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MEETING OF:

STATE BOARD OF NURSING

TIME: 8:59 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

September 11, 2026

State Board of Nursing
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Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director, Office
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Kevin Knipe, MSW, LSW, CCDP Diplomate, Program Co-
Manager, Professional Health Monitoring Programs

ALSO PRESENT:

Nicole Campbell, Division Chief, Division of Law
Enforcement Education and Trade Schools,
Pennsylvania Department of Education
Alison Long, Education Administration Specialist,
Pennsylvania Department of Education
Michele Orner, Private Licensed Schools Education
Administration Specialist, Pennsylvania Department
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Larissa McDonnell, DNP, RN, CCRN, CCNS, NEA-BC, MSN,
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Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Carla Le'coin Jordan, RN, Jefferson Einstein
Philadelphia Campus, Pennsylvania Association of
Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals Executive
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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

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
Stacy Delaney, MSN-Ed, RN, Practical Nursing Program Director, Delaware County Technical Schools
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Madeline Feliciano-Weiser, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CNML, Penn State Health Lancaster Medical Center
Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, FNAP, FAAN, Dean and Professor, Ross and Carole Nese College of Nursing, Penn State University
Elizabeth Menschner, DNP, MAS, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Organization of Nurse Leaders
Sheri Matter, PhD, MSN, MBA, MHA, BSN, NEA-BC, Assistant Dean of Graduate Nursing Professional Programs, Associate Teaching Professor, Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing, Penn State University
Jean Marie Truman, DNP, Director of Nursing, Division of Biological and Health Sciences, University of Pittsburgh
Talonda Rogers, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program Director, Chester County Intermediate Unit
Keith Peachey, RN, Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital
Shannon Wells, MSN, RN, CEN, NPD-BC, Director of Nursing Professional Development and Education, Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health
Matt Owens, Associate of Legislative Affairs, Milliron Goodman Government Relations
Michelle Davis, MSN, RN, Practical Nursing Program Director, Lincoln Technical Institute-Allentown
Wesley Rish, Esquire, Rish Law Office LLC
Cynthia Rish, Manager, Rish Law Office LLC
Patricia Hubbs, RN, BSN, MBA, Sleep Lab Manager, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Jordan Fuhrman, Government Relations Specialist, Pennsylvania State Nurses Association

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Alonzo Baker, Director of Education/Program
Coordinator, Revolutionary Education Center
Kathleen Evanina, MSN, RN, CNE, DNP, PhD, CRNP-BC,
CEO/Program Director, Revolutionary Education
Center
Beth Ann Swan, PhD, RN, CHSE, FAAN, ANEF, Dean,
School of Nursing and Health Sciences, La Salle
University
Stephen Lightcap, EdD, Vice President of Finance and
Administration, La Salle University
Andrea L. Ruth, Director of Financial Aid, Eastern
University
Karen Ivie, RN, MSN, CNL-BC, Direct Entry
Coordinator, Eastern University
Heather Leonard Lang, DNP, CRNP, Penn Medicine
Lancaster General Health Wellness Express
Mindy Guinard, EdD, Director of Nursing and Health
Sciences, Wilson College
Mukul Bakshi, The Evaluation Company
Beth Ann White, DNP, CRNP, ANP-C, CNE, Director of
DNP-NP Options, Associate Teaching Professor, Ross
and Carol Nese College of Nursing, Penn State
Dionnette Stone, MSN, BSN, RN, Faculty, District
1199c Training and Upgrading Fund
Myla Wilson, Western Governors University
Jennifer Bellot, PhD, MHSA, RN, CNE, Professor,
Associate Dean of Academic Practice Integration,
Vice President of Academic Practice Integration,
Thomas Jefferson University
Jessica Gillis, FNP, MSN, BSN, Clinical Instructor,
Undergraduate Nursing, Saint Joseph's University
Shante Sims, Student, Thomas Jefferson University
Shabria Sanchez, Student, Wilmington University
Heesung Chae, Cedar Crest School of Nursing
Ashley Ayala, MSW, Nightingale College
Jessica Brayboy, Behavioral Health Technician, The
Center for Autism
Shaquana Cox, Former PITC Student
Dawn McCray, Former PITC Student
Rayshana Wooten, Former PITC Student
Latora Cue
Anjalaya Simms
Janice Sara, RN
Kathleen Farrell

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ALSO PRESENT: (Cont.)

Courtney Delgado, LPN

Reauchean White

Natalie

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Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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2 State Board of Nursing

3 September 11, 2026

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
6 Board of Nursing was held on Friday, September 11,
7 2026. Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair,
8 called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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10 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair,
11 requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the
12 lives lost 25 years ago on September 11, 2001.]

