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JANUARY 24-25, 2013 BOARD OF NURSING MEETING MINUTES

8:33 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2013 and at 8:34 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2013. Public notice was properly posted at the board offices as well as on its website and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times. Samuel H. McNutt, RN, CRNA, MHSA, President		
Congressional District 5 Carol A. Moody, RN, MAS, NEA-BC, Vice President	8:33 a.m. on Thursday, January 24, 2013 and at 8:34 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2013. Public notice was properly posted at the board offices as well as on its website and provided to all requesting persons, organizations and news media in compliance with the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all	CALL TO ORDER PLACE OF MEETING & FOIA COMPLIANCE
Candra Modey, NN, MRA, NEA-BC, VICE Fresident Present Congressional District 4 Amanda Baker, RN, MSN, CRNA, MNA, Secretary Present Congressional District 2 Tara F. Hulsey, PhD, RN, CNE Present 1/24/13/Excused 1/25/13 Congressional District 1 W. Kay Swisher, RNC, MSN Present Congressional District 3 Lisa Cox Schafer, RN, MSN, NEA-BC Present Congressional District 6 Karen R. Hazzard, MSN, RN, NE-BC Present Congressional District 7 Anne Crook, PhD Present Public Member James E. Mallory, EdD Present Public Member Two Licensed Practical Nurse Vacancies Nancy Murphy, Board Administrator Kathryn Nedovic, Program Coordinator I Theresa Richardson, Program Coordinator I Kristy Speronis, Practice Consultant Shannon Beaudry, Administrative Assistant Darra Coleman, Advice Counsel Sara McCartha, Advice Counsel Erin Baldwin, Office of General Counsel		BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT &
Congressional District 2 Tara F. Hulsey, PhD, RN, CNE		<u>VOTING</u>
Congressional District 1 W. Kay Swisher, RNC, MSN		
Lisa Cox Schafer, RN, MSN, NEA-BC		
Congressional District 6 Karen R. Hazzard, MSN, RN, NE-BC		
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EXCOCED ADDERVOE	Tara Hulsey was excused from the January 25, 2013 meeting.	EXCUSED ABSENCES

The Consent Agenda for the January 24-25, 20 presented for the Board's review and approval/acc		APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
a) For Acceptance: Trident Te Notification of Proposed Nursing Di Change	chnical College vision Organizational	
b) For Information: VHA Policies for APRN Policies	Nursing Practice/ VA	
 c) For Information: Ready or Not? P Health From Diseases, Disasters, Trust for America's Health 		
d) For Information: National Nursing Licensure for Healthcare Profession		
e) For Information: Telehealth Leg Module	al and Regulatory	
f) For Information: Budget (on table)		
A motion was made by Tara Hulsey to approve to Kay Swisher seconded the motion. The motion of		MOTION
The January 24-25, 2013 Board of Nursing presented for the Board's review and approval.	Meeting Regular Agenda was	APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A motion was made by Kay Swisher to a presented. Amanda Baker seconded the motion		MOTION
The November 29-30, 2012 regular Board Meet Board's review and approval.	ng minutes were presented for the	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
A motion was made by Tara Hulsey to app meeting minutes as presented. Karen Hazzard carried unanimously.		MOTION

Mark Sanders, Chief Investigator for the Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE) presented the Investigative Review Committee (IRC) Report with recommendations from its meetings held since the November 2012 Board meeting. The Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines Matrix is used by the IRC in	OFFICE OF INVESTIGATON AND ENFORCEMENT (OIE)
making these recommendations.	INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE (IRC) REPORT
A motion was made by Amanda Baker to approve 23 cases for Dismissal as recommended by the Investigative Review Committee (IRC). Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to approve 2 cases for Dismissal – Cease and Desist as recommended by the Investigative Review Committee (IRC). Carol Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Carol Moody to approve 66 cases for Formal Complaint as recommended by the Investigative Review Committee (IRC). Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Kay Swisher to approve 5 cases for dismissal with a Letter of Caution as recommended by the Investigative Review Committee (IRC). Amanda Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
Mr. Sanders stated that there are no new OIE statistics to report at this time because when the report was prepared it was still within the 4 th quarter of 2012. The Board of Nursing statistics through the 4 th quarter of 2012 will be provided at the March 2013 meeting. Mr. Sanders stated that there were 134 active cases as of January 24, 2013.	
At its November 29-30, 2007 meeting, the Board of Nursing voted to continue full approval for the Aiken Technical College (ATC) practical nursing program for five years (based on the July 17, 2007 survey report).	AIKEN TECHNICAL COLLEGE (ATC)
The ATC practical nursing program site survey report regarding continuing full approval status conducted on October 14, 2012 is attached along with the program's response materials.	
Donna Fortenberry, Department of Nursing Chair and Hermecender Walton, Dean of Health Sciences, Aiken Technical College appeared before the Board to respond to questions.	
Discussion included but was not limited to number of faculty, obtaining adequate administrative support, NCLEX pass rates and current advisement procedures.	
A motion was made by Anne Crook to continue approval for the practical nursing program at Aiken Technical College for five years with the caveat to recommend they continue to look at their administrative support. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
At its January 10, 2013 meeting, the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee (NPSC) reviewed/discussed Advisory Opinion (AO) #5 and recommended the Board approve the revisions as presented.	ADVISORY OPINION #5
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to accept Advisory Opinion #5 as edited/presented by the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee. Kay Swisher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION

