

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 26-28, 2011

The Nevada State Board of Nursing Board meeting was called to order by President Doreen Begley MS, RN, at 1:00 p.m. on July 26, 2011, at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Fallen Leaf Conference Room, 660 Hwy 50, "Presbyterian Drive"  
Zephyr Cove, Nevada 89448.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Doreen Begley, MS, RN, President  
Tish Smyer, DNSc, RN, Vice President  
Kelly Espinoza, MSN, RN, Secretary  
Rick Carrauthers, LPN Member  
Sandra Halley, Consumer Member

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Belen Gabato, MS, RN, Member  
Carrie McMurray, CNA, Member

### OTHERS PRESENT

Debra Scott, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director  
Chris Sansom, MSN©, RN, Director of Operations  
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel  
Dean Estes, Director of Finance and Technology  
Gail Trujillo, Executive Assistant  
Roseann Colosimo, PhD, RN, Education Consultant  
Patty Shutt, LPN, Site Operations Supervisor  
Kathleen Reynolds, BHS, RN, Compliance Coordinator (7/26)  
Fred Hillerby, Legislative Liaison (7/28)

**CALL TO ORDER** – 1:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** R. Colosimo spoke during public comment informing the Board that the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education is requesting public comments explaining any concerns the Board and students may have regarding Touro University's nursing program. Any comments provided will be forwarded to the team that will survey Touro University.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda I, identified as items: A.1., A.2., A.3., A.4.a.-g., A.5., A.6., A.7.a.-c., B.1., B.2., C.1., C.2., C.7., D.2.a.-c., D.3.a.-b. & d.-e., E.1, E.8. & F.1. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda II, identified as items: D.1.a. & c.-p., D.8.a.-b. Items removed: D.1.a & D.8.b. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

**A. BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

1. Approval of minutes of Board meeting, May 5, 2011 and May 18-19, 2011: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
2. Annual approval of authorization of executive director to act as Board agent for financial transactions, keeper of records (for issuing of and responding to subpoenas) and authority to accept voluntary surrender of licenses/certificates, and as spokesperson for actions with other community groups or the media and in other routine business functions: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
3. Annual review of Board member roles and responsibilities and Board function list: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
4. Annual approval of Board policy and procedure manuals: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - a. General Policies and Procedures
  - b. Employee Handbook
  - c. Disability Advisory Committee Manual
  - d. Board Resource Manual
  - e. Practice Decision Manual
  - f. Discipline Policy Manual
  - g. Fingerprint Policy Manual
5. Preliminary review of the FY10/11 financial statement: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
6. Annual Adoption of Non-Discrimination Policy: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
7. Conference and Seminar Report: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - a. Debra Scott, Doreen Begley, Roseann Colosimo, NLC and Consumer Conference, Chicago, Illinois
  - a. Debra Scott, Chris Sansom, Fred Olmstead, Dean Estes, Sherri Twedt, Cynthia Peterson, Attorney/Investigator Conference, Chicago Illinois
  - b. Dean Estes, Patty Towler, IT Conference, Denver, Colorado
8. Board member advanced orientation:
  - Consent agenda: F. Olmstead and D. Scott discussed the preliminary process that items on the consent agenda go through before being posted to the consent agenda. They used examples of past consent agenda items that had been controversial for the Board and explained how decisions are made in consideration of Settlement Agreements. The Board further discussed how to best use the consent agenda format to conduct business.
  - Defaults: F. Olmstead cited the Nevada law that allows the Board to use the default process when addressing contested cases. He explained that judicial review generally supports hearing cases on their merits rather than letting a default decision stand under appeal. He recommended that the Board consider carefully any appeal of a default case so that justice is served in the important work of the Board.
  - Discussion of the liabilities and rewards of sitting on the NSBN: F. Olmstead led the Board in a discussion about the liabilities and rewards of sitting on the Board. He reviewed several cases which highlighted the responsibility of Board members in making decisions at each meeting. Many Board members listed the many benefits of sitting on the Board, especially recognizing the knowledge gained while serving on the Board.