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14 Introduction of Board Members

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

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19 Introduction of Board Staff

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

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23 Introduction of Board Counsel

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

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 is before you. We do have
two recusals to add to La Salle
University and that's Dr. Frank and Dr.
Hershberger. Are there any other
corrections?

Hearing none, can we have a motion
to approve the Agenda?

DR. BUCHER:

So moved, Bucher.

1 MS. HERTZLER:

2 Second, Hertzler.

3 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Adoption of Minutes

9 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

10 The minutes for the July 14, 2026,

11 meeting are before you. Are there any

12 additions or corrections?

13 Hearing none, can we have a motion

14 for approval?

15 DR. BUCHER:

16 So moved, Bucher.

17 DR. HERSHBERGER:

18 Second, Hershberger.

19 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

20 All those in favor? Opposed?

21 Abstentions?

22 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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24 Report of Prosecutorial Division

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

1 Agenda Items 2 through 15 and 83 were VRP Consent
2 Agreements.]

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4 [T'rese Evancho, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
5 Agenda Item 16 on behalf of Kathryn Bellfry, Esquire,
6 Board Prosecutor.]

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8 [Caitlin B. Everetts, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
9 presented Agenda Items 17 and 82.]

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11 [Garrett Rine, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
12 Agenda Items 18 and 84.]

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14 [David Schertz, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, presented
15 Agenda Items 19 and 20.]

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17 Report of Board Chair - No Report

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19 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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21 Report of Committees - Probable Cause

22 [Sue E. Hertzler, LPN, reported the Committee moved
23 on 3 Petitions for Appropriate Relief, 45 Petitions
24 for Physical Mental Examinations, and 2 Immediate
25 Temporary Suspensions—one on 7/7/2026 and one on

1 7/23/2026.]

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3 Report of Committees - Application Review

4 [Colby P. Hunsberger, DNP, RN, CNEcl, Chair, reported
5 that the Committee met several times via email and
6 moved applications forward.]

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8 Report of Committees - Advanced Practice - No Report

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10 Report of Committees - RN/PN Practice, Education &
11 Regulation - No Report

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13 Report of Committees - Dietitian-Nutritionist - No
14 Report

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16 Report of Board Members Who Attended a Meeting on
17 Behalf of the Board - No Report

18 ***

19 Report of Executive Secretary

20 [Wendy Miller, MSN, RN, Executive Secretary, noted
21 the renewal for Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionists
22 expires on September 30, 2026. Additionally, the
23 renewal for RNs, CRNPs, CRNP Prescriptive Authority,
24 and CNSs is open and closes on October 31, 2026.

25 Ms. Miller reported the prelicensure exam period

1 ends on September 30, 2026. Once the exam year
2 closes, the nursing education advisors will be
3 sending programs their yearly results. She asked
4 programs to review their results to ensure proper
5 accounting of graduates and programs. Once results
6 are analyzed, they will be presented at the December
7 Board meeting, after which programs will receive
8 letters regarding provisional statuses. The Annual
9 Report will be open from October 1, 2026, through
10 December 15, 2026, for program directors to complete.
11 Ms. Miller noted that the nursing practice advisors
12 will hold CRNP orientation on September 22, and on
13 October 1, the nursing education advisors will hold a
14 virtual session regarding submission of the Annual
15 Report.]

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17 Old Business - None

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19 New Business - None

20 ***

21 Appointment - Proposal from Revolutionary Education
22 Center (REC) Re: Establishment of a Prelicensure
23 Practical Nursing Program
24 [Kathleen Evanina, MSN, RN, CNE, DNP, PhD, CRNP-BC,
25 CEO/Program Director, provided an explanation of why

1 REC wanted to establish a prelicensure practical
2 nursing (PN) program. She noted REC had expert help
3 with writing and compiling the program to ensure it
4 was robust and met all Board regulations.

5 Chair Hunsberger requested an explanation of how
6 REC determined their curriculum. Dr. Evanina
7 explained REC aimed for their curriculum to have a
8 good balance between didactic, lab, and clinical to
9 give students a more robust and grounded experience.

10 Alonzo Baker, Director of Education/Program
11 Coordinator, provided a summary of the program,
12 noting the 1,500 hours were split into four terms
13 over the course of a year. He noted the program
14 starts with basics in term one with lab time
15 increasing throughout the program until the students
16 spend the majority of terms three and four in the
17 clinical field.

