

MINUTES
INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
will meet via Teams

Thursday, October 1, 2026
at 1:00 p.m.

Live Stream: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/2760b63a-c92f-4ea1-937a-ab74472fb4b6@2199bfba-a409-4f13-b0c4-18b45933d88d?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

Board Member	Title	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Appointing Authority
Jason M. King, DNP, RN	Board President	09/01/2019	07/31/2029	Governor
Kim Cooper, MSN, RN	Secretary	10/22/2012	06/30/2030	Governor
Leah Scalf, DNP, RN, LNC, NE-BC	RN Member	12/04/2025	11/30/2029	Governor
Joy Joyner Pearson, DNP, RN, FNP-C	APRN Member w/ Rx Authority	07/01/2026	06/30/2030	Governor

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Kim Cooper, MSN, RN
Jason M. King, DNP, RN
Leah Scalf, DNP, RN, LNC, NE-BC

Advisory

Katie Bancroft

PLA Staff

Audrea Weir
Toni Herron
Shawn Keep

I. Education

- a. Hardon Education – construction site visit report – Brandi London MSN, RN

Brandi London, MSN, RN, CNE and Kellee Harney MA, BSN, RN appeared on behalf of Hardon Education, Education Compliance Officer Toni Herron, BSN, RN presented the construction site visit report to the ISBN subcommittee. Hardon Education presented their Phase 3 construction updates and occupancy request. Program demonstrated significant facility improvements, expanded lab and classroom spaces, technology enhancements, and strong student support structures. The building is 22,000 square feet. The construction has been completed in phases. This approval request is the third of four construction phases. ***Board member King made a motion to recommend approval for occupancy pending full board confirmation on October 15, 2026 and Board member Scalf seconded King/Scalf 3-0-0.***

- b. Keystone Nursing Academy – request for substantive change – Lisa Gustus MSN, RN, HFA, Hannah Gustus, BSN, RN, Faculty, and Rebecca Bartle, MSN, RN, HFA, Chief Administrative Officer of Nursing Services, appeared on behalf of Keystone Nursing Academy. Education Compliance Officer Toni Herron, BSN, RN presented the request to the ISBN education subcommittee. Keystone Nursing Academy is requesting modification to their admissions criteria. Current requirement: minimum 70% per HESI section (math, reading, vocabulary). They would like to request a change to allow minimum cumulative 70% across all three sections instead of 70% in each section. They are losing applicants due to struggling in the math portion. Committee discussion centered on remediation, math competency, exam integration, and admissions fairness. Program agreed to incorporate 7–10% math questions into every unit exam and final. Committee unanimously recommended Keystone Nursing Academy to allow them to modify their admission practices with an overall HESI2 overall score of 70%. Keystone Nursing Academy will also add 7-10% math questions added to every unit exam and final exam. ***Board member Cooper made a motion to recommend approval to allow the request to modify their admission criteria with overall Hesi 2 score of total 70% pending full board confirmation on October 15, 2026. Recommends revision of previous 70 in each area. Board would require 7-10% of questions on each unit exam and each final exam. Mitigating factors: reports that math is one of the lower scores. Board member King seconded the motion. Cooper/King 3-0-0.***
- c. Trine University substantive change request – Angel Jennings PhD, RN, Gero-BC, CDP, CNE, Angel Jennings PhD, RN, Gero-BC, CDP, CNE, Executive Director of Nursing, appeared on behalf of Trine University. Education Compliance Officer Toni Herron, BSN, RN presented the request to the ISBN education subcommittee. Trine University requested restructuring of ASN program leadership: one system-wide ASN Director (Susan Rasmussen) and one Associate Director at Angola (Tammy Gunzelman). Discussion included precedent, campus coverage, administrative logistics, and consistency of student support. ***Board member Scalf made a recommendation to approve the leadership structure by allowing Jennings to be over the organization, locations are 30 miles apart, already covering vacations/ emergencies. Pending full board confirmation on October 15, 2026. Board member King seconded the motion. Scalf/King 3-0-0***

II. Adjournment at 2:31pm