Dr. John Tomarchio appeared before the Board to request a waiver of the 45 mile restriction for physician supervision of an APRN.	REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF MILEAGE RESTRICTION
Discussion included but was not limited to the practice setting, expectations of an APRN working at the practice setting, the plan to hire APRN Aurelia Allen, physician recruitment matters, length of the APRN employment contract, telemedicine capabilities and the distance Dr. Tomarchio would be from Ms. Allen.	<u>KESTIMOTION</u>
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made Amanda Baker to leave executive session. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
A motion was made by Amanda Baker to grant a waiver of the mileage restriction to Dr. Tomarchio to be the exclusive supervisor for Aurelia Allen for a period of six months with a return appearance to the Board after the first six months of the contract. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	<u>MOTION</u>
Note: If approved by the Board of Nursing, the request must also be reviewed by the Board of Medical Examiners. (§40-33-20 (52) " When application is made for more than three NP's, CNM's, or CNS's to practice with one physician, or when a NP, CNM, or CNS is performing delegated medical acts in a practice site greater than forty-five miles from the physician, the Board of Nursing and Board of Medical Examiners shall each review the application to determine if adequate supervision exists.")	
At its November 2012 meeting, the Board voted to table consideration of the proposed AO related to disclosing private reprimands until the January 2013 meeting.	PROPOSED ADVISORY OPINION – CLARIFICATION OF PRIVATE REPRIMAND DISCLOSURE
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board asked that Nancy Murphy be present for discussion during executive session.	MOTION
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to leave executive session. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
Samuel McNutt stated that the Advisory Opinion was reviewed and that the item will come back on the Board agenda at another time.	
The NCSBN Midyear meeting has traditionally been attended by the Board President and Administrator. The dates for the meeting are Monday, March 11 through Wednesday, March 13, 2013, in San Jose, CA. There is also a compact NLCA meeting Sunday.	PRESIDENT'S REPORT – NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING MIDYEAR MEETING
A motion was made by Tara Hulsey to approve Samuel McNutt and Nancy Murphy to attend. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION

The Board's Bylaws subcommittee (members Carol Moody, Amanda Baker, and Tara Hulsey) have reviewed the Advisory Committee on Nursing Bylaws and determined there were no changes needed to the Bylaws.	PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NURSING BYLAWS
The Board has reviewed/ updated and approved all the committee bylaws to include NPSC, ACON, and APC.	PRESIDENT'S REPORT – BOARD COMMITTEE BYLAWS AND GOVERNANCE
A motion was made by Carol Moody that all committees of the Board adhere to their bylaws as written, including stipulations about membership, length of time served, and leadership roles and governance. Amanda Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
The Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines matrix was approved at the November 2012 Board meeting. However, Nancy Murphy stated that the IRC has requested some clarification regarding the matrix.	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS GUIDELINES MATRIX
First, the IRC requested the Board's direction regarding the inclusion of investigative/prosecution costs on the Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines matrix.	
Discussion included but was not limited to other Boards' inclusion of investigative/prosecution costs, where the recouped costs would go, civil penalties versus investigation costs, method of determining cost accrued, and accepting affidavits of cost for Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) but not Consent Agreements.	
A motion was made by Karen Hazzard to accept the proposed reimbursement for investigative costs and to authorize the Office of General Counsel to submit affidavits along with disciplinary actions. Amanda Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried with one nay.	MOTION
Discussion followed to include clarification that this would be for MOAs/ matters coming to the Board and not for consent agreements. Ms. Coleman clarified that it was for the Board level.	MOTION
A motion was made by Anne Crook that if reimbursements are not paid, then there would be the same assessment as not paying fines, which would be administrative suspension. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	
Secondly, the IRC requested clarification regarding case fine range on the Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines Matrix, specifically in cases with multiple sanctions. The IRC wanted to know whether they should combine the civil penalties for each sanction or whether the Board had a maximum amount to sanction.	
Discussion included but was not limited to the current fine minimum and maximum for individual sanctions and possible civil penalty caps to implement.	
A motion was made by Carol Moody that when there are multiple infractions to leave it to the discretion of the IRC to decide how to assess the degree of civil penalty, whether to combine civil penalties or go with the highest infraction. Lisa Cox Schafer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
Finally, the IRC requested clarification of item ME4 on the Disciplinary Sanctions Guidelines Matrix, specifically whether probation should be mandatory as its listed	