18 Dr. Hershberger noted that in REC's Summary it
19 stated that REC had previously submitted applications
20 for prelicensure practical nursing programs on May
21 25, 2022, and July 13, 2023, which expired due to no
22 response from the provider. She asked for an
23 explanation. Dr. Evanina replied REC had previously
24 put in applications for the LPN program; however, due
25 to circumstances with their experts, REC ultimately

1 had to wait until they found their current expert.

2 Chair Hunsberger noted that term one consisted of
3 four courses and asked if students were taking all
4 four courses at the same time. Mr. Baker noted the
5 courses were at the same time for the entire
6 semester.

7 Ms. Castor requested an explanation of clinical
8 experiences, noting one of the clinical sites was
9 pediatrics at Wayne Memorial Hospital, which she
10 thought was closed. Mr. Baker noted Wayne Memorial
11 is still open; however, they have a limited number of
12 pediatric patients. He explained REC has a plan to
13 increase the number of clinical opportunities for
14 pediatrics including home health care through their
15 own program and Bayada. Dr. Evanina explained
16 Revolutionary's program. She also noted a contact at
17 St. Joseph's Center specifically for pediatric care
18 in addition to other possible locations. When asked
19 by Ms. Capiotis, Dr. Evanina provided further details
20 regarding St. Joseph's Center.

21 Ms. Hertzler noted REC planned the program to
22 only have one start in the first year with ten
23 students. Additionally, the program had a maximum of
24 20 students. She asked how REC would be admitting
25 students after the first year. Dr. Evanina explained

1 the intent was to have a manageable program in the
2 first year. REC also intended to take their time
3 with the program to ensure there is a solid
4 foundation and determine resolutions for problems
5 early on. She noted REC is known locally for having
6 good programs where candidates are usually hired
7 within days of graduation.

8 Ms. Hertzler noted REC anticipated Commission on
9 Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation.
10 She noted CCNE did not accredit vocational schools,
11 technical schools, or LPN nursing education programs.
12 Dr. Evanina stated REC would be okay with using
13 another accreditation like Accreditation Commission
14 for Education in Nursing (ACEN), noting she was
15 personally accredited through American Nurses
16 Credentialing Center (ANCC).

17 Chair Hunsberger directed the conversation back
18 to the curriculum. Dr. Evanina explained the two
19 fundamental courses, noting pharmacology was
20 interwoven into the courses rather than being a
21 separate course.

22 Chair Hunsberger asked if REC hired an
23 experienced LPN educator. Mr. Baker shared that a
24 part-time educator from a nearby institution helped
25 develop the curriculum and agreed to come on board.

1 Dr. Evanina stated there were other people interested
2 in the position; however, they were waiting for
3 approval before hiring.

4 Chair Hunsberger commented that while looking at
5 terms three and four, there seemed to be a lot of
6 information being put into a short amount of time
7 with the expectation of students learning and
8 retaining everything. Dr. Evanina explained that the
9 program was looking at overlapping topics. As an
10 example, she stated mental health would be discussed
11 in multiple courses. Chair Hunsberger summarized her
12 explanation.

13 Chair Hunsberger noted that with the identified
14 weakness in pediatric locations, he expected some
15 struggle with OB as well. He asked why the program
16 was not utilizing simulation. Dr. Evanina explained
17 REC has the capability for simulation due to their
18 CNA program. She noted that while simulation is
19 great, students gain more realistic experience when
20 working actively with another human being. She also
21 noted there were additional dynamics to consider when
22 working with children and their families. Regarding
23 OB specifically, she noted that Wayne Memorial
24 Hospital has an obstetrics unit, and she was
25 confident in using Wayne for the program. She added

1 there are additional opportunities in the area if
2 needed.

3 With no additional questions, Ms. Castor
4 explained the Board would deliberate during Executive
5 Session and vote afterwards.

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7 [Dr. Hershberger and Dr. Frank exited the meeting at
8 9:46 a.m. for recusal purposes.]

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10 Appointment - Proposal from La Salle University (LU)

11 Re: Establishment of a Full-time Prelicensure

12 Generalist Direct Entry Master of Nursing (DEMN)

13 Program

14 [Beth Ann Swan, PhD, RN, CHSE, FAAN, ANEF, Dean,
15 School of Nursing and Health Sciences; Lisa Jarvinen,
16 PhD, Interim Provost/Vice President of Academic
17 Affairs; and Stephen Lightcap, EdD, Vice President of
18 Finance and Administration, introduced themselves.

19 Dr. Swan presented a summary of LU's proposal.
20 Dr. Jarvinen explained why the program was a good fit
21 for LU from the perspective of their current academic
22 portfolio. She noted the current BSN undergraduate
23 program is very demanding and does not work for every
24 undergraduate. She added there is demand for the
25 program which also works with career changers,

1 supporting working professionals.