- Discussion regarding settlement agreements: F. Olmstead led the discussion on settlement agreements, describing Board staff's authority in offering settlement agreements given in the Nurse Practice Act. He described how the staff take into consideration previous acts by the Board in similar situations when deciding what type of settlement to negotiate. Many factors go into making a settlement offer, although utmost in the minds of Board staff is always protecting the public. He reiterated the Board's role in accepting settlement agreements in that they must always realize that the final decision is always up to the Board itself.
  - Role of the Disability Advisory Committee: F. Olmstead clarified the role of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) as an entity that makes recommendations to the Board. Once the committee makes a recommendation, the Board may choose to follow that recommendation or to make any other decision it sees fit. The committee chair has requested that the Board consider the recommendation as presented when DAC has evaluated a nurse/CNA. When the Board requests further evaluation by DAC, the chair is concerned that the committee may be taking on a broader scope of authority than it actually has been given by the Nurse Practice Act and the Board. The Board agreed with the committee chair's assessment and will incorporate the recommendation into future decision making.
  - Commitment to Ongoing Regulatory Excellence report: The Board discussed the comments that were submitted during the survey of nurses, employers, and schools of nursing, recognizing the themes of customer service and professionalism. Further information will be presented to the Board at its September meeting.
9. Final progress report on FY 10/11 Goals and Objectives: D. Begley reviewed the contents of the final progress report with the Board members. Board staff responded to questions regarding activities listed in the report.
  10. Review, discussion and action on Board's long-term goals for FY11/12: D. Scott led the discussion, formulating the Board's long term goals for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board discussed the initiatives at the forefront of the work of the Board in the upcoming year and gave direction for identifying specific objectives to guide the work of the Board. D. Scott will apply the comments and suggestions of the Board and bring the finalized document to the September Board meeting. The document will memorialize the work of the Board between July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.
  11. Review, discussion and action regarding direction for Delegate Assembly: D. Begley led the discussion during which the Board gave recommendations to the delegates for consideration during the Delegate Assembly Business meeting scheduled for August 3-5, 2011. Direction was given related to the Slate of Candidates, the approval of two associate members, and the approval of the Uniform Licensure Requirement document.
  12. Review statistics and trends: C. Sansom presented information and responded to Board member questions regarding statistics and trends in scope of practice inquiries, licensure, certification, discipline and investigations, and compliance. K. Reynolds presented information and responded to Board member questions regarding statistics and trends in compliance.
  13. Discussion and action regarding Conflict of Interest Policy Acknowledgment: F. Olmstead led the discussion emphasizing the importance of discerning when Board members have a conflict of interest when deliberating or making decisions related to the

work of the Board. All Board members reviewed the policy and signed the acknowledgement forms which will be maintained in each Board members file at the Board office.

14. Legislative update: F. Hillerby gave the legislative update, highlighting the themes during the 2011 Legislative Session. He described new legislation that was enacted as a result of the passage of bills during the session. Bills which will affect the work of the Board that were passed include: advanced practitioners of nursing being required to be nationally certified after July, 2014, the NSBN was given the authority to regulate medication aides-certified, and nurses will be required to attest on renewal that they are knowledgeable of the CDC's guidelines for safe injection practices and that they are practicing within those guidelines. The Legislature passed a Sunset Bill that will mandate sunset review of all state boards and commissions. The review committee has not yet been appointed, but the Board showed interest in volunteering to be reviewed sooner in the process.
15. Executive Director annual evaluation: Board members met with the executive director, D. Scott, to present her annual evaluation. K. Espinoza, Board Secretary, took written minutes of the evaluation.
16. Review, discussion and action regarding Student Orientation Program: R. Colosimo gave the Board an update on the progress toward standardizing a student orientation for nursing students in various clinical settings. She reported that a subcommittee has been formed to address some of the steps toward implementing this program. She listed some of the facilities who have committed to implementing this program and the work that has been accomplished toward implementation.
17. Review, discussion and action regarding concept and wording for Medication Aide-Certified regulations: The Board reviewed a rough draft of regulations that will need further editing before being presented at public workshops in the fall. The Governor has mandated that all agencies' regulations should be reviewed for updating and efficiency in the upcoming year. Board staff reported that they have begun the review process.
18. Review, discussion and action regarding committee structure: D. Scott presented this agenda item. She described the importance of having consumer input in board/committee decision making. She reviewed the statutes and regulations which refer to committee membership and would allow consumer membership on the committees. She suggested to the Board that they approve adding a consumer member to all of the advisory committees, Nursing Practice, Advanced Practice, CNA, Disability Advisory, and Education Advisory. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the addition of one consumer member to every advisory committee. MOTION CARRIED.