now or be a discretionary asterisk for that item. The Board stated to leave the item as is.	
Nancy Murphy reminded the Board that it is important they complete their 2013 Statements of Economic Interests before the deadline. The Board was presented with information regarding filing their 2013 Statement of Economic Interests.	
Nancy Murphy presented the IRC's request for approval for Amanda J. Mills and Alda Glyne Sommer to serve as public members for the IRC meetings and for Kristy Speronis to join the staff membership of the IRC.	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE COMPOSITION
Discussion included but was not limited to the current composition of the IRC and rotating public members for each meeting. A motion was made by Tara Hulsey to approve all three additional members to the	MOTION
IRC. Kay Swisher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	
Respondents appeared before the Board to request modifications to their Consent Agreements or Board orders. The Board also reviewed Memoranda of Agreement stipulating to violations of the Nurse Practice Act to determine disciplinary actions.	HEARINGS/APPEARANCES
Lisa Cox Schafer recused herself from the proceedings. A quorum was still present.	
In Case # 2009-233, Respondent signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and waived the right to a panel hearing. Respondent was represented by Stephanie Weissenstein, Esq.	
A motion was made by Carol Moody to go into executive session. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Carol Moody to leave executive session. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
In Case # 2009-233, a motion was made by Kay Swisher to issue a private reprimand and to require completion of three courses Legal Aspects, Medication Documentation and Critical Thinking within six months of the reprimand. No civil penalty will be assessed. Carol Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried with the recusal of Lisa Cox Schafer.	MOTION
In Case # 2012-107, Respondent signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and waived the right to a panel hearing. Respondent was represented by Jessica H. Lerer, Esq.	
A motion was made by Carol Moody to go into executive session. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by James Mallory to leave executive session. Kay Swisher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
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A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
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In Case # 2012-518; 2012-71, a motion was made by Karen Hazzard to accept and modify the terms of the agreement only in regards to the payment terms of the \$1500 civil penalty addressed in paragraph 1a of the Consent Agreement for 2012. Said payment is to be paid within one year of securing employment, and all other conditions remain in effect. Anne Crook seconded the motion. The motion carried with the recusal of Carol Moody.	
In Case # 2012-517; 2011-20, Respondent requested to modify an existing final order/consent agreement. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	MOTION
In Case # 2012-517; 2011-20, a motion was made by Carol Moody to grant the request to lift the narcotics restriction. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
Lisa Cox Schafer recused herself from the proceedings. A quorum was still present.	
In Case # 2012-516; 2008-362, Respondent requested to modify an existing final order/consent agreement. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
A motion was made by Kay Swisher to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Kay Swisher to leave executive session. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
In Case # 2012-516; 2008-362, a motion was made by Tara Hulsey to release the respondent from RPP. Anne Crook seconded the motion. The motion carried with one nay and the recusal of Lisa Cox Schafer.	MOTION
In Case # 2012-519; 2003-527, Respondent requested to modify an existing final order/consent agreement. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
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A motion was made by Carol Moody to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	

A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to leave executive session. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION MOTION
In Case # 2012-519; 2003-527, a motion was made by Kay Swisher to lift the narcotics restrictions. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	
Lisa Cox Schafer recused herself from the proceedings. A quorum was still present.	
In Case # 2012-515; 2008-137, Respondent appeared before the Board to comply with the order that he/she appear before the Board six months from the date of obtaining employment. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
In Case # 2012-515; 2008-137, the respondent's report was accepted and no motion was made.	
NCSBN has provided the proposed 2014 NCLEX-PN Test Plan for member board feedback with a request for executive session discussion for purposes of exam security.	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - PROPOSED 2014 NCLEX-PN TEST PLAN (EXECUTIVE SESSION)
A motion was made by Kay Swisher to go into executive session. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board asked that Nancy Murphy be present for discussion during executive session.	MOTION
A motion was made by Tara Hulsey to leave executive session. James Mallory seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
Nancy Murphy stated that NCSBN would like for her to attend the new executive officer orientation.	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER ORIENTATION
A motion was made by Anne Crook to allow Nancy Murphy to attend the orientation. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
At its January 2013 meeting, the NPSC voted to recommend the Board approve a collaborative task force, comprised of the Pharmacy Board, the Board of Medical Examiners and the Nursing Board, to meet regarding pain management to include the use of Ketamine, Fentanyl and off-label drug use in pain management. The NPSC requested that consideration be given for Amanda Baker, Cynthia Williams and Lena Warner to participate.	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - COLLABORATIVE TASK FORCE TO DISCUSS PAIN MANAGEMENT