2 Chair Hunsberger asked what the current BSN NCLEX
3 pass rate was. Dr. Swan explained the current rate
4 was 76.4 percent; however, the May 2026 graduates had
5 an 83 percent pass rate. She further explained they
6 anticipated between seven and ten graduates from
7 August testing before the end of September,
8 emphasizing LU was encouraged. When asked, she
9 provided additional details of the students testing.

10 Dr. Jarvinen explained that Dr. Swan came on as
11 interim dean mid-December when the Q1 results were
12 not strong. She noted Dr. Swan's primary charge had
13 been to address NCLEX and preparation. Dr. Swan
14 provided details of how benchmarks and support had
15 been increased within the existing program.

16 Dr. Lightcap provided financial information from
17 the proposal.

18 Ms. Castor noted the lack of questions was due to
19 an excellent proposal. She explained that the Board
20 would discuss the proposal during Executive Session,
21 with a vote afterwards.]

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23 [Dr. Hershberger and Dr. Frank reentered the meeting
24 at 9:57 a.m.]

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1 [The Board recessed from 9:57 a.m. until 10:07 a.m.]

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3 Appointment - Revised Proposal from Eastern

4 University (EU) Re: Establishment of a Full-
5 time, 6 Semester, 78 Credit, Prelicensure Direct
6 Entry-Master of Science in Nursing (DEMSN)
7 Program

8 [Kimberly Sharp, PhD, RN, Associate Dean of
9 Nursing/Professor, Eastern University, reviewed
10 changes made to EU's initial proposal, including
11 having NCLEX pass rate data at the end of the sixth
12 semester of study and adjusting the plan of study
13 regarding the 3P courses. She also noted EU worked
14 on the budget to make it clearer.

15 Dr. Bucher noted he had concerns with the 3P
16 courses, suggesting the advanced courses may prepare
17 people to not take the 3Ps if they move forward into
18 advanced practice programs. Dr. Sharp defended the
19 decision for how EU set up the 3P courses. Dr.
20 Bucher pointed out with the setup, the program is not
21 a direct entry master's but is an MSN program. Dr.
22 Hershberger provided additional clarification on how
23 the advanced level might make someone think they can
24 move into their NP after EU's particular program.
25 Dr. Sharp explained why the program was being called

1 a direct entry. Dr. Hershberger pointed out other
2 direct entry programs do not have the advanced focus.

3 Dr. Hershberger requested clarification regarding
4 designated organizations with clinical capacity to
5 meet the needs of the direct entry MSN students. Dr.
6 Sharp explained previous placements from the BSN
7 program were available.

8 Chair Hunsberger commented on the curriculum with
9 regards to NURS 542, Advanced Pathophysiology, and
10 NURS 558, Direct Care Practicum Experience. Dr.
11 Sharp explained the courses, noting by NURS 558,
12 students are working in a precepted opportunity, so
13 they have clinical hours while applying what they
14 learned in their advanced practice courses. Chair
15 Hunsberger questioned if the program was preparing
16 students for prelicensure if the courses were for the
17 application of the advanced practice. Dr. Sharp
18 provided additional explanation of the courses,
19 noting the Direct Care Experience consolidates the
20 clinical of both the physical assessment and advanced
21 pathophysiology, so students are looking at both in
22 relation to clinical practice, not separating them
23 out.

24 Chair Hunsberger questioned what preparatory work
25 was being done to prepare students for the NCLEX if

1 semesters 5 and 6 were focused on advanced practice.
2 Dr. Sharp explained how the courses were structured
3 with semesters 1 through 4 integrating beginning
4 foundational nursing competencies which were
5 consolidated with the Capstone Planner in NURS 523.
6 NURS 523 prepares students to move into NURS 514,
7 which is solely related to the consolidation of NCLEX
8 knowledge. Chair Hunsberger suggested there may be a
9 struggle with students having a fairly long time
10 between their prelicensure education and testing.
11 Dr. Sharp explained the program courses were
12 distributed in a way where students would have
13 continued engagement across all six semesters
14 relative to level one content that prepares them for
15 NCLEX. She compared the NCLEX preparation to a
16 student who graduates and then takes an NCLEX boot
17 camp or other study preparation.

18 Chair Hunsberger asked why students would take a
19 78-credit program like EU's when other direct entry
20 programs are between 60 and 65 credits. Dr. Sharp
21 stated EU will ensure they are giving a quality
22 program. She noted EU's NCLEX outcomes for their BSN
23 program have been good. Additionally, she noted EU
24 has a nurturing environment for students who had not
25 previously been in nursing. She explained students

1 are ready for the practice experience at the end of
2 the six semesters, noting they are supported the
3 entire time.

