

# Nevada State Board of **NURSING**

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES November 16-17, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Nevada State Board of Nursing was called to order by President Kelly Espinoza, MSN, RN, at 9:00 a.m. on November 16, 2011, at Tamarack Junction, 13101 S. Virginia St., Reno, Nevada. 89511

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Belen Gabato, MS, RN, 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  
Kathleen Reynolds, BHS, RN, Compliance Coordinator  
General Chief Deputy Attorney Keith Marcher, Board Counsel  
C. Ryan Mann, BSN, RN, Application Coordinator  
Alex Fleiner, IT Assistant (11/16)  
Roseann Colosimo, PhD, MSN, RN, Education Consultant (11/16)  
Demi Hays, Receptionist (11/16)  
Cindy Peterson, RN, CRRN, CLNC, CHCQM, FAIHQ – Investigator (11/17)

**CALL TO ORDER** – 9:00 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** T. Smyer gave an update on National Council of State Boards of Nursing's (NCSBN) Nursing Education Committee, in which she is a member. The committee's most recent focus has been on best practices in education, specifically accreditation. At this time the committee has completed model rules for accreditation and more information will be provided at NCSBN's World Café Education Conference that will take place this December.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda I, identified as items: A.1., A.2.a.-d., C.1.-3., D.2.a.-hh., D.3.a.-d., D.7.a., D.8.a.-e.: Items removed: D.8.a.,-c. & e. R. Carrauthers recused from D.2.m. & D.2.r. K. Espinoza recused from D.2.g. T. Smyer recused from D.2.d.

ACTION MOTION CARRIED.

**A. BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

1. Approval of September 7, 2011 and September 14-16, 2011 Board meeting minutes: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
2. Conference and seminar report: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - a. Roseann Colosimo, Patty Shutt, NCLEX Conference, San Francisco, California
  - b. Fred Olmstead, FARB, Park City, Utah
  - c. Sarah Bowen, Managing Your Emotions Seminar, Las Vegas, Nevada
  - d. Sherri Twedt, AAMEP Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada
3. Review statistics and trends: C. Sansom presented information and responded to Board member questions regarding statistics and trends in scope of practice inquiries.
4. Progress report on FY11/12 Goals and Objectives: D. Scott and D. Estes reviewed the report and informed the Board of the most recent progress related to the achievement of Board goals and objectives.

5. Financial statements (quarterly report): D. Scott and D. Estes presented the first quarter of FY11/12 financial report, answering questions from the Board members.

6. Review and acceptance of FY11 audit report – Beth Kohn-Cole, CPA – Kohn Colodny LLP: Beth Kohn-Cole, CPA, Kohn Colodny, LLP, described the audit her firm conducted of the Board’s financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011. She informed the Board that the audit did not identify any deficiencies, commended Dean Estes, the Board’s Director of Finance and Technology and responded to Board member questions. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the FY11 audit report. MOTION CARRIED.

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7. Review, discussion, and action regarding conference attendance assignments: The appointed Board members were assigned to attend the appropriate conferences for 2012 based on availability, subject matter of the conferences and to allow the Board president and the executive director to assign Board members and/or staff to attend other conferences as they become available within budgetary constraints. It was moved and seconded to accept the results of the discussion for conference attendance. MOTION CARRIED.

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8. Review, discussion, and action regarding Board appointments for advisory committee liaisons: It was moved and seconded the Board assign the following Board members as committee liaisons: D. Begley for the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee, J. Snidow for the CNA Advisory Committee, T. Smyer for the Education Advisory Committee, S. Halley for the Disability Advisory Committee, and R. Carrauthers for the Advanced Practice Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

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9. Review, discussion and action on request for revision to FY11/12 budget: It was moved and seconded to approve the revisions to the FY11/12 budget to include additional expenditures for the purchase of nursing student clinical rotation software and statewide uniform nursing student clinical orientation software. MOTION CARRIED.

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10. Review, discussion and action regarding an option to allow licensees to make a donation to the Nevada Alliance for Nursing Excellence (NANE) in support of the Future of Nursing Campaign upon renewal: It was moved and seconded to approve the concept of allowing

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nurses to make a donation to NANE in support of the Future of Nursing Campaign upon renewal. MOTION CARRIED.

