



# Arkansas Department of Health

## Arkansas State Board of Nursing

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### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**TIME AND PLACE:** June 4, 2026  
Board Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Allie Barker, MSN, RN; Tabitha Lancaster, RN;; Phillip Petty, RN; Cassie Gonzales, MNsc, APRN, FNP-BC; Robin Lambert, LNHA, LPN; Lakisha Young, LPN, Katelynn Pougeau, RN, Jason Wallace, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Barbara Hillman, BSN, RN  
Jamie Sims  
Veronica Harmon, RN for morning hearings arrived after lunch

**STAFF ATTENDING AT VARIOUS TIMES:** Ashley Davis, Director, PhD, RN  
David Dawson, JD, General Counsel  
Jennifer Ivory, JD, Attorney Specialist  
Lisa Wooten, Assistant Director, MPH, BSN, RN  
Shannon McKinney, Assistant Director, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC  
Kim Hooks, ASBN Assistant Director- ArNAP, MPH, BSN, RN  
Udell Ward Jr., Regulatory Board Chief Investigator  
Tammy Vaughn, ASBN Assistant Director, MSN, RN, CNE  
Charissa McVay, Program Coordinator, MNsc, APRN, FNP-bc  
Heidi Hogue, ASBN Program Coordinator, MSN, RN  
Paul Bradshaw, IT Infrastructure Coordinator  
Susan Moore, Computer Operator  
Christine Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Director  
Mindy Darner, Legal Support Specialist  
Lou Ann Walker, Public Information Coordinator

Guests:

President Allie Barker called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Guests were welcomed and a flexible agenda was approved.

#### DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS

General Counsel, David Dawson, represented the Board. Motions reflect the decisions of the Board reached in deliberation following the hearing of each case.

#### **OBUCHUKWUNEME UGHANZE CALAIS, NCSBN ID. 21646586, APRN-CNP LICENSE NO. 215521**

Respondent was present for the proceedings before the Board and was represented by counsel, Chris Stevens. Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC, RNC-OB, provided testimony on behalf of the Board. On January 17, 2025, the Board issued a Letter of Reprimand (LOR) to Respondent for a violation of the *Arkansas Nurse Practice Act*, A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(1) and (a)(6) and the *Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules*, as outlined in the January 17, 2025, LOR. The LOR was based upon the following: On or about December 2, 2022, Respondent was issued a Letter of Warning for noncompliance with the continuing education requirement for APRNs who hold prescriptive authority. On or about August 14, 2024, Respondent submitted a renewal application for her APRN license number 215521 with "yes" marked as the response to the statement, "I declare that I have met the continuing education requirements during the twenty-four (24) months immediately preceding the renewal date (current renewal cycle) to deem me eligible for

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APRN license renewal and prescriptive authority." On or about October 9, 2024, Respondent was notified through the Nurse Portal Message Center that she had been selected for audit. Respondent was asked to submit the appropriate documents demonstrating completion of the continuing education requirements. The *Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse* course was completed by Respondent through CE Broker on October 10, 2024, after Respondent submitted her renewal application and was notified she was being reaudited. Respondent's attorney timely submitted a written appeal of the issuance of the LOR.

**MOTION:** I MOVE that based on the evidence presented and the allegations contained in the Order and Notice of Hearing, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing finds that **OBUCHUKWUNEME UGHANZE CALAIS, NCSBN ID. 21646586, APRN-CNP LICENSE NO. 215521**, that the Letter of Reprimand issued January 17, 2025, be rescinded.

Brought by Phillip Petty and seconded by Lakisha Young.

**PASSED**

**TIFFANY LORRAINE BINAM, NCSBN ID. 24831082, RN LICENSE NO. 224030 (EXPIRED)**

Respondent was not present for the proceedings before the Board and was not represented by counsel. Lisa Wooten, MPH, BSN, RN, provided testimony on behalf of the Board. On November 19, 2025, the Board ratified a Consent Agreement placing Respondent's RN licensure on probation for one (1) year for violations of A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(6). Respondent failed to activate her monitoring account in Affinity and is 100% noncompliant with her Consent Agreement. Staff have attempted to communicate with Respondent through telephone, email, and the nurse portal. Respondent has failed to communicate with staff. Respondent has violated Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6) and the Board's *Rules*, 17 CAR § 126-102(8)(T) by failing to comply with the terms and conditions of the November 19, 2025, Consent Agreement ordered by the Board.

