Chair swings to Dr. Bucher. Is
14 there a motion to adopt the Draft
15 Adjudication and Order for which
16 Hertzler and Hunsberger are recused?
17 And that's No. 54, Megan Ann Platz, RN,
18 23-51-001063.

19 MS. CAPIOTIS:

20 Capiotis, so moved.

21 MS. SIEGEL:

22 Second, Siegel.

23 VICE CHAIR BUCHER:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?

25 Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried. Ms. Hertzler and Dr. Hunsberger
2 were recused from deliberations and voting on the
3 matter.]

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5 CHAIR HUNSBERGER RESUMED THE CHAIR.

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7 MS. CASTOR:

8 Is there a motion to approve the
9 University of Pittsburgh's Proposal for
10 Adult Gerontology Acute Care,
11 Family/Individual Across the Lifespan,
12 and Psychiatric Mental Health Across
13 the Lifespan Master of Science in
14 Nursing and Post-Master's Certificate
15 Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner
16 Programs for which Dr. Bucher is
17 recused?

18 MS. CAPIOTIS:

19 Capiotis, so moved.

20 MS. SIEGEL:

21 Second, Siegel.

22 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

MS. CASTOR:

And with regard to Eastern University's Proposal for Establishment of a Full-time, 6-Semester, Prelicensure Direct Entry-Master of Science in Nursing Program, we're going to table that pursuant to discussions in public session and Executive Session to give the program the opportunity to make the revisions that were discussed in public session and provide additional information as guided by Dr. Petula, who is working on that program.

Adjournment

CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

Is there any additional business to come before the Board?

Hearing none, can I have a motion for adjournment?

DR. BUCHER:

So moved, Bucher.

MS. SIEGEL:

Second, Siegel.

1 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

2 All those in favor?

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4 [There being no further business, the State Board of
5 Nursing Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Nursing meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Nursing meeting.



Erin Badstuebner,

Minute Clerk

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