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### **LICENSURE PROGRAMS**

1. Annual adoption of NCLEX passing scores as determined by National Council of State Boards of Nursing as the official competency examination for licensure: Approved under the Consent Agenda
2. Review, discussion and action of revisions to the Licensure Policy Manual: Approved under the Consent Agenda.

### **CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS**

1. Review, discussion and action on Board staff survey of Desert Rose High School Nursing Assistant Training Program: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
2. Review, discussion and action on Board staff survey of the Pahrump High School Nursing Assistant Training Program: Approved under the Consent Agenda.

3. Review, discussion and action on the nursing assistant training program applications for Lyon County High Schools; Yerington, Silver Sage, and Fernley approval contingent upon completion of all Board requirements: R. Colosimo presented the success of Dayton High School's Nursing Assistant Training Program. This program, also under Lyon County School District, had been approved last summer by the Board contingent upon completion of requirements. She added that these rural high schools really benefit from this program and Chief Nurse Adrina Cohen does an excellent job. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the applications contingent upon completion of all Board requirements. MOTION CARRIED.

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4. Review, discussion and action on application for Mountain View Health and Rehabilitation in Carson City Nursing Assistant Training Program contingent upon completion of all Board requirements: R. Colosimo presented this item. Mary Dash, a Nevada APN, will be supervising this program. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the application contingent upon completion of all Board requirements. MOTION CARRIED.

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5. Review, discussion and action regarding appointment to the CNA Advisory Committee: Rhonda Meyer, RN33200: It was moved and seconded the Board appoint Rhonda Meyer, RN33200 to the CNA Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

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6. Review, discussion and action regarding proposed Requirements for Certified Nursing Assistants Accompanying Residents from Skilled/Long Term Care Facilities When on Transport Advisory Opinion: It was moved and seconded the Board approve the Advisory Opinion as written. MOTION CARRIED.

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7. Review, discussion and action of revisions to the Certification Policy Manual: Accepted under the Consent Agenda.

#### D. DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS

##### 1. Applications (initial and renewal in question)

- a. This item was removed.
- b. This item was removed.
- c. Cote, Melinda, CNA013978: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- d. Franklin, Catrina, CNA 019730: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- e. This item was removed.
- f. Houck, Gregory, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal convictions, (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, and (1)(l) action in another state, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.

- g. Jolly Mumm, Barbara, LPN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and order she take and successfully complete the Nurse Practice Act Course prior to issuance of license, to be completed within six (6) months or the application is automatically denied for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(l) action in another state. A denial would become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- h. Lizama, Juan, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and order he take and successfully complete the Nurse Practice Act Course prior to issuance of a license, to be completed within six (6) months or the application is automatically denied for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction. It was further ordered that upon issuance of a license he must enroll with a Board approved provider to submit one (1) year of random drug screens. A denial would become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- i. Marcotte, Jesse, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and the Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- j. Mekura, Meseret, CNA020481: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violations of state/federal nursing law/regulation, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- k. Miller, Peggy, LPN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the board deny the application for licensure for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (11) positive drug screen as condition of employment, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- l. Rico, Marcella, CNA 023120: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal convictions and (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- m. Rose, James, RN17479: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the renewal application for licensure and the Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol and (1)(l) action in another state, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- n. Sutton, Brian, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- o. Williams, Leticia, CNA019464: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320

(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violations of state/federal nursing law/regulation and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.