4 Ms. Capiotis asked how many clinical hours or
5 simulation hours students had in semesters 5 and 6.
6 Dr. Sharp provided a breakdown of clock hours versus
7 clinical hours, noting the entire program had 705
8 weighted hours, with 545 hours being clinical hours.
9 She stated semester 6 specifically had 120 clock
10 hours. Ms. Capiotis asked if semester 6 had any
11 hands-on clinical experiences with patients. Dr.
12 Sharp clarified semester 6 hours were only simulated,
13 with no patient contact.

14 Chair Hunsberger concluded his questions by
15 asking why there was a need for a direct entry MSN
16 when EU already had a successful BSN program. Dr.
17 Sharp stated there had been a number of requests from
18 students who were looking for an opportunity to move
19 straight into graduate study. She also noted a
20 strong pool of interest from requests through the
21 admissions office.

22 Ms. Castor stated discussions regarding the
23 program would commence during Executive Session, with
24 a vote afterwards.]

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1 Regulation Update

2 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
3 provided a review of the status of regulations. 16A-
4 5139, Volunteer License, is not currently being
5 worked on; however, the Board is already issuing
6 volunteer licenses.

7 Regarding 16A-5141, Nursing Education Programs,
8 Ms. Pachter Schulder reported the final package has
9 moved through the regulatory process. After
10 approvals from various offices and committees, the
11 package is anticipated for Independent Regulatory
12 Review Commission (IRRC) review on October 15, 2026.
13 If IRRC approves the package, the regulations will
14 move to the Office of Attorney General (OAG) before
15 being published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

16 Regulation 16A-5145, CRNA Licensure, was approved
17 by IRRC on July 16, 2026, with OAG issuing approval
18 on August 11, 2026. Committees were scheduled to
19 receive the package on September 14, 2026. Ms.
20 Pachter Schulder stated anticipated publication was
21 around the first week in October. She explained how
22 information regarding the regulation would be
23 disseminated through the Board's website, the
24 Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists, and
25 the National Board of Certification and

1 Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists. Applications
2 will start being accepted towards the end of October
3 2026. She noted the regulation gives CRNAs one year
4 from the date of publication to obtain certification
5 during which they can continue to practice as they
6 have been.

7 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained work would
8 continue on Regulation 16A-5150, OTPs, after the
9 Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) was finished.

10 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained there were
11 currently temporary regulations in place for the NLC.
12 With the temporary regulations expiring on May 24,
13 2027, new NLC regulations were needed in the form of
14 Regulation 16A-5152. She explained 16A-5152 was only
15 slightly modified from the temporary regulations
16 currently in place. She reviewed slight changes with
17 the fees, noting with verification of licensure now
18 being done by the National Council of State Boards of
19 Nursing (NCSBN), the Board would no longer be
20 collecting the verification fee.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder explained Subchapter L was
22 being removed because it was a temporary chapter.
23 Subchapter M was being inserted for the new
24 regulation. She reviewed each of the provisions in
25 Subchapter M, emphasizing the new regulation largely

1 reflected current practice through the temporary
2 regulation. There were no questions from the Board.]

3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 If there aren't any questions, is
5 anybody willing to make a motion to
6 send 16A-5152, NLC and Fees, to
7 stakeholders for pre-draft input?

8 DR. BUCHER:

9 So moved, Bucher.

10 MS. HERTZLER:

11 Second, Hertzler.

12 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

13 All those in favor? Opposed?

14 Abstentions?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 [Tiffanie Camarota, Esquire, Board Counsel, explained
18 Regulation 16A-5151, LPN Pronouncement of Death,
19 implements Act 137 of 2024. She noted that after
20 publication of the proposed regulation, the Board
21 only received one supportive public comment and no
22 comments from IRRC. She added if the final form
23 rulemaking is delivered without any revisions, the
24 package would be deemed approved.]

25 MS. CAMAROTA:

1 Are there any questions on the final
2 form?

3 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

4 The motion would be to adopt 16A-5151
5 in final form.

6 DR. BUCHER:

7 So moved, Bucher.

8 MR. SCHER:

9 Second, Scher.

10 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Pennsylvania Legislative Update

16 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,
17 reported the only legislative updates were additions
18 of appreciation weeks as noted at the bottom of the
19 legislation chart. She anticipated more to review at
20 the October meeting.]

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22 [Chair Hunsberger mentioned that at the NCSBN Annual
23 Meeting, the NCLEX registration fee was approved to
24 increase to \$350, effective February 1, 2027.]