A motion was made by Anne Crook to support the formation of a collaborative task force for pain management and off-label medications and to have Amanda Baker, Cynthia Williams and Lena Warner as their representatives. Tara Hulsey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Anne Crook to move the Licensure item of regarding Model Rules to Friday's agenda due to the lateness of the hour. Kay Swisher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Carol Moody to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel to include discussion of contractual obligations arising from a contractual relationship with RPP. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Kay Swisher to leave executive session. Carol Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
A motion was made by Carol Moody to adjourn the meeting on January 24, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION TO ADJOURN
Friday, January 25, 2013	
At the January 24, 2013 meeting, the Board voted to accept Advisory Opinion #5 as presented. However, it was brought to the Board's attention that two of the references at the end of the Advisory Opinion were outdated.	ADVISORY OPINION #5
Discussion included but was not limited to removing the references at the end of the AO, as other AOs do not include references.	
A motion was made by Carol Moody to remove the outdated references from Advisory Opinion #5. Amanda Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
The Board reviewed the proposed revisions made to the Nurse Licensure Compact Model Rules and Regulations as presented.	COMPACT MODEL RULES UPDATE
Discussion included but was not limited to the model rules and regulation changes, applying these model changes to the Nurse Practice Act, and introducing these changes to the legislative session.	
A motion was made by Carol Moody to accept the Nurse Licensure Compact modifications as presented and to move forward in the state of South Carolina with these regulations. Amanda Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
	HEARINGS/APPLICATIONS
The Board reviewed initial, reactivation and reinstatement licensure applications with "yes" responses to questions regarding criminal convictions, discipline in another state and discipline by employers. In addition, the Board reviewed a	

licensed practical nurse (LPN) equivalency/examination application.	
An applicant for licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) by update application appeared before the Board regarding both his/her "yes" responses to application questions regarding employer discipline, complaints and a recently-signed Consent Agreement. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
A motion was made by Amanda Baker to approve the applicant for an APRN license. Anne Crook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
An applicant for licensure as an LPN by examination/equivalency appeared before the Board regarding his/her LPN equivalency application. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to allow the applicant to proceed with the PN licensure exam. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
An applicant for licensure as a licensed practical nurse by endorsement appeared before the Board regarding his/her "yes" responses to questions regarding employer discipline. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. Amanda Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to leave executive session. Kay Swisher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
A motion was made by Amanda Baker to approve the LPN license for endorsement contingent upon the completion of two courses — a Medication Administration and Medication Documentation course within 90 days. Carol Moody seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
In Case # 2011-102, Respondent did not appear due to inclement weather and a continuance was discussed for an appearance at the March meeting.	
James Mallory recused himself as having previously worked with South Carolina State University (SCSU). A quorum was still present.	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY – NURSING PROGRAM STATUS
At its July 26, 2012 meeting, the Board met with South Carolina State SCSU to discuss their plan for voluntarily closing their generic nursing degree program. At the July 26, 2012 meeting, the Board made the ruling to accept the proposal for voluntary closure with the following modifications to SCSU's proposal:	<u>UPDATE</u>
 Withdraw nursing as a major degree option, effective Fall 2012, which means to cease matriculation of incoming freshmen and rising sophomores with intended major of nursing, effective Fall 2012 For all rising juniors and seniors: 	
 Review all previous ATI scores for nursing courses taken in the previous academic year to ensure a minimum of Level 2 	

- performance in all courses; and
- Review all academic records for these students to ensure compliance with all stated admission criteria for upper division admission.
- Following reviews, any students who have not satisfied the minimum score of 2 on the ATI and stated admission criteria for upper division shall not progress in the nursing program.

Based on these recommendations, the Board recommended that voluntary closure be moved to December 2014. The Board asked that SCSU return to the Board in September to provide an update and a written report detailing the following:

- Efforts to assist in the transfer of students
- List of names of all students who transferred to approved nursing programs
- Efforts to maintain custody and control of existing student records

On August 13, 2012, SCSU requested a follow-up meeting for the Board to discuss the impact of the academic audit of students admitted into the Upper Division in the College of Nursing.