**MOTION:** I MOVE that based on the evidence presented and the allegations contained in the Order and Notice of Hearing, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing finds that **TIFFANY LORRAINE BINAM, NCSBN ID. 24831082, RN LICENSE NO. 224030 (EXPIRED)**, has been charged with a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6) and that Respondent's license and privilege to practice as a nurse be suspended until her appearance before the Board.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by Tabitha Lacaster.

**PASSED**

**Jennifer Ivory**, the Board's attorney, presented consent agreements that had been entered into since the last meeting. Following discussion of each individual agreement, the following motion was passed:

**MOTION:** I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing ratify the following Consent Agreements:

**Harrell, Lance Michael A003149, PAC #3042, R045478**

**(Wynn, AR)**

Violation – *The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas* ACA §17-87-309(a)(6)  
*Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules, 17 CAR § 123-604(e) and (f), 17 CAR § 123-611(b) and (c)*  
*17 CAR § 126-102 (8)(B), (8)(E) and (8)(V)*  
Probation – 2 years  
Courses – Vanderbilt- APRN Prescribing Controlled Substances  
Case Western- *Medical Documentation: Clinical, Legal, and Economic Implications for Healthcare Providers*  
Civil Penalty - \$1,500.00

**Miller, Jessica Sue Passmore R086647**

**(Springdale, AR)**

Violation – *The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas* ACA §17-87-309(a)(2)  
Probation – 1 year  
Courses – *Substance Abuse Bundle*

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by Tabita Lancaster

**PASSED**

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The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:15 p.m. Following lunch, the Board resumed hearings.

President Allie Barker called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. A flexible agenda was approved.

**MISTY DAWN STALLINGS, NCSBN ID. 21942676, LICENSE NO. R092296 and L053080 (EXPIRED)**

Respondent was present for the proceedings before the Board and was not represented by counsel. Lisa Wooten, MPH, BSN, RN, and Melissa Russenberger, RN, provided testimony on behalf of the Board. An investigation began after the Board received a complaint from the Human Resources Director, Mississippi County Hospital System. The complaint states that while working at Great River Medical Center, Blytheville, Arkansas, Respondent was flagged by the monthly dispensing practice report. An investigation found failures in documenting medication administration. Facility records from Great River Medical Center indicate that on April 4, 2024, Respondent received a final written warning for job performance. Respondent's dispensing practices report prompted an investigation. The Dispensing Practices Report indicates that between the dates of January 1, 2024, to March 19, 2024, Respondent removed eighty-eight (88) total doses of medication. The investigation shows that Respondent had not been scanning medications. Respondent pulled medication but did not document it. Respondent also documented administration of medication before pulling the medication from the Omnicell. Respondent was taken to the lab for drug and alcohol screening, then suspended without pay, pending an investigation. Respondent refused a blood draw but initially stated that she would do the urine drug screen. The first two (2) samples did not provide enough urine to adequately test. The third attempt was clear liquid that did not register a temp on the specimen cup. Respondent refused to stay at the facility until she could provide an adequate sample and left. On April 23, 2024, Respondent was terminated from employment. Three (3) patient records were reviewed by the investigator. A total of 15 mg of oxycodone, 200 mcg of fentanyl, and 30 mg of codeine is unaccounted for. Records from Respondent's subsequent employer, Heritage Square Nursing and Rehabilitation, were reviewed. On November 4, 2024, Respondent received a disciplinary warning for medication not given to a resident. On January 22, 2025, Respondent received a write-up after giving narcotics and not signing off in the MAR multiple times. On February 14, 2025, Respondent worked her last shift and did not return. The investigator and Board staff attempted to contact Respondent through numerous methods. Respondent finally contacted Board staff when her RN license renewal was blocked. Respondent was advised to contact the Investigator and update her contact information with the Board immediately and her license was renewed. Although Respondent contacted the Pharmacy Services office, she stopped communicating with the Investigator after a professional drug screen was ordered. Respondent failed to update her application with her current address and employer. Respondent answered no to the question on the renewal application regarding whether she was under a current investigation. Respondent has quit communicating with the Investigator and Board staff.

**MOTION:** I MOVE that based on the evidence presented and the allegations contained in the Order and Notice of Hearing, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing finds that **MISTY DAWN STALLINGS, NCSBN ID. 21942676, LICENSE NO. R092296 and L053080 (EXPIRED)**, has been charged with a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6) and that Respondent's license and privilege to practice as a nurse be placed on probation for one (1) year with the following terms and conditions:

- Pursuant to A.C.A. §17-87-104(b)(1), Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of \$1,162.50, plus any outstanding balance associated with previous disciplinary action. Such fine shall be payable within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Order. If unable to pay the civil penalty within fifteen (15) days, a payment schedule shall be submitted within fifteen (15) days to the Board via email at [ASBN.monitoring@arkansas.gov](mailto:ASBN.monitoring@arkansas.gov).
- Respondent shall provide evidence within six (6) months of successful completion of the Board approved course(s): *Documentation for Nurses* and *The Nurse and Professional Behaviors*. Respondent shall submit the certificate(s) of completion via the Board approved monitoring program.