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1 Public Comment - None

2 ***

3 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
4 at 10:52 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
5 Session for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
6 deliberations on the matters on the Agenda under the
7 Report of Board Counsel, Report of the Prosecutorial
8 Division, and the educational programs. The Board
9 returned to Open Session at 12:21 p.m.]

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11 Report of Prosecution

12 MS. CASTOR:

13 Is there a motion to adopt the Consent
14 Agreements for Items 2 through 15 and
15 83? Those are the VRP agreements.

16 DR. BUCHER:

17 So moved, Bucher.

18 MS. CAPIOTIS:

19 Second, Capiotis.

20 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

21 All those in favor? Opposed?

22 Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. CASTOR:

1 That's No. 20, 25-51-006731.

2 DR. BUCHER:

3 So moved, Bucher.

4 MS. CAPIOTIS:

5 Second, Capiotis.

6 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried. Ms. Hertzler was recused from
10 deliberations and voting on the motion. The
11 Respondent at Item No. 20, Case No. 25-51-006731, is
12 Amanda Mitch, LPN, RN.]

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14 MS. CASTOR:

15 Is there a motion to reject the
16 following Consent Agreement as too
17 lenient for which there are no
18 recusals? That is No. 17, 25-51-
19 005638.

20 DR. BUCHER:

21 So moved, Bucher.

22 MS. CAPIOTIS:

23 Second, Capiotis.

24 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

25 All those in favor? Opposed?

1 Abstentions?

2 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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4 Report of Board Counsel

5 MS. CASTOR:

6 No. 34, is there a motion to deny the
7 application for CRNP for Danisha Brewer
8 Drewery, RN, Case No. 25-51-004642, for
9 which there are no recusals?

10 DR. BUCHER:

11 So moved, Bucher.

12 MS. CAPIOTIS:

13 Second, Capiotis.

14 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

15 All those in favor? Opposed?

16 Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 MS. CASTOR:

20 No. 35, is there a motion to grant the
21 application for Keetevan Khabelashvili,
22 Applications AA0004833833 and
23 AA0006153489, on the grounds that the
24 credentials evaluation indicated
25 educational equivalency for which there

1 are no recusals?

2 DR. BUCHER:

3 So moved, Bucher.

4 MS. CAPIOTIS:

5 Second, Capiotis.

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. 36, is there a motion to deny the
13 application of Shanie Hope Yvonne
14 Tarrant-Fryer, Case No. 25-51-018936,
15 for which there are no recusals?

16 DR. BUCHER:

17 So moved, Bucher.

18 MS. CAPIOTIS:

19 Second, Capiotis.

20 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

21 All those in favor? Opposed?

22 Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. CASTOR:

1 No. 37, is there a motion to deny the
2 stay requested by Gentry Roberts, LPN,
3 Case No. 21-51-016918, for which there
4 are no recusals?

5 DR. BUCHER:

6 So moved, Bucher.

7 MS. CAPIOTIS:

8 Second, Capiotis.

9 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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14 MS. CASTOR:

15 No. 38, is there a motion to deny the
16 stay requested by Seun Abiola Obi, RN,
17 LPN, Case No. 22-51-011833, for which
18 there are no recusals?

19 DR. BUCHER:

20 So moved, Bucher.

21 MS. CAPIOTIS:

22 Second, Capiotis.

23 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?

25 Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. CASTOR:

4 No. 81, is there a motion to deny the
5 petition for early release from the VRP
6 in Case No. 24-51-008453.

7 DR. BUCHER:

8 So moved, Bucher.

9 MS. CAPIOTIS:

10 Second, Capiotis.

11 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

12 All those in favor? Opposed?

13 Abstentions?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 MS. CASTOR:

17 No. 39, is there a motion to deem the
18 facts admitted and authorize Counsel to
19 prepare an Adjudication and Order in
20 the matter of Joanna Marie Beck, LPN,
21 Case No. 24-51-005545, for which Board
22 Member Hertzler is recused?

23 DR. BUCHER:

24 So moved, Bucher.

25 MS. CAPIOTIS:

1 Second, Capiotis.

2 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

3 All those in favor? Opposed?

4 Abstentions?

5 [The motion carried. Ms. Hertzler was recused from
6 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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8 MS. CASTOR:

9 Is there a motion to deem the facts
10 admitted and authorize Counsel to
11 prepare an Adjudication and Order in
12 the following matters for which there
13 are no recusals? No. 40, Bolaji O.
14 Bolarinwa, RN, Case No. 25-51-018460;
15 No. 41, Peter J. Castellano, RN, Case
16 No. 24-51-014367; and No. 42, Zachary
17 Francis Kowalski, LPN, Case No. 24-51-
18 018819.

