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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

MEETING MINUTES
ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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 February 10, 2026, via video and telephonic conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Jones CRNA, MS, BSN
Andrea Hill DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Esmeralda Clark, Phd, APRN, FNP-BC
Dominic M. Etli, DNP, MSN, APRN
Karen Wagner, MS, PNP, FNP-BC
Samantha Peckham, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, FNP-BC, ENP-C, CNE, ACUE

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rebecca Scarpa, DNP, APRN
Lowryanne Vick, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC
Danielle Barisone, MSN, APRN-FA, AGPCNP-BC, CNOR

OTHERS PRESENT

Kerry Palakanis APRN Consultant and Investigator- *Chair*
Gabriela Hernandez-Aguilar, Management Assistant
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel

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

Public Comment: None

A. Approval of Minutes:

1. Member Etli made a motion to approve August 12, 2025, and November 18, 2025, meeting minutes as written. Member Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. Old Business:

1. Kerry decided to table this item. advised that concerns were raised regarding the execution of a continuing education course and the ability to maintain accuracy of information. She

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noted that scope of practice information remains available via phone or email to the board. No additional comments were made, and the item will be revisited in the future.

C. New Business:

1. Fred provided an update on board meetings. At the November meeting, the board addressed business items including discipline, education, and nursing practice. The board rescinded a prior decision on peripherally inserted central catheters and held a regulation hearing related to APRNs and RNs delegating and supervising medical assistants (MAs). A law change now permits this delegation, and the board is clarifying requirements such as supervision and scope of practice. The final step in the regulation process will take place at the Legislative Commission meeting on February 26, which will be broadcast. Additional updates included budget discussions, two board member departures, two new appointments, and the relocation of the Las Vegas office.
2. Kerry reviewed scope of practice trends for Q1 and Q2 of 2025–2026, focusing on APRN practice questions. Between July and September 2025, 43 calls were received (down from 87), primarily about medication/prescribing, cosmetic procedures, telehealth, and nursing procedures. October–December saw 41 calls (down from 59), with similar prescribing-related concerns and fewer cosmetic questions, likely due to recent practice decisions. Other inquiries included population focus, delegation, business operations, and specific procedures. Overall, questions continue to vary, with notable interest in psych/mental health, aesthetics, and private practice setup.
3. The committee discussed rescheduling the May 2026 meeting, originally set for May 12, due to a conflict with the Board meeting. Kerry proposed moving the meeting to May 19, 2026, at 3:00 PM. Member Etli made a motion to approve the new meeting date. Member Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Recommendations for Agenda Items for Future Committee Meeting: None

Public Comment: There were no public comments received via email. Gabriela recognized and welcomed the new committee member, Ms. Clark, and thanked Ms. Huffaker for her contributions as she leaves the committee.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 p.m.