- 11. Review, discussion and action regarding scheduled Board meeting date change for January and July 2012: It was moved and seconded to approve the January Board meeting date change to January 10-12, 2012 and the July Board meeting date change to July 25-27, 2012. MOTION CARRIED.

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B. LICENSURE PROGRAMS – No business

C. CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

- 1. Ratification of Board staff biannual survey of Mount Grant Hospital, Nursing Assistant Training Program in Hawthorne, Nevada: Approved under the Consent Agenda,
- 2. Ratification of Board staff initial site survey of the Yerington High School Nursing Assistant Training program: Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- 3. Ratification of the Board staff initial site survey of the Silver Stage High School Nursing Assistant Training program: Approved under the Consent Agenda.

D. DISCIPLINE PROGRAMS

1. Applications (initial and renewal in question)

- a. Asker, Donald, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Bowers, Chrystal, CNA021569: 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. MOTION CARRIED.
- c. Cabrera, Grace, CNA 014647: 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. MOTION CARRIED.
- d. Franklin, Catrina, CNA019730: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the renewal application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.
- e. Gilbert, Doreena, CNA014422: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, (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. MOTION CARRIED.
- f. Halverson, Kyle, CNA applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the application for certification for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction, and order the denial become part of the applicant’s permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- g. McKinney, William, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.
- h. Meyers, Yvonne, CNA021729: 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

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law/regulation, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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- i. Morgado-Dominguez, Mayra, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for RN licensure, and order she take and successfully complete a Board approved RN refresher course by September 12, 2012 or the application is automatically denied without further proceedings. A denial would become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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- j. Pittman, Kristian, RN applicant: Applicant was 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. MOTION CARRIED.

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- k. Tornbom, John, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board close the meeting to consider the character, alleged misconduct, or professional competence of the applicant. It was moved and seconded the Board reopen the meeting. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.

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- l. Belachew, Shewarega, CNA021782: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the renewal application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.

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- m. Clayton, Penny, RN applicant: Applicant was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.

## 2. Settlement agreements

- a. Andrews, Cody, CNA016470: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- b. Adams, Brenda, CNA021643: Agreement for Reprimand, Fine of \$50, and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- c. Mohun, Lisa, RN15035: Consent Agreement for Fine Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- d. Amezcua, Ramon, RN57069, APN001023: Agreement for Fine of \$200, Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda. T. Smyer recused herself.
- e. Andrews, Lorrie, RN24156: Agreement for Fine of \$200, and classes for violation of NRS 632.320 (1) (g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (12) privacy violation, (13) confidentiality violation, and (27) customary standards of practice. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- f. Brown, Ruby, CNA016016: Agreement for Reprimand for violation or NRS 632.320 (1) (g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (27) customary standards of practice, and (39) pattern of conduct that demonstrates failure to protect the public. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- g. Cooper, Kimberly, RN35237, APN001027 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 on duty. Approved under the Consent Agenda. K. Espinoza recused herself.

- h. Davidson, Lisa, CNA010338: Agreement for Fine Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- i. Deallah, Joyce, LPN13638: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (18) diversion of equipment or drugs. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- j. Eernisse, Valerie, CNA003116: Agreement for Fine of \$100 Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- k. Ferguson, Kimberly, RN47579: Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and (1)(l) action in another state, and NAC 632.890 (11) positive drug screen as condition of employment. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- l. Gonsalves, Kelly, RN69713: Agreement for Fine of \$200 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active license/certificate. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- m. Gopez, Emerson, LPN14262: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda. R. Carrauthers recused himself.
- n. Green, Adrienne, RN07201: Consent Agreement for Fine Renewal Applicant \$200 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- o. Gregorio, Ramon, RN56675: Agreement for Fine of \$200 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.415 unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- p. Holland, Shannon, RN48985: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction, and (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- q. Humble, Raisa, RN56781: Agreement for Fine of \$500 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active license. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- r. Jansen, Sharon, RN24171 Agreement for Reprimand for violation of NRS 632.(1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (20) inaccurate recording, falsifying, and (27) customary standards of practice. Approved under the Consent Agenda. R. Carrauthers recused himself.
- s. Kepney, Elnora, CNA002059: Agreement for Fine of \$100 Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- t. Love-Walker, Tracy, RN56010: Agreement for Fine Renewal Applicant \$200 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(l) action in another state. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- u. McGrath, Shannon, RN35647, APN000617: Agreement for Fine of \$700 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active license/certificate. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
- v. Ocegüera, Alecia, LPN04548: Agreement for Fine Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.