At the August 15, 2012 meeting, the Board modified the July 26, 2012 ruling as follows:

- All Upper Division students who scored below the national mean on the ATI Pharmacology exam are required to repeat the Pharmacology class in the Fall 2012 semester. These students must re-test by the end of the Fall 2012 semester and achieve the national mean or higher in order to progress in the nursing program; and
- 2) All Upper Division students who scored below Level 2 on any ATI exam, other than Pharmacology, are required to remediate through specific programs to be offered by SCSU and re-test in all deficient areas by the end of the Fall 2012 semester. Students must achieve a Level 2 on all content areas tested in order to progress in the nursing program.

All other terms set forth in the Board's July 26, 2012 ruling remain in effect.

At the September 2012 Board of Nursing meeting, Dr. Cynthia Warrick, Interim President, South Carolina State University and Stanley Harris, Interim Chair, Department of Nursing appeared before the Board to present the written report as requested in the July meeting and answer the Board's questions.

Discussion included but was not limited to the transfer and placement of freshmen and sophomore students, ATI testing, remediation courses, faculty teaching loads and student commitment.

A motion was made by Carol Moody to accept the information presented by South Carolina State University and to have the school return to the Board in January 2013 to thoroughly present their findings and progression. Anne Crook seconded the motion. The motion carried with the recusal of James Mallory.

Dr. Cynthia Warrick, Interim President and Stanley Harris, Interim Chair, Department of Nursing, South Carolina State University appeared before the Board to present a report on student ATI exam scores and to update the Board

on their program/ faculty status.	
Discussion included but was not limited to the number of students SCSU allowed to progress, the national mean versus Level I pharmacology scores, not progressing those students who did not meet the pharmacology national mean score, the resignation of the obstetric faculty member, the plan for the obstetrics didactic/ clinical instruction and the assistance received from the Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College and the Orangeburg Regional Medical Center, faculty/student ratio, the use of simulation versus clinicals, and plans for those students who progressed below the pharmacology national mean. The Board asked that SCSU update their report with the revised number of students who will progress, specific information regarding the students pharmacology ATI score in relation to the pharmacology national mean and present it at the March meeting.	
The Board reviewed initial, reinstatement and reactivation licensure applications with "yes" responses to questions regarding criminal convictions, discipline in another state and discipline by employers.	HEARINGS/APPLICATIONS
An applicant for licensure as a registered nurse by endorsement appeared before the Board regarding his/her "yes" responses to questions regarding criminal convictions. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
A motion was made by Anne Crook to allow the applicant to be endorsed in South Carolina. Kay Swisher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
An applicant for licensure as a registered nurse by reactivation appeared before the Board regarding his/her "yes" responses to questions regarding criminal convictions and action by another Board. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
A motion was made by Amanda Baker to go into executive session for the purpose of receiving legal counsel. Lisa Cox Schafer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Kay Swisher to leave executive session. Amanda Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
A motion was made by Amanda Baker to deny the request for RN licensure reactivation based on South Carolina regulation 91-2 B.4 which states that a license in the new home state under pending investigation of a former home state shall be held in abeyance and other applicable time periods shall be stayed until resolution of a pending investigation. After the investigation concludes in the other state, the applicant may reapply. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
An applicant for licensure as a licensed practical nurse by reinstatement appeared before the Board regarding the criminal background check information received by the Board and failure to report conviction(s) on previous applications. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
A motion was made by Kay Swisher to go into executive session for the purpose of	MOTION

receiving legal counsel. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to leave executive session. Kay Swisher seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. No official actions were taken during executive session.	MOTION
A motion was made by Amanda Baker to grant reinstatement of the LPN license and to issue a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution for not being forthcoming on previous applications. Lisa Cox Schafer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
An applicant for licensure as a licensed practical nurse by reinstatement appeared before the Board regarding his/her "yes" responses to questions regarding criminal convictions and failure to report these convictions on previous applications. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to allow the application for reinstatement to occur. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
An applicant for licensure as a licensed practical nurse by reinstatement appeared before the Board regarding his/her "yes" responses to questions regarding criminal convictions and failure to report on previous applications. Respondent was aware of his/her right to legal counsel and waived that right. Respondent appeared but was not represented by legal counsel.	
A motion was made by Lisa Cox Schafer to reinstate the license with a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution about not reporting on his/her previous renewal application. Anne Crook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION
A motion was made by Kay Swisher to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2013. Karen Hazzard seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	MOTION TO ADJOURN
NOTE: These minutes are a brief summary of the meeting and a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board.	