

MINUTES OF THE
INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Thursday, October 17, 2024
at 8:30 a.m.

Indiana Government Center South
Conference Center, Room B+C
302 W. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Board Members Present:

Jason King, DNP, RN
Kim Cooper, MSN, RN
Julian Gallegos, PhD, RN, FNP-BC
Nancy Juengst, LPN
Rena Magers, LPN
Jessican Harlan-York, JD

Advisory Counsel:

Claire Dyer
Jill Haddad

PLA Staff:

Audrea Racine
Nicholas Hart
Toni Herron
Catherine Briney
Bradley Repass

Court Reporter:

Merideth Sarjent

I. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

8:30 a.m.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0

III. Adoption of the Minutes

1. Minutes of the Meeting on September 19, 2024- tabled for review.
2. Minutes of the ALJ Meeting on October 3, 2024

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with changes discussed.
Cooper/Juengst 5-0-0

IV. Adoption of ALJ Recommendations

1. ALJ Recommendations of September 19, 2024- tabled for review

V. Adoption of Recommended Orders

1. Terry Riley
2. Kenna Birch
3. Jamie Lantz
4. Rashanna Williams
5. Melinda Wood
6. John Gross
7. Jessie Riggle
8. Taylor Knox
9. Tiffany Roberts
10. Tracy Hearn (With Objection)- TABLE
11. Sarah Tallo
12. Kristen Wagoner
13. Casey Elliott
14. Megan Bonnet
15. Stacy Abell
16. Stephanie Sessions
17. Varena Edwards

A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommended orders 1-9,11-17. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0.

VI. Education

1. Taylor University Intent to Open BSN program – Karen Elsea EdD., RN

Dr. Karen Elsea and Dr. Maxwell appeared on behalf of the program. Education Compliance Officer Toni Herron stated that Taylor University (TU) is requesting initial accreditation for a 4-year traditional BSN degree program with an initial cohort size of forty-eight (48) students at the Upland, Indiana campus. In response to the large volume of requests by applicants for a nursing program, Taylor currently offers a “3+1” nursing degree in cooperation with Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU). The student completes the first three years on the Taylor campus and graduates with a bachelor’s degree in health science and after fourteen (14) months at IWU, they receive a BSN. There are currently approximately 18-20 students in progression in the 3+1 track. TU is requesting a January 2025 start date which will accommodate the transition of these current students to the new degree, or they may continue to complete with the 3+1 option. IWU is aware of the plan to teach out the 3+1 track and is supportive.

Ms. Herron stated that TU has worked to meet ISBN standards since they began this process and has been in close communication for compliance with ISBN expectations. TU has remodeled the Nussbaum Science Center, creating lab, simulation and classroom space that is adequate to accommodate the number of students requested for the first cohort. The skills lab has six (6) beds currently. Ms. Cooper stated that this is an insufficient number to the size of initial cohort requested, that the number needs to increase to eight (8) beds.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to grant initial accreditation with the following communication sent in ten (10) business days:

1. Increase the number of beds in the lab from six (6) to eight (8) prior to the beginning of classes
2. Snell and Jonathan Treece Submit a copy of the notice to students regarding the teach-out and their options
3. Submit a copy of the letter sent to IWU regarding the teach-out
4. Submit a copy of the teach-out plan

Ms. Juengst seconded the motion. Motion carries. Cooper/Juengst 5-0-0

2. Ivy Tech Community College Greencastle construction site visit report – Kim Cooper RN, MSN

Kelly Gosnell and Jonathan Treece appeared on behalf of the program. Ivy Tech Greencastle is an extension of the Terre Haute campus. Greencastle has converted previous office space into a state-of-the-art simulation suite that will be used by both Terre Haute and Greencastle students. Three (3) individual sim rooms were created, in addition to the nurse's station and conference room for pre- and debrief sessions. The remodel was developed by faculty with the support of the Dean and includes creative use of new technology. Dr. Julian Gallegos made a motion to approve the construction and Ms. Juengst seconded. Gallegos/ Juengst 5-0-0

3. St. Elizabeth School of Nursing Initial Accreditation for diploma program- Michelle Gerrety, EdD, MSN, RN

Dr. Gerrety appeared on behalf of the program. She stated that their national nursing accreditor, American Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) is requiring a reduction in the number of credits for the diploma program. The revision St. Elizabeth has identified secondary to the requirement from national, reduces nursing credits from 66 to 50 and general education credits from 39 to 24. After discussion of the implications for such a change, Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the substantive change request with the following:

1. Submit a copy of the letter to students explaining the change including information to schedule with their academic advisor if they choose to pursue the diploma only option. Also, the timing and implications of this.
2. Submit a final crosswalk of courses for diploma only option vs. BSN
3. Submit an outline of completion exit
4. Submit a letter to IU Arnett regarding the change.