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- Respondent shall provide evidence of a comprehensive assessment for substance use disorder within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Acceptable evidence shall consist of an evaluation with appropriate testing by a Board approved evaluator. Respondent shall supply a copy of the Board's Order to the evaluator. The evaluation shall contain evidence that the evaluator knows the reason for the referral. The evaluator shall specifically advise the Board that the nurse is or is not presently able to engage in the safe practice of nursing or recommend the conditions, if any, under which safe practice could occur. Respondent shall ensure the evaluator sends the report directly to the Board ASBN.monitoring@arkansas.gov.
- Respondent shall attend support groups or counseling per evaluator's recommendations.
- Respondent shall request to the Board verification of termination of the probationary period and license reinstatement by submitting the *Reinstatement Request* form, via the ASBN Nurse Portal once compliance with the Board's Probation Order is met. Respondent is required to continue all monitoring requirements including but not limited to checking in daily for random drug screening, testing if selected, attending meetings, and submitting reports until released from the probation period by Board staff.
- Respondent shall abstain at all times from the use of all controlled or abuse potential substances including alcohol, products that contain alcohol, all fermented products (i.e. kefir, kombucha tea, etc.), hemp, poppy seeds, cannabidiol (CBD), or any product or by-product containing the same. Short-term treatment (less than three [3] weeks) with a controlled medication may be allowed for an acute illness or acute condition with a short-term waiver and appropriate documentation (medical record documentation, etc.). Respondent shall provide a completed short-term waiver within ten (10) days of being prescribed a controlled or abuse potential substance via the Board approved monitoring program.
- Respondent shall log all medications, including over-the-counter medications via the Board approved monitoring program. Acceptable documentation must include the following information: prescriber, medication name, dose, date prescribed, and amount dispensed. Acceptable format of documentation includes photo(s) of the prescription label, documentation from the provider, or documentation from the pharmacy.
- Respondent agrees to have personal prescriptions monitored through the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program by board staff while under Board order.
- Respondent shall submit to random drug screens by direct observation or DNA-authentication. The drug screens shall meet the criteria established by the Board and be conducted through a Board approved monitoring program, laboratory, and collection site. Respondent shall contact the monitoring program to activate their account and begin checking in daily beginning the first of the month following the Board Order. If selected for testing, Respondent shall submit the specimen for observed drug screening by 11:59 pm on the day of selection, or within the time and manner designated by the DNA-authentication laboratory. Respondent shall not submit specimens at Respondent's place of employment or practice site. Failed drug screens include the results of a biological specimen, which is determined to be diluted, substituted, abnormal, adulterated, or tests positive for alcohol, controlled substances, abuse potential substances, or their metabolites or failure to present and provide specimen when notified.
- Respondent shall notify the Board of any travel two (2) weeks prior to traveling by submitting a monitoring interruption via the Board approved monitoring program. Respondent shall continue to check in during travel period and test when selected. Travel outside the continental U.S. requires thirty (30) days' notice. If approved, a waiver shall be issued during the travel period outside the continental U.S.
- Respondent shall not collect any drug screen specimen from a participant who has been ordered to drug screen by the Board of Nursing.
- Respondent shall submit the *Enforcement Personal Report* to the Board via the Board approved monitoring program quarterly.
- Respondent shall ensure that all reports of Respondent and the employer are submitted quarterly via the Board approved monitoring program.
- Respondent shall notify and present to each employer a copy this Order if working as a nurse on probation. Respondent shall have employer sign the *Employer Acknowledgement* form. Respondent

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shall submit the document to the Board via the Board approved monitoring program. Respondent shall have their employer complete the *Performance Evaluation Report* and Respondent shall submit the report to the Board via the Board approved monitoring program quarterly.

