CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
August 20, 2014
3:00 PM

This electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Nursing is being held pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.8(1), which essentially states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only in circumstances where such a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and only if the governmental body complies with paragraphs “a” through “c” of this subsection. This electronic meeting is being held in the conference room of the Iowa Board of Nursing office, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite B, Des Moines, IA. The agenda has been posted on the Board’s Website and sent electronically to those individuals subscribing to ListServe.

Board in Attendance

Gwen Suntken, RN, Chairperson
Connie Boyd, RN, Vice Chair
LeRoy Strohman
Nancy Kramer, RN
Debra Larson, LPN

Board Members Excused

James Seymour
Chad Ware, RN

Staff

Kathy Weinberg, RN, Executive Director
Laura Hudson, RN, Associate Director CE/Workforce
Lynn Linder, Operations Officer
Doug Bartels, Associate Director Enforcement
Bill Hansen, Enforcement
Eric Holsapple, Enforcement
Kathleen Beebout, RN, Enforcement
Diane Burkert, RN, Enforcement
Taunya Cunningham, Enforcement
Lucas Bee, Enforcement
Tracey Westby, Enforcement Secretary
Kathy Cornwell, Secretary
Sara Scott, Assistant Attorney General

Audience

No Audience Present

Gwen Suntken called the meeting to order at 3:09 PM.

On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Over
Closed Session
3:11 PM On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to move into Closed Session in accordance with Iowa Code §21.5(1)"a" to review information required by state or federal law to be kept confidential.

Open Session
3:12 PM On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to move into Open Session.

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted to approve the request for special testing accommodations, due to diagnosed disabilities, during administration of the NCLEX® RN examination submitted by V.F. The accommodations will allow a separate room and an additional two hours of testing time while taking the NCLEX® RN examination.

Debra Larson joined the meeting.

On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board issued order number 2014-07-PR, which Denies the petition requesting a refund of the fee for license by examination submitted by Stephanie Eslinger.

On a motion by Debra Larson, the Board issued order number 2014-05-PR, which approves the petition for waiver of 655 IAC 3.4 Qualifications for License by Examination for foreign educated candidates, submitted by Sr. Elsy Kurisingal.

On a motion by Debra Larson, the Board issued order number 2014-06-PR, which approves the petition for waiver of 655 IAC 3.4 Qualifications for License by Examination for foreign educated candidates, submitted by Sr. Shiji Mattakal.

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board issued order number 2014-04-PR, which approves the petition for waiver of 655 IAC 3.5, Qualifications for License by Endorsement submitted by Patrick M. Hill.

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board issued order number 2014-08-PR, which approves the petition for waiver of 655 IAC 3.5, Qualifications for License by Endorsement submitted by Michael Oritz.

MISCELLANEOUS

On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to allow petition for waivers received to waive 655 IAC 3.5(2)b(4) which requires the transcript to denote the date of graduation and degree conferred to be approved administratively by board staff. The Board staff may accept all transcripts received from the United States Army, Practical Nurse Course located in Fort Sam, Houston, Texas.
ENFORCEMENT

On a motion Connie Boyd, the Board voted to deny licensure to the following endorsement applicant in the state of Iowa:

14-361 Georgia Mohler

On a motion by Connie Boyd, the Board voted to find that the criminal conviction(s) does relate to the practice of nursing. However, the following applicants have shown that sufficient rehabilitation has occurred and may be licensed in the state of Iowa upon successful completion of the NCLEX®.

14-354 Amy Thompson
14-357 Maria Scholten

Closed Session
3:40 PM On a motion by Connie Boyd, the Board voted unanimously by roll call vote to move into Closed Session for the following reasons:

Endorsement and Exam items, in accordance with Iowa Code §21.5(1)"a" to review information required by state or federal law to be kept confidential.
Voluntary Surrender and Findings of Fact items, in accordance with 21.5(1)"f", to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case.

Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order Combined items, in accordance with 21.5(1)"a" to review complaint files or investigative information required by Iowa Code § 272C.6(4) to be kept confidential and 21.5(1)"d", to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings and § 21.5(1)"f", to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case.

Closures in accordance with 21.5(1)(a) to review complaint files or investigative information required by § 272C.6(4) to be kept confidential and 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigation or proceedings.

Open Session
4:02 PM On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to move into Open Session

On a motion by Debra Larson, the Board voted to find that the criminal conviction(s) does relate to the practice of nursing. However, the following applicants have shown that sufficient rehabilitation has occurred and may be licensed in the state of Iowa upon successful completion of the NCLEX®.

14-208 Jessica Dillavou
14-350 Jason Hoppenjan
14-356 Virginia Mains
14-358 Jennifer Beaver
14-360 Katharine Kelly
14-362 Jennifer Vaske
On a motion Debra Larson, the Board voted to approve licensure to the following endorsement applicant in the state of Iowa:

14-363 Annamae Williams

On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to accept the Voluntary Surrender in the following cases:

12-359 Jennifer Maze
13-416 Torey Smith-Keck

On a motion by Nancy Kramer, the Board voted to accept the Notice of Hearing, Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order (Combined) for the following cases:

13-483 Larry Brown
13-568 David Sprague
13-738 Paula Curran
13-809 Janel Thompson
13-810 Melissa Collins
14-051 Latisha Terry
14-138 Meghan Rosenbaum
14-205 Carrie Kimrey

On a motion by Connie Boyd, the board voted to close the following cases for lack of probable cause:

12-918 13-520 13-833 14-213
13-158 13-582 13-838 14-217
13-159 13-584 13-846 14-219
13-356 13-686 14-022 14-225
13-441 13-689 14-064 14-227
13-493 13-726 14-068 14-228
13-514 13-728 14-131 14-278
13-515 13-728 14-153 14-290
13-516 13-804 14-188 14-291

4:09 PM On a motion by LeRoy Strohman, the Board voted to adjourn.