- w. Olsen, Sandra, RN27389, APN00320: Agreement for Reprimand and Fine of \$1300 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active license/certificate. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - x. Olsen, Tiffanie, CNA01576, RN56341: Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction, (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - y. Prosch, Tanya, RN48967: Agreement for Reprimand, Fine of \$200, and Continuing Education for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (26) violation of state/federal nursing law/regulation. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - z. Samson, Cindy, RN47037: Agreement for Fine of \$1300 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (37) practicing without an active license. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - aa. Carter, Leasa, RN23995: Consent Agreement for Fine of \$200 Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - bb. Sarmiento, Dolly, CNA008226: Consent Agreement for Fine of \$100 for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - cc. Tognoli, Dennis, RN68469: Voluntary Surrender of License in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, (1)(e) controlled substances and/or alcohol, and (1)(l) action in another state. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - dd. Wood, Sherell, CNA012741: Agreement for Fine Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - ee. Cabatu, Jaime, RN30510: Consent Agreement for Fine of \$200 Renewal Applicant for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - ff. Pawl, Gale, LPN05008: Agreement for Fine of \$200 Renewal Applicant for violation of NR 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - gg. Jamieson, Cheryl, RN22696: Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (27) customary standards of practice, (28) causing harm to a patient, and (39) pattern of conduct that demonstrates failure to protect the public. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
  - hh. Marble, April, LPN13484: Agreement for Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (18) diversion of equipment or drugs, (27) customary standards of practice. Approved under the Consent Agenda.
3. Successful completion of probation
- a. Angelastro, Richard, RN57461: Termination of probation accepted under the Consent Agenda.
  - b. Cutolo, Barbara, RN14822: Termination of probation accepted under the Consent Agenda.
  - c. White, Heather, RN66599: Termination of monitoring accepted under the Consent Agenda.

- d. Huffman, Kimberly, RN18868: Termination of monitoring accepted under the Consent Agenda.

4. Reinstatement of licensure/certification – No business

5. Formal administrative hearings

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- a. Burkett, Fred, RN63933: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Stipulation of Facts and Liability and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(l) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the Board close the complaint. MOTION CARRIED.

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- b. Centers, Tammy, CNA025197: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (9) impaired practice. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent's certificate. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for three (3) years. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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- c. Grow, Lisa, RN37284: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to December 21, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

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- d. Mildon, Stacey, RN29397: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to the next regular Board meeting currently scheduled in January 2012. MOTION CARRIED.

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- e. Moore, Sheyanne, CNA019115: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (27) customary standards of practice. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent's certificate. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for ten (10) years. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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- f. Mothershead, Sara, RN59861: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Stipulation of Facts and Liability and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(b) criminal conviction. It was moved and seconded the Board close the complaint. MOTION CARRIED.

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- g. Peterson, Diane, RN14944: Respondent was present with counsel. It was moved and seconded the Board find the Respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b)(2) criminal conviction. It was moved and seconded the Board deny the renewal application for licensure and order the respondent be evaluated by the Disability Advisory Committee and follow all recommendations upon application for reinstatement. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED. K. Espinoza recused herself.

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- h. Reardon, Kathleen, RN51555: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Monitoring for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (9) impaired practice. MOTION CARRIED.

