

**MINUTES OF THE**  
**INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

met on  
Thursday, July 11, 2024  
at 8:30 a.m.

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**Administrative Law Judge:**

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**I. Probation Withdrawals (8:30 a.m.)**

1. In the Matter of the License of Benita Johnson (Thomas), 27068415A - VACATED  
Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0129
  
2. In the Matter of the License of Kyrsten Alvey, 28237346A  
Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0199  
DAG: none  
Respondent: present and comfortable proceeding without counsel  
Witness(es): Respondent, Nick Hart with ISBN  
Exhibit(s): None

The ALJ recommended withdrawal of probation.

3. In the Matter of the License of Sierra Axe, 27066628A  
Administrative Cause No. 2022 NB 0134  
DAG: none  
Respondent: present and comfortable proceeding without counsel  
Witness(es): Respondent, Nick Hart with ISBN, Lindsay Epps (nurse practitioner who works with Respondent)

Exhibit(s): None

The ALJ recommended withdrawal of probation.

4. In the Matter of the License of Joshua Azbell, 27065963A  
Administrative Cause No. 2019 NB 0241  
DAG: Ryan Eldridge with CLI Ben Rimminger  
Respondent: present and comfortable proceeding without counsel  
Witness(es): Respondent, Alyssa Hamilton with ISNAP  
Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1 (IPLA affidavit)

The ALJ recommended withdrawal of probation.

5. In the Matter of the License of Amber Smith, 28192777A  
Administrative Cause No. 2018 NB 0003  
DAG: Ryan Eldridge with CLI August Petrunaro  
Respondent: present with counsel Lorie Brown  
Witness(es): Respondent, Allyson Metz (Respondent's nurse manager)  
Exhibit(s): State's Exhibit 1 (IPLA affidavit)

The ALJ recommended withdrawal of probation.

6. In the Matter of the License of Sheryle Cullen, 27042101A  
Administrative Cause No. 2020 NB 0235  
DAG: None  
Respondent: present and comfortable proceeding without counsel  
Witness(es): Respondent, Nick Hart with ISBN, Alyssa Hamilton with ISNAP  
Exhibit(s): none

The ALJ recommended withdrawal of probation.

7. In the Matter of the License of Daphney Leverett, 28112028A  
Administrative Cause No. 2020 NB 0154  
DAG: Ryan Eldridge with CLI Carlos Petrunaro  
Respondent: present with counsel Lorie Brown  
Witness(es): Dr. Donato Borillo, Respondent  
Exhibit(s): Respondent's Exhibits 1-4 (Quarterly reports for Respondent completed by Dr. Borillo),  
Respondent's Exhibits 5&6 (Letters from Dr. Borillo), State's Exhibit 1 (PLA affidavit)

The ALJ recommended withdrawal of probation.

8. In the Matter of the License of Teresa Leckrone, 28221046A  
Administrative Cause No. 2022 NB 0105  
DAG: None  
Respondent: present and comfortable proceeding without counsel  
Witness(es): Respondent, Nick Hart with ISBN, Alyssa Hamilton with ISNAP  
Exhibit(s): none

The ALJ recommended withdrawal of probation.

9. In the Matter of the License of Sarah Bond, 28180188A

Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0151  
DAG: Gavin Hunter  
Respondent: present with counsel Lorie Brown  
Witness(es): Respondent, Amber Fithian (Respondent's nurse manager)  
Exhibit(s): Respondent's Exhibit 1 (CEs)

The ALJ recommended withdrawal of probation.

10. In the Matter of the License of Patricia Coffey, 28117505A  
Administrative Cause No. 2019 NB 0312  
DAG: Ryan Eldridge  
Respondent: present with counsel Derek Peterson  
Witness(es): Respondent,  
Exhibit(s): Respondent's Exhibit A (IPRP worksite monitor reports), Respondent's Exhibit B (documents sent to Judge Biesterveld in her criminal case), Respondent's Exhibit C (Signed copy of Respondent's signed board order)

The ALJ recommended denial of probation withdrawal.

## **II. Reinstatements (11:00 a.m.)**

1. In the Matter of the License of Julie Ross, 28230249A  
Administrative Cause No. 2019 NB 0028  
DAG: Ryan Eldridge with CLI August Petrunaro  
Respondent: present and comfortable proceeding without counsel  
Witness(es): Respondent  
Exhibit(s): none

The ALJ recommended reinstatement of the license on probation. Prior to working, Respondent shall complete a nursing refresher course with a clinical component (since suspension order is from 2020 and last time she worked as a nurse according to her own testimony was May 2019). Keep her info and employer info current, signed board orders, quarterly reports, no unsupervised practiced. Indefinite probation for minimum of 1 year of active practice immediately preceding the petition to withdraw probation.

2. In the Matter of the License of Nicholas Metzger, 28228281A  
Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0049  
DAG: Ryan Eldridge with CLI August Petrunaro  
Respondent: present and comfortable proceeding without counsel  
Witness(es): Respondent, Alyssa Hamilton with ISNAP  
Exhibit(s): none

The ALJ recommended reinstatement of Respondent's license on probation for minimum of 1 year of active practice or length of RMA (Respondent is currently in a 5 year RMA), whichever is longer. Signed board orders, quarterly reports, no supervision, no unsupervised practice. 1 year of active practice must immediately precede the petition to withdraw probation. Compliance with statutes and rules, report any changed circumstances, keep the board apprised of info and employer's info. Must have RMA compliance.

3. In the Matter of the License of Melissa Kimberlin, 28188025A/71007038A  
Administrative Cause No. 2020 NB 0011  
DAG: Gavin Hunter  
Respondent: present with counsel Steven Thiesing

Witness(es): Respondent

Exhibit(s): Respondent's Exhibit A (ISBN PSA), Respondent's Exhibit B (ISBN final order), Respondent's Exhibit C (Kentucky agreed order), Respondent's Exhibit D (Kentucky letter of compliance), Respondent's Exhibit E (Kentucky discipline report), Respondent's Exhibit F (Petition for Reinstatement of Respondent's Indiana nursing license)

The ALJ recommended reinstatement of Respondent's license free and clear. Mitigating factor: Indiana suspension was based exclusively on Kentucky discipline and Respondent's license has already been reinstated on probation (2021) and withdrawn from probation (2024) there. She has already successfully completed the probationary component of her Kentucky discipline order. She intentionally waited for the probation to be withdrawn in Kentucky to petition for reinstatement of her Indiana license, even though it was not required by the terms of her Indiana order. She could have petitioned for reinstatement in 2021, when her Kentucky license was restored to a probationary status.