Ms. Magers seconded the motion. Motion carries. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0

4. FYI Only:
 - i. Caris College announces the resignation of Kathryn Reed RN as Program Director effective 11/29/2024. Search for successor in progress.
 - ii. Fortis Monthly Report- Fortis College report was tabled until their in-person report at the November 21, 2024 meeting.

VII. Discussion Items

1. OAG Report

Amanda Cassidy, Section Chief for the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, delivered the report.

2. Director's Report

- i. Ethics Refresher Course
- ii. LPN Renewal Update

Audrea Racine, ISBN Director, delivered the report.

3. ISNAP Report

Tracy Traut, ISNAP Program Director, delivered the report.

VIII. Proposed Settlement Agreements

1. Lois Kingery
2. Carmela Young
3. Lindsey Allison
4. Jean Heard
5. Courtney Pointer
6. Susan Evans
7. Jennifer Wilson- VACATED (voted on 9/19/24)
8. Brittany Jennings
9. Jade Harris
10. Lorraine York-Hudson
11. Bree Dorrance
12. Destiny Santucci
13. Chrsitina Esparza
14. Natalie Fishel
15. Veronica Housley
16. Danica Elkins
17. Anthony Farley

A motion was made to deny 17. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0

A motion was made to approve 1-16 minus 7 and place hold on 1. King/Harlan-York 5-0-0

IX. Petitions for Summary Suspension

1. In the Matter of the License of Dezarae Polinske, WI Multistate 255822
Administrative Cause no. 202410-NUR-0211
DAG: Natalie Stidd
Respondent: Not present
Witness(es): None
Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made to accept the voluntary agreement. Magers/Harlan-York 5-0-0.

X. Summary Suspension Renewals

1. In the Matter of the License of Charmayne Booker, 27050550A
Administrative Cause No. 2024 NB 0078
DAG: Whitney Cooper
Respondent: Not present

A motion was made to accept the request of renewal of the suspension. Cooper/Harlan-York 5-0-0

2. In the Matter of the License of Danica Elkins, 28270979A&C
Administrative Cause No. 2024 NB 0079
DAG: Alex James
Respondent: Not present
Witness(es): None
Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made to vacate the summary suspension. Cooper/Juengst 5-0-0

3. In the Matter of the License of Sarah Haag, 28179042A
Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0002
DAG: Alex James
Respondent: Not present
Witness(es): None
Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made to renew the summary suspension. Magers/Harlan-York 5-0-0

4. In the Matter of the License of Wachauna Jordan, 28284685A
Administrative Cause No. 202408-NUR-0156
DAG: Autumn Murphy
Respondent: Not present
Witness(es): None
Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made to renew the summary suspension. Magers/Juengst 5-0-0

5. In the Matter of the License of Kendra Nelson, 27074837A
Administrative Cause No. 2021 NB 0111
DAG: Whitney Cooper
Respondent: Not present
Witness(es): None
Exhibit(s): None

A motion to accept request to vacate the summary suspension. Cooper/Harlan-York 5-0-0

6. In the Matter of the License of Thomas B. Parkes, 28202678A
Administrative Cause No. 202405-NUR-0083
DAG: Sha'na Terry
Respondent: Not present
Witness(es): None
Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to renew the summary suspension. Harlan-York/Cooper 5-0-0

7. In the Matter of the License of Peter K. Kinuthia, 27067973A
Administrative Cause No. 202405-NUR-0084
DAG: Sha'na Terry
Respondent: Not present
Witness(es): None

Exhibit(s): None

A motion was made and seconded to renew the summary suspension. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0