19 DR. BUCHER:

20 So moved, Bucher.

21 MS. CAPIOTIS:

22 Second, Capiotis.

23 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?

25 Abstentions?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 MS. CASTOR:

4 Regarding the Hearing Examiner
5 Proposals, is there a motion to adopt
6 the Hearing Examiner Proposal for which
7 Hertzler and Scher are recused? That's
8 No. 43, Maria Terasse Boyer, LPN, Case
9 No. 25-51-004239.

10 DR. BUCHER:

11 So moved, Bucher.

12 MS. CAPIOTIS:

13 Second, Capiotis.

14 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

15 All those in favor? Opposed?

16 Abstentions?

17 [The motion carried. Ms. Hertzler and Mr. Scher were
18 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

19 ***

20 MS. CASTOR:

21 Is there a motion to adopt the Hearing
22 Examiner Proposals for which there are
23 no recusals? That's No. 48, Patricia
24 Pujols-Gutierrez, LPN, Case No. 24-51-
25 002828; No. 49, David Oram, RN, LPN,

1 Case No. 25-51-001606; No. 51, Brianna
2 C. Miller, LPN, Case No. 24-51-009085;
3 and No. 54, Claire Hudson, LPN, Case
4 No. 26-51-007928.

5 DR. BUCHER:

6 So moved, Bucher.

7 MS. CAPIOTIS:

8 Second, Capiotis.

9 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

10 All those in favor? Opposed?

11 Abstentions?

12 [The motion carried unanimously.]

13 ***

14 MS. CASTOR:

15 Is there a motion to authorize Counsel
16 to prepare an Order consistent with the
17 discussions held in Executive Session
18 in the following cases for which there
19 are no recusals? No. 44, Courtney
20 Delgado, LPN, Case No. 26-51-002492;
21 No. 45, Danisha Brewer Drewery, RN,
22 Case No. 24-51-017500; No. 46,
23 Stephanie Fezuk Sangardi a/k/a
24 Stephanie Ann Fezuk, RN, Case No. 23-
25 51-016073; No. 47, Lydia Hoover, RN,

1 Case No. 23-51-011229; No. 52, Adejoke
2 M. Fayemi, LPN, Case No. 22-51-001159;
3 No. 53, Sandra Lee Flaxman, Case No.
4 23-51-001923; and No. 50, Michelle
5 Moore, RN, Case No. 23-51-014997.

6 DR. BUCHER:

7 So moved, Bucher.

8 MS. CAPIOTIS:

9 Second, Capiotis.

10 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

11 All those in favor? Opposed?

12 Abstentions?

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Dr. Bucher assumed the Chair.

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17 MS. CASTOR:

18 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
19 Adjudication and Order for which
20 Hertzler and Hunsberger are recused, so
21 the Chair swings to Dr. Bucher? That's
22 No. 68, Tashiba Renae Mahoney, LPN,
23 Case Nos. 21-51-018198 and 22-51-
24 017023.

25 DR. HERSHBERGER:

1 So moved, Hershberger.

2 MS. CAPIOTIS:

3 Second, Capiotis.

4 VICE CHAIR BUCHER:

5 All those in favor? Opposed?

6 Abstentions?

7 [The motion carried. Chair Hunsberger and Ms.
8 Hertzler were recused from deliberations and voting
9 on the motion.]

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11 Chair Hunsberger resumed the Chair.

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13 MS. CASTOR:

14 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
15 Adjudication and Order for which
16 Hertzler and Bucher are recused?
17 That's No. 67, Amy Lee Patterson, LPN,
18 Case No. 23-51-013749.

19 DR. HERSHBERGER:

20 So moved, Hershberger.

21 MS. CAPIOTIS:

22 Second, Capiotis.

23 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

24 All those in favor? Opposed?

25 Abstentions?

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

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5 MS. CASTOR:

6 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
7 Adjudication and Order for which
8 Hertzler and Scher are recused? That's
9 No. 57, Erika Brooks, LPN, Case No. 24-
10 51-018605.

11 DR. BUCHER:

12 So moved, Bucher.

13 MS. CAPIOTIS:

14 Second, Capiotis.

15 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

16 All those in favor? Opposed?

17 Abstentions?

18 [The motion carried. Ms. Hertzler and Mr. Scher were
19 recused from deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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21 MS. CASTOR:

22 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
23 Adjudication and Order for which
24 Hertzler, Capiotis, and Scher are
25 recused? That's No. 55, Luke Samuel

1 Arbuckle, RN, Case No. 23-51-018531.

2 DR. BUCHER:

3 So moved, Bucher.

4 DR. HERSHBERGER:

5 Second, Hershberger.

6 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

7 All those in favor? Opposed?

8 Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried. Ms. Hertzler, Ms. Capiotis, and
10 Mr. Scher were recused from deliberations and voting
11 on the motion.]