- p. Vega, David, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure and the Contract for Temporary Voluntary Surrender of License for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal convictions and (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol effective immediately upon licensure as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.

2. Settlement agreements

- a. Belden, Jeremy, RN47595: Contract for Temporary Voluntary Surrender of License for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (9) impaired practice and (10) positive drug screen on duty. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
- b. Cialkowski, Louise, RN32036: Contract for Temporary Voluntary Surrender of License for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (9) impaired practice and (36) failing to comply. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.
- c. Dyck, Nancy, LPN02410: Agreement for Fine of \$50 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. Accepted under the Consent Agenda.

3. Successful completion of probation

- a. Cutler, Deborah, RN21014: Termination of monitoring accepted under the Consent Agenda.
- b. Fish, Noreen, CNA023646: Termination of probation accepted under the Consent Agenda.
- c. This item was removed.
- d. Millick, Constance, RN18592: Termination of probation accepted under the Consent Agenda
- e. Narito, Stanley, RN43913: Termination of probation accepted under the Consent Agenda.

4. Reinstatement of licensure/certification – No business.

5. Review, discussion and action regarding proposed revisions to Board Policies and Procedures:

- Continuing Education: C. Sansom presented the current Violation of Renewal Application Audits Policy for review and discussion. The Board directed staff to conduct a survey of actions being taken by other nursing boards related to this matter and return to the Board for discussion.
- Discipline Policies and Procedures: C. Sansom presented the following policies to the Board for review, discussion, and action.
  - a. Revision of the Fingerprinting on Renewal Policy – It was moved and seconded the Board approve the revision to the policy as written. **MOTION CARRIED.**
  - b. Revision of the Violations Based on Renewal Application Audits Policy – It was moved and seconded the Board approve the policy as revised. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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c. Fraudulent Renewal Applications Based on Criminal Convictions Policy – It was moved and seconded the Board approve the policy as written. MOTION CARRIED.

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d. Revision of the Denial of Fraudulent Applications Policy – It was moved and seconded the Board approve the policy as written. MOTION CARRIED.

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6. Board directed investigations

a. Blix, Tracey Jo, RN49597: It was moved and seconded the Board direct staff to investigate. MOTION CARRIED.

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b. Nihart, Beverly, LPN06950: It was moved and seconded the Board direct staff to investigate. MOTION CARRIED.

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7. Ratification of staff denials – NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent application – No business.

8. Ratification of staff denials – NRS 632.320 (2) convictions

a. Almanza, Consuelo, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board ratify the staff denial of the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal convictions, and order the denial become a part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies as recommended by the Executive Committee. Approved under the Consent Agenda.

b. Gins, Cynthia, RN applicant: Applicant was present with counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure pending an evaluation by the Disability Advisory Committee and following all recommendations within six months or the application is automatically denied without further proceedings for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal convictions. A denial would become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

9. Special Action

1. Review and discussion regarding changing terminology in documents from "chemical dependency" to "substance use disorder": K. Reynolds presented information from The American Psychiatric Association, and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, text revised (DSM-IV-TR) indicating the terms 'chemical dependency' and 'addiction' have been replaced with 'substance use disorder' and 'substance use disorders'. National Council of State Boards of Nursing has recently developed and published Substance Use Disorder in Nursing: A Resource Manual and Guidelines for Alternative and Disciplinary Monitoring Programs where, following extensive research of literature on alcohol and drug abuse, they also adopted the change in terminology. Their research also confirmed how an individual labeled as a "substance abuser" versus "having a substance use disorder" is more likely to have imposed punitive rather than therapeutic measures. K. Reynolds indicated that the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) approved this change to the DAC manual and other Board documents would be reflecting the change as well.

E. EDUCATION

1. Annual Board approval of recognized accrediting bodies: Approved under the Consent  
2. Agenda Update on Center for Nursing Excellence: D. Scott and R. Colosimo updated the Board of the continued progress of a student orientation agreement and plan where students may pay minimal dollars for orientation programs. D. Scott explained that the Quality and Safe Education for Nurses (QSEN) conference for August was cancelled due to lack of

funds. D. Scott also acknowledged the amount of staff time that was used for conference last year. D. Begley expressed concern that D. Scott currently holds office in the Nevada Alliance for Nursing Excellence (NANE) and she would like to see more professionals making commitments. NANE and the Governor’s Health Care Sector Council will be applying for designation as a Regional Action Coalition in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation/AARP campaign. Workforce Connections may be able to fund a Director position which will be huge step forward.