- Respondent shall work under supervision in any setting. Supervision requires another nurse at the same or higher licensure level, to be working in the same setting as Respondent and be readily available to provide assistance and intervention. Respondent shall not serve as a preceptor during probation. Respondent shall not secure employment or be employed through a staffing agency. Respondent shall not be employed in the following settings: Emergency Room, Pre- and Post-Op, Labor and Delivery, Home Hospice, Home Health, or any Intensive Care Unit.
- The Nurse Licensure Compact status of Respondent's Arkansas license shall be single state, allowing practice only in the State of Arkansas. Respondent may submit the *Multistate Conversion Application* after successful completion of probation to determine if license meets the Uniform Licensure Requirements (ULR) for multi-state compact status.
- Respondent shall execute any release necessary to give the Board access to records including, but not limited to, medical, psychological, employment, and or criminal records. Failure to execute a release shall be grounds for additional disciplinary action against Respondent's license / privilege to practice.
- Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws and all rules governing the practice of nursing in this state.
- Respondent shall be responsible for all costs involved in complying with the Board's Order.
- Respondent is required to submit any change of information, even a temporary one, in name, address, or employer via the ASBN Nurse Portal and the Board approved monitoring program within ten (10) days of the change.
- Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §17-87-309, failure to comply with this Order may result in additional disciplinary action on the Respondent's licensure and/or privilege including, but not limited to, additional probation, suspension, or revocation of licensure and/or privilege to practice nursing in this state.

Brought by Cassie Gonzales and seconded by Tabitha Lancaster.

**PASSED**

**ROBIN ANN BARNES FORTNER, NCSBN ID. 21493000, LICENSE NO. L049681 (EXPIRED)**

Respondent was not present for the proceedings before the Board and was not represented by counsel. Lisa Wooten, MPH, BSN, RN, and Penny Summers, RN provided testimony on behalf of the Board. An investigation began after the Board received a letter from the Director of Nursing (DON) at Southern Trace Rehab and Care Center, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The letter reported the loss of controlled substances and that Respondent's employment was termination due to not reporting to the facility to submit to a requested drug screen. Facility records indicate that discrepancies were discovered in the narcotic logbook. Two (2) pages were folded over in the narcotic logbook, which indicated that medications were sent in for destruction, but they were missing signatures for destruction. Facility policy is that all controlled drug waste must be witnessed and co-signed by another nurse. The resident had expired and it was determined that narcotics had not been surrendered for destruction and they were not located in the medication cart. Respondent was the last signature for the missing medications. Additional records for residents assigned to Respondent were reviewed. Two (2) other residents had orders for tramadol 50mg (Patient-CS) and Norco 7.5/325mg (Patient-MW). Respondent was the only nurse that administered these medications to these two (2) residents. If Respondent was not working, these two (2) residents were not given these PRN medications. A urine drug screen was obtained from Patients CS and MW. Both tests reported negative for tramadol and Norco. The DON obtained urine drug screens from the LPNs present. All LPNs tested had negative results. The DON and Administrator waited for Respondent to report for her next shift to obtain a urine drug screen from Respondent. Respondent did not report for work or call in. The DON attempted to communicate with Respondent about scheduling the requested drug screen. Respondent did not reply. The facility filed a Report of Loss of Controlled Substance Form indicating a loss of approximately, 1,277.5mg of oxycodone, 200mg of tramadol, 3mg of Ativan (lorazepam), and 385mg of hydrocodone. Three (3) medical records for Respondent's residents were reviewed by the Board investigator. A total of 247.5mg of hydrocodone is unaccounted for; a total of 500mg of tramadol is unaccounted for; and a total of 70mg of oxycodone is unaccounted for. Board staff made numerous requests, via certified mail, regular mail, nurse portal

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messages, and telephone calls, that Respondent obtain a psychological/addictive evaluation. Staff used Respondent's contact information on file with the Board. Although the postal service left a notice regarding the latest certified letter, Respondent has not communicated with staff, and no psychological/addictive evaluation has been received.

**MOTION:** I MOVE that based on the evidence presented and the allegations contained in the Order and Notice of Hearing, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing finds that **ROBIN ANN BARNES FORTNER, NCSBN ID. 21493000, LICENSE NO. L049681 (EXPIRED)**, has been charged with a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6) and that Respondent's license be **SUSPENDED** until Respondent provides Board staff with an Addictive/Psychological evaluation that states Respondent is safe to practice, and Board staff has reviewed the evaluation and assessed any recommendations made by the evaluation. If Board staff recommend probation after review of the evaluation and the Board's investigation, Respondent's license will remain suspended until the Board ratifies a Consent Agreement between the Board and Respondent, or until Respondent appears before the Board after the evaluation is received.

Brought by Lakisha Young and seconded by Phillip Petty.

**PASSED**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm.



Allie Barker, President



Mindy Darner, Recording Secretary

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Date Approved