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13 MS. CASTOR:

14 Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
15 Adjudications and Orders for which
16 there are no recusals? No. 58, Dejanae
17 Carter, LPN, Case No. 23-51-012990; No.
18 59, Christian M. Cassarly, RN, Case No.
19 25-51-012969; No. 60, Khlya S.
20 Martinez, LPN, Case No. 24-51-017819;
21 No. 61, John Iwaniuk, RN, Case No. 23-
22 51-008156; No. 62, Cynthia Janos, LPN,
23 Case No. 24-51-013646; No. 63, Amelia
24 Marie Kissane, RN, Case No. 23-51-
25 013619; No. 64, Delmeicia Winings, LPN,

1 Case No. 23-51-018391; No. 65, Meghan
2 Grace Mullen, RN, Case No. 23-51-
3 016296; No. 66, Cheryl Wentzell Myers,
4 RN, Case No. 23-51-007224; No. 69,
5 Krista Oltmann, RN, Case No. 23-51-
6 014688; No. 70, Lorna Chairman
7 Fretwell, LPN, Case No. 21-51-007177;
8 No. 71, Felicia Guy, LPN, Case No. 23-
9 51-006819; No. 72, Henrietta M. Kargbo,
10 LPN, Case No. 22-51-001162; No. 73,
11 Gerlande Paul, RN, LPN, Case No. 23-51-
12 003540; No. 74, Jocelande Paul, LPN,
13 Case No. 22-51-001144; No. 75,
14 Catherine Chidiebere Ukaegbu, LPN, Case
15 No. 22-51-001146; and No. 80, Leslie
16 Ellen Johnson, RN, Case No. 23-51-
17 002739.

18 DR. BUCHER:

19 So moved, Bucher.

20 MS. CAPIOTIS:

21 Second, Capiotis.

22 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

23 All those in favor? Opposed?

24 Abstentions?

25 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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MS. CASTOR:

Is there a motion to adopt the Draft
Adjudication and Order for Michael
David Bragg, RN, at Item No. 56, Case
No. 22-51-017329?

DR. BUCHER:

So moved, Bucher.

MS. CAPIOTIS:

Second, Capiotis.

CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

All those in favor? Opposed?

Abstentions?

[The motion carried unanimously.]

MS. CASTOR:

For the schools without recusals, is
there a motion to approve subject to
receipt of letters of intent regarding
pediatric clinical experiences the
Revolutionary Education Center's
Proposal for the Establishment of a
Prelicensure Practical Nursing Program?

DR. BUCHER:

So moved, Bucher.

1 MS. CAPIOTIS:

2 Second, Capiotis.

3 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

4 All those in favor? Opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

7 ***

8 MS. CASTOR:

9 Is there a motion for the approval of
10 Eastern University's Proposal for
11 Establishment of a Full-time, 6
12 semester, 78 credit, Prelicensure
13 Direct Entry-Master of Science Nursing
14 Program for which there are no
15 recusals?

16 DR. BUCHER:

17 So moved, Bucher.

18 MS. CAPIOTIS:

19 Second, Capiotis.

20 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

21 All those in favor? Opposed?

22 Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 MS. CASTOR:

1 Is there a motion to approve La Salle's
2 Proposal for Establishment of a Full-
3 time Prelicensure Generalist Direct
4 Entry Master of Nursing Program subject
5 to its BSN program attaining an 80
6 percent pass rate? And for that one
7 Dr. Hershberger and Dr. Frank are
8 recused.

9 DR. BUCHER:

10 So moved, Bucher.

11 MS. CAPIOTIS:

12 Second, Capiotis.

13 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

14 All those in favor? Opposed?

15 Abstentions?

16 [The motion carried. Dr. Hershberger and Dr. Frank
17 were recused from deliberations and voting on the
18 motion.]

19 ***

20 Adjournment

21 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

22 Is there any additional business to
23 come before the Board?

24 Hearing none, may I have a motion
25 for adjournment?

1 MS. HERTZLER:

2 So moved, Hertzler.

3 DR. BUCHER:

4 Second, Bucher.

5 CHAIR HUNSBERGER:

6 All those in favor? Opposed?

7 Abstentions?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 [There being no further business, the State Board of
11 Nursing Meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.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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STATE BOARD OF NURSING
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