3. Review, discussion and action regarding the revision of the Extension of Provisional Approval Status Policy: R. Colosimo explained the history of this policy which was approved in 2007. The policy originated when Nevada State College did not have the required 89% first time pass rate but did have Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) accreditation. They were granted an extension under the Extension of Provisional Approval Status Policy. They met the 80% pass rate the following year and have been continued full approval since that time. The policy was again utilized for Carrington College of Las Vegas. At the time the policy was applied, Carrington-Las Vegas had NCLEX G-4 pass rates in the 53% range and did not have National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accreditation. At that time, Dr. Turner, a new qualified administrator had been hired. Some progress was made during Dr. Turner’s tenure, but he soon left his position and Carrington College-Las Vegas was plagued again with inconsistent leadership. In response to a very low pass rate and failure to become nationally accredited, the program’s administration decided to withdraw its program in March of 2011. There was discussion about the likeliness of programs being able to meet the requirements for full approval within two years after graduating their first class. Kaplan College and Carrington College of Reno have met the requirements within the timeframe were discussed. K. Espinosa expressed her concern explaining that hospitals and surgical centers must be able to fully function from the time they admit their first patient and stated that a 40% failure rate would be unacceptable for a hospital procedure. The Board voiced concerns that students and the public are put at risk with allowing nursing programs to continue to struggle for another two years if the policy would continue as written. D. Scott and F. Olmstead offered another option, that of sunsetting the policy, to address the Board’s concerns. After further discussion, it was moved and seconded the board sunset the Extension of Provisional Approval Status Policy effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED

ACTION

4. Review, discussion and action regarding concept and wording to require a date last practiced for international and endorsement applicants: R. Colosimo explained that international and endorsement applicants are not asked the date of the last time they practiced as a nurse. At time of renewal, Nevada nurses must report date last practiced. If the nurse hasn’t practiced in the last five years, she does not meet renewal requirements and must complete a Board approved refresher course. All Board members supported the concept that endorsing and international applicants should meet the same practice requirements as Nevada nurses. It was moved and seconded the Board approve adding the requirement that international and endorsement applicants must report the date last practiced when applying for a license in Nevada and if they haven’t practiced nursing in the previous five years, they should be required to complete a Board approved refresher course as a requirement for licensure in Nevada. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

5. Review, discussion and action regarding the revision of the Education Policy and Procedure Manual: It was moved and seconded that the Education Advisory Committee (EAC) review the manual, provide feedback and then the Education Policy and Procedure Manual shall be brought back to the Board for approval. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

6. Review, discussion and action regarding a policy for failures of English Proficiency test: R. Colosimo informed the Board that some applicants have failed the English Proficiency Exam and a policy for this situation was needed. D. Begley amended the policy to require that after two failed attempts, applicants must provide documentation that they have completed an English class and then two more attempts will be allowed. If the applicant fails all four attempts, the application will be denied. The Board expressed how this policy really helps the Board ensure public safety. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the policy with amendments. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

7. Review, discussion and action regarding policy of acceptance of credits more than 10 years old toward a nursing degree: T. Smyer stated that the policy as written may be true for many colleges and universities but she advised staff clarify if it is the same for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and University of Nevada, Reno. It was moved and seconded the Board approve the policy as written. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

8. Review, discussion and action regarding notification that ITT Technical Institute Nursing Program is changing its name to Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT Technical Institute: Approved under the Consent Agenda.

#### F. NURSING PRACTICE

1. Annual adoption of Board practice decisions: Approved under the Consent Agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Board President, D. Begley, opened the meeting for public comment at the beginning of each day and at the end of each day of the meeting. No further public comment was offered.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2011.