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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

MINUTES OF THE
Education Advisory Committee Meeting

Friday, April 10, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The committee meeting was called to order by Michelle Johnson, EdD, MS, APRN, CPNP-CP, Director of Nursing Education at 9:03 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Silvestri-Elmore, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, CNE
Janelle Willis MSN, RN, CNE
Jill Rankin, DNP, RN
Victoria Squier, DNP, RN, CNL, NE-BC, EBP(CH), EBP-C, CNE
Bobbi Handy, DNP, MSN-Ed, RN, CNE,
Tamara Mette, DNP, RN
Erin Van Kirk, MSN, RN
Marianne Jeppson, MSN, RN, CPEN
Serena (Nina) Marcellus, MSN, RN
Amber Price, MSN, RN

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dawn Horton, BSN, RN, iCNA

OTHERS PRESENT

Cathy Dinauer, MSN, RN, FRE, Executive Director
Fred Olmstead, General Counsel
Michelle Johnson, EdD, MS, APRN, CPNP-CP, Director of Nursing Education
Anyssa Vasquez, Management Assistant

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by M. Johnson at 9:03 a.m.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 9th, 2026, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written. February 6th, 2026, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written with 3 abstentions. MOTION CARRIED

B. OLD BUSINESS: None.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review and discussion regarding follow-up from the March 11-12, 2026, NSBN Board Meeting. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. Discussion lead with the following items:
 - Continued supported on the Nurse Licensure Compact License.
 - Support for University of Nevada, Reno School of Nursing developing a statewide nursing workforce center.
 - Revisions to the proposed language to Business and Industry Regulation R074-25 and LCB File No. R087-25.
 - 1st quarter NCLEX and CNA Certification Exam pass
 - 2 site visits
 - Carrington College Las Vegas and Reno had curriculum changes.
 - Truckee Meadows Community College RN Program changed sequence of 2 courses and revised point-based admission system.
 - Las Vegas College appointed a new PN program director and was placed on conditional approval.
 - 2 remediation plans submitted and approved
2. Review and discussion regarding 4th Quarter and end of year 2025 and 1st Quarter 2026 first-time NCLEX pass rates. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. M. Johnson shared the following reports and let the committee know in the end of year report it is also broken down by quarter and cohort as well.
3. Review and discussion regarding upcoming Deans and Directors meeting scheduled for Monday April 27, 2026. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. M. Johnson shared with the committee that there are a Deans and Directors meeting every April and October. Also M. Johnson stated that these meetings are to talk about any upcoming issues, past issues, and to briefly go over the Deans and Directors manual.
4. Review and discussion regarding upcoming Deans and Directors Summit. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. M. Johnson gave a summary of the last Deans/ Directors/ CNO Summitt planning committee meeting and asked for suggestions on other topics they should discussed or have missed. A. Silvestri-Elmore suggested talking about test timing, whether that being why new grads are taking so long to test or why they are testing so quickly and failing. A. Silvestri-Elmore and E. Van Kirk both suggested talking about the difficulty finding clinical placements for specialties.
5. Review and discussion regarding Nevada State Board of Nursing meeting approving the proposed regulation changes to NAC 632.600, adding high stakes testing and high-fidelity simulation, NAC 632.690, which adds simulation to the regulation on curriculum, and NAC 632.685(3) which provides additional guidance for the use of standardized test. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. M. Johnson stated the Board approved the following regulation changes and they will be moving forward.
6. Review and discussion regarding the NCSBN Annual Nursing Education Report and the Annual dashboard. M. Johnson presented the agenda item. M. Johnson gave a summary of the report and showed the committee how to navigate through the annual dashboard; while sharing all the tools it can provide to the programs.

D. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING ON
AUGUST 14, 2026.

- Is there plan in place for PN programs to get their NCLEX pass rates up to national average or above?

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT-The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.