XI. Final Hearings

1. In the Matter of the License of John Filosa, 28227989A/71010408A- CONTINUED
Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0112
2. In the Matter of the License of Amanda Carnagua, 28251724A-CONTINUED
Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0160
3. In the Matter of the License of Brittany Jennings, 28195430A-CONTINUED/PSA
Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0202
4. In the Matter of the License of Destiny Santucci, 27075854A- CONTINUED/PSA
Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0238
5. In the Matter of the License of Kathy Lynch, 28087031A/71005050A/71005050B-CONTINUED
Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0174
6. In the Matter of the License of Natalie Fishel, 28183249A-CONTINUED/PSA
Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0171
7. In the Matter of the License of Veronica Housley, 27067884A-CONTINUED/PSA
Administrative Cause No. 2022 NB 0081

XII. Default Hearings

1. In the Matter of the License of Megan Ward, 27050743A
Administrative Cause No. 2024 NB 0051
DAG: Ryan Eldridge
Respondent: Not present
Witness(es): None
Exhibit(s): State Ex. 1, Consumer Complaint, State Ex. 2, Madison County Criminal Records (Not for Public Access), State Ex. 3, Sentencing Record, State Ex. 4, Employment Records (Not for Public Access), State Ex. 5, Madison County Adult Day Reporting Notice, State Ex. 6, video of conduct (Not for Public Access)

A motion was made and seconded to default. Juengst/Cooper 5-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to revoke. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0

2. In the Matter of the License of Eryn Mann, 27059206A
Administrative Cause No. 2024 NB 0063
DAG: Kyle Sprunger, Whitney Cooper
Respondent: Not present
Witness(es): None
Exhibit(s): State Ex. 1, Daviess Community Employment Records, State Ex. 2, Med Staffing Solutions Contract documents, State Ex. 3, Deaconess Investigative Records, State Ex. 4, 2021 renewal

application, State Ex. 5, Memorial Hospital Employment documents, State Ex. 6, 2023 renewal application

A motion was made and seconded to default. Magers/Harlan-York 5-0-0

A motion was made and seconded to place on Indefinite Suspension for not less than six (6) months, contact ISNAP, complete an evaluation, sign an RMA if recommended and comply with terms for not less than six (6) months prior to petitioning, Complete thirty-six (36) CEUs: Twelve (12) hours in Medication administration, Twelve (12) hours in Ethics/Professionalism, Twelve (12) hours in Substance Abuse in Healthcare workers, keep board apprised of contact information and employment, \$1,000 Fine to IPLA, cost of proceedings, \$5 health records fee. Aggravating factor: failed to engage, missing medications, no responsibility, falsification of records. Cooper/King 5-0-0

- 3. In the Matter of the License of Barbara Petoskey, 27057128A
 Administrative Cause No. 2024 NB 0062
 DAG: Hilary Brown
 Respondent: Not present
 Witness(es): Tracy Traut with ISNAP
 Exhibit(s): State Ex. 1, Hellenic Senior Living Employment Records, State Ex. 2 Respondent’s Response and Consumer Complaint, State Ex. 3,

A motion was made and seconded to default. Harlan-York/Cooper 5-0-0.

A motion was made and seconded to place on Indefinite Suspension for not less than six (6) months, contact ISNAP, complete an evaluation, sign an RMA if recommended and comply with terms for not less than six (6) months of compliance prior to petitioning, Complete sixty (60) CEUs: twenty-four (24) hours in Medication Administration, Twenty-four (24) hours in Ethics/Professionalism, Twelve (12) hours in Boundaries, 1,000 fine, 5 fee, and cost of proceedings. Aggravating factor: loss of medications and don’t know where they are. Failure to engage with the proceedings. Cooper/ Juengst 5-0-0.

XIII. Personal Appearances

- 1. Rebekah Beaty, 71008104A- Reinstatement from suspension. No DAG present. Ms. Beaty waived the right to counsel. Beaty worked until September 20, 2024, until she discovered she was suspended. Never updated her address since she moved three (3) years ago or email address since 2019. Completed some required CEs after the audit window. Testified that she can’t pay fine due to financial hardship. Ms. Cooper made a motion to reinstate her on indefinite probation, fine of \$3,000 to PLA, \$5 health records fee. Mitigating factor is that accepted responsibility for failing to update contact information. Cooper/Magers 5-0-0

XIV. Adjournment

Upcoming Board Meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>ALJ/Full</u>	<u>Location</u>
November 7, 2024	ALJ	Virtual
November 21, 2024	Full	Conference Room B+C

