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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

MEETING MINUTES

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

The Nevada State Board of Nursing APRN Advisory Committee was called to order by Kerry Palakanis APRN Consultant and Investigator and Chair at 3:00 p.m., on August 12, 2025, via video and telephonic conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Danielle Barisone, MSN, APRN-FA, AGPCNP-BC, CNOR
Amanda Cormican, RN, APRN, CPNP-PC
Karen Wagner, MS, PNP, FNP-BC
Lowryanne Vick, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC
Rebecca Scarpa, DNP, APRN
Dominic M. Etl, DNP, MSN, APRN
Andrea Hill DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Jones CRNA, MS, BSN
Crystal Huffaker, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Samantha Peckham, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, CNE, ACUE

OTHERS PRESENT

Kerry Palakanis APRN Consultant and Investigator
Sam McCord, RN BSN, Director of Investigation and Discipline
Gabriela Hernandez-Aguilar, Management Assistant
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Kim Arguello, General Counsel
Alex Tanchek- Guest
Sabrina Schnur- Guest

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Kerry Palakanis at 3:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

A. Approval of Minutes: Member Dominic Etli made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2025. Member Lowryanne Vick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A. Old Business: Kerry inquired whether there were any updates on the project regarding the development of a continuing education course focused on scope of practice, specifically designed for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs). Member Lowryanne Vick responded that she did not have an update at this time but expressed interest in discussing the project further.

It was agreed that this agenda item would be carried forward to the next meeting. No formal action was taken at this time.

B. New Business:

1. Fred Olmstead provided a summary of key legislation from the 2025 Nevada Legislative Session. Assembly Bill 319, Effective January 1, 2026, allows APRNs to supervise or delegate to Medical Assistants (MAs). Senate Bill 165, Establishes a new license for Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners allowing APRNs to supervise individuals with this license. Assembly Bill 360, APRN's are authorized to perform STD testing for pregnant patients. Assembly Bill 484 Mandates workforce data collection. Assembly Bill 161, Addresses Hospice and DHHS regulations (Chapter 449). Senate Bill 188, Requires healthcare providers to take specific steps when working with patients who have limited English proficiency. Senate Bill 182, Addressed staffing ratios; passed but later vetoed by the Governor.
2. Sam McCord gave an update from the July 2025 Annual Board Meeting. The new Las Vegas office is secured, move in date sometime in October 2025. The Boards FY 2024-2025 Budget was reviewed, approved and in good standing. Technology & Security upgrades planned over the next few quarters to protect confidential licensee data.
3. Sam McCord presented the 4th Quarter and Annual FY 2024–2025 report on Scope of Practice trends and questions received by the Board. Total calls decreased from 90 to 60 compared to the previous year. APRN calls exceeded RN calls, with most inquiries related to medication and prescribing. Additional frequent topics included Telehealth/Telemedicine and Cosmetic Procedures.
4. Member Vick made a motion to approve the APRN committee meeting dates for 2026. Member Scarpa seconded the motion. Motioned passed.
5. Fred Olmstead provided an overview of the regulatory process and introduced draft language for regulations implementing Assembly Bill 319, which authorizes APRNs and RNs to supervise or delegate tasks to Medical Assistants (MAs) beginning January 1, 2026. APRN Committee feedback will be presented to the Board of Nursing for further action and initiation of the formal regulation process. Member Cormican made a motion to proceed with more clarification, member Scarpa seconded. Motion passed.
6. Fred Olmstead provided an overview of Senate Bill 165, which authorizes the Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners to license Behavioral Health and Wellness Practitioners. It was discussed to bring this agenda item back for further discussion at the next meeting

Member Etli moved to table this item to the next meeting. Member Wagner seconded.
Motion carried.

7. Kerry Palakanis expressed appreciation to Member Cormican and Member Scarpa both of whom have officially completed their first terms.
She publicly thanked them for their time and dedication in advising the State and the Board on issues related to advanced practice and invited them to continue serving for a second term if they are willing.

B. Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Committee Meeting:

1. B.1, C.5 and C.2

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

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