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- i. Ricco, Kathleen, LPN08837: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Voluntary Surrender of License in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (2) practicing beyond scope, and (16) failing to properly document controlled substances. MOTION CARRIED.
- j. Simpson, Shannon, LPN13960: Respondent was not present. Pursuant to NAC 632.923, it was moved and seconded the Board find the allegations of the complaint to be true and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(n) failing to comply with Board order. It was moved and seconded the Board revoke the respondent's license. Respondent may not apply for reinstatement for three (3) years, and must pay the administrative fine previously ordered prior to reinstatement. It was moved and seconded the Board order the disciplinary action become part of the respondent's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED
- k. Sober, Valerie, RN21519: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Agreement for Suspension and Probation for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (4) failure to maintain competency, and (27) customary standards of nursing practice. MOTION CARRIED.
- l. Tomlinson, Karyn, CNA016666: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Voluntary Surrender of Certificate in Lieu of Other Disciplinary Action for violation of NRS 632.320 (1)(g) unprofessional conduct, and NAC 632.890 (36) failing to comply. MOTION CARRIED.
- m. Walter, Cynthia, RN45271: Respondent was present. It was moved and seconded the Board accept the Stipulation of Facts and Liability and find the respondent guilty of violating NRS 632.320 (1)(l) action in another state. It was moved and seconded the Board close the complaint. MOTION CARRIED.
- n. Alfonso, Victoria, RN25438: Respondent was not present. It was moved and seconded the Board grant a continuance of this matter to the March 2012 Board meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

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6. Board-directed investigations – No business

7. Ratification of staff denials – NRS 632.320 (1) fraudulent applications

- a. Hall, Chantelle 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)(a) fraudulent application, and (1)(b) criminal conviction, and order the denial become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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

- a. Fiske, David, LPN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board overturn the staff denial, and that the applicant be evaluated by the Disability Advisory Committee and follow all recommendations within six months or the application is automatically denied without further proceedings. A denial would become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Knight, Kaysha, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board overturn the staff denial, and that the applicant be evaluated by the Disability Advisory Committee and follow all recommendations within six months or the

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application is automatically denied without further proceedings. A denial would become part of the applicant's permanent record and be published and reported to all appropriate agencies. MOTION CARRIED.

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c. Nyswonger, Mary, CNA applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board overturn the staff denial and accept the application for certification. MOTION CARRIED.

d. Quintero, Courtney, 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. Approved under the Consent Agenda

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e. Wong, Peter, RN applicant: Applicant was present. It was moved and seconded the Board overturn the staff denial and accept the application for licensure. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Special Action

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a. Review, discussion, and action regarding application for outpatient treatment/aftercare provider: Carol Schaye, RN, LADC: It was moved and seconded to approve Carol Schaye, RN, LADC as an outpatient treatment/aftercare provider. MOTION CARRIED.

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b. Lemich, Boja, RN14845, APN000550: Review, discussion and action regarding request for reconsideration: It was moved and seconded to approve the request for reconsideration. It was moved and seconded to terminate the probation of license and certificate. MOTION CARRIED.

E. EDUCATION

1. Review and discussion of third quarter G-4 NCLEX pass rates and predictive trends for fourth quarter pass rates: R. Colosimo explained that National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) pass rates for all of Nevada's fully approved programs were above 80 percent. Additionally, she shared with the Board that Carrington College, Reno will be eligible for full approval at the January Board meeting as they have achieved National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) accreditation and a 97 percent pass rate for a full year. Third quarter NCLEX pass rates show that Touro University and National University are below 80 percent. Touro University is currently below 80 percent for the full year and will be coming to the January board meeting due to a change in administration and remain on conditional approval. Thus far, Touro University and National University have an 85 percent pass rate for the fourth quarter; however, it is difficult to know if these scores will continue.
2. Review, discussion and action of National University's Associate Degree in Nursing program plan for "teach out" and continued provisional approval: Dr. Lacourse, Dean of Health and Human Sciences, presented information on National University's plan to close its associate degree program. K. Espinoza expressed concern on the "teach out" plan's inadequacy. D. Begley added that the "teach out" plan lacked the identification of specific instructors for classes, some being taught as soon as January 2012. R. Carruthers further noted that students would be required to pass courses the last time they are offered or the students would be dismissed from the program. T. Smyer expressed disappointment that 62 students have already graduated without the benefit of coming from an accredited nursing program and some hospitals will not hire graduates from an unaccredited program. Dr. McHugh stated that the students may be accepted into National's Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education online RN to BSN program. D. Begley expressed concern for the current associate

degree students because National University seems to be focusing on its future BSN program. R. Colosimo added that Board staff has received many complaints from students explaining that they were being requested to sign contracts with new requirements; however, Dr. McHugh explained to the Board that the document is simply informational. D. Begley read a portion of the letter and expressed that students could mistake the letter for a contract. R. Colosimo explained that Dave Perlman from the Commission on Post Secondary Education informed the NSBN that National University students must finish the program under the same circumstances they were enrolled under or they could be entitled to a full refund. D. Scott, with concurrence of legal counsel, explained that to protect current students, a continuation of provisional approval may be an appropriate option. It was moved and seconded that the provisional status of National University be extended and that National University submit a revised “teach out” plan based on Board member’s suggestions to be presented at the Board’s regularly scheduled January Board meeting in Las Vegas. The plan must be submitted to board staff by December 30, 2011. MOTION CARRIED.

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3. Review and discussion of English proficiency exam results: R Colosimo presented data on the pass and fail rates for the required English proficiency exams for internationally educated applicants. The data showed a failure rate of 25-60 percent, varying by which exam was taken. These results validate that our new policy is helping us in our mission to protect the public. J. Snidow asked about “test hoppers” and what our policy was on students taking different exams. R. Colosimo explained that, at this time, applicants are not attempting to switch tests but she will monitor this issue and bring the Board any updates. K. Espinoza stated she was pleased that the policy was protecting the public.
4. Review, discussion and action of Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT proposal to require a “B” grade for all nursing courses: The Board expressed concern regarding the grade inflation, however, Dr. McHaney and K. Fischer responded by explaining Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT will also be increasing admission standards. Both explained that Breckinridge School of Nursing at ITT will bring its changes to the Board in January, 2012. D. Begley and R. Carrauthers expressed concerned on the rigor of courses and questioned if this would produce safe nurses. It was moved and seconded to approve the proposed “B” grade requirement. MOTION CARRIED.

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5. Review and discussion of the 6 month progress reports for the provisional and conditionally approved schools: R. Colosimo informed the Board that she had concerns as two schools were on their second administrators before graduating a class. There were also concerns about insufficient clinical placements and lack of faculty with teaching experience. T. Smyer questioned why a significant amount of students from Touro University had not taken the NCLEX. R. Colosimo responded this pattern had been consistent throughout the school’s history. K. Espinoza requested data on faculty preparation at the next meeting and suggested that regular meetings be held with the nursing program directors.
6. Review, discussion and action on the revisions to the Review and Challenge of NCLEX by Examination Failure Candidates Policy: R Colosimo presented that her recent experience with a challenge and review candidate brought to light that the policy would permit a review and challenge after each failure. R. Colosimo noted the statistical validity of the exam. She stated that numerous reviews and challenges would exhaust the Board’s resources and has not historically resulted in a change in the candidate’s exam score. R. Colosimo requested a revision of the policy to permit one review and challenge of NCLEX per test taker. R. Colosimo confirmed that permitting only one challenge was the only change to the policy. It was moved and seconded to approve revision to Review and Challenge of NCLEX by Examination Failure Candidate Policy. MOTION CARRIED.

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7. Review and discussion of the educational requirements for Medication Aides - Certified: R. Colosimo stated that the regulation changes made by the Legislature in June proposed using available research on Medication Aides - Certified and the National Council of State Board of Nursing model rules. The Public Workshop to hear the regulations will be on December 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. via videoconference between the Board offices and the Public Hearing on the regulations will be during the 2012 January Board meeting in Las Vegas. R. Colosimo outlined the areas considered in developing regulations and summarized two evidenced-based articles from the Journal of Nursing Regulation to guide NSBN. The Board members were appreciative of the information and the focus on protecting public safety.
8. Review, discussion and action regarding the appointment of two Education Advisory Committee members: It was moved and seconded to appoint Susan Adamek, RN58688 and Helina Whitney, RN45701 to the Education Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

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F. NURSING PRACTICE:

1. Review, discussion and action regarding reappointment of two Nursing Practice Advisory Committee members: It was moved and seconded to reappoint Judith Carrion, RN45471 and Gayle LaChance-Bulger, RN13289 to the Nursing Practice Advisory Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m. on November 17, 2011.