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FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE

April 28, 2026

The meeting of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee was called to order by Mark Foster, DNP, APRN, Chairperson of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee at 9:02 a.m.

Members present:

Mark Foster, DNP, APRN, Chair

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN, Co-Chair

Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN

William Hawkins, MD

Ashley Davis, Director ASBN

Members Absent: Amy Embry, Director ASMB

Also attending this meeting:

Tawnie Hughes, Attorney, Arkansas Attorney General's Office

Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN, ASBN Assistant Director

Charissa McVay, MNSc, APRN, ASBN Program Coordinator

Additions to the agenda – There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of Agenda – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to accept the minutes. It was seconded by, Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Investigations and Complaints Update

Charisa McVay, APRN, ASBN Program Coordinator updated the committee on new Board action on Full Practice APRNs:

ORBS ID 98715 – Issued a Letter of Warning.

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Review of Renewal Applications

Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to renew the full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 1. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

1. **Kimberly Rawls A005748**
2. **Merkessie Redix A004289**
3. **Nichole Clark A001919**
4. **Jill Thomas A004022**
5. **Lou Parker A004023**
6. **Alisa Ruffner A004449**
7. **Lauren Threlkeld A004995**
8. **Rebecca Effrein A003805**
9. **Laura Clark A001810**
10. **Laura Stallings 123617**
11. **Kellie Berry-Hart A004240**
12. **Lisa Toth A001247**
13. **Michael Belin 122746**
14. **Courtney Stewart A005828**
15. **Albery Love A003951**
16. **Nichole Paladino A003486**
17. **Tiffany Lack 123569**
18. **Andrea Spurling A003427**
19. **Katherine Gurley A003841**
20. **Kirk Coward A003564**

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to renew the full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 2. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

1. **Christina Roland 120116**
2. **Mindy Farmer A001944**
3. **Michelle Bagby A004416**
4. **Mallory Broadway A003980**
5. **Bonita Westwood A001802**

6. **Angela Schmidt 215364**
7. **Ashley Larru A006215**
8. **Barbara Menley A003782**
9. **Yvonia Finley S001039**
10. **Pamela Hodges A003398**
11. **Cammie Sifford A003133**
12. **Courtney McKinney A004959**
13. **Nancy Pemberton A004763**
14. **Kristyn Clark 120097**
15. **Michael Charlton A003688**
16. **Brigette Baker A004983**
17. **Paula Brosnan A003703**
18. **Megan Kellar 122022**
19. **Natasha Kellogg 120489**
20. **Emily Way A003112**

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to renew the full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 3. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

1. **Retha Dudley A001291**
2. **Maree Nichols A006051**
3. **Renetta Nichols A005058**
4. **Janice Wilson A005643**
5. **Kara Dougherty 212498**
6. **Ernest Ennis A004213**
7. **Penny Clardy A003472**
8. **Shaela Collier A005706**
9. **Tracy Lamey A002974**
10. **Jillian Wilson A004838**
11. **Carmen Peret A003864**
12. **Sarah Ramsey 123839**
13. **Billy Catlett 223907**
14. **Andrea Sieff S001096**
15. **Trisha Blair A005902**

- 16. Rebecca Grandy A003707**
- 17. Debra Fairless A003080**
- 18. Tonya Trucks A003327**
- 19. Melissa Krisht A005972**
- 20. Virginia Strickland A005471**

Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to renew the full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 4. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

- 1. Keesha Brown A004900**
- 2. Chandra Mathis A004908**
- 3. Kari Lindsey A004079**
- 4. Donielle Swanson A0057**
- 5. Rachel Scrimshire A005379**
- 6. Donna Wright A001224**
- 7. Martha Hobson A004606**
- 8. Crystal Holmes A004855**
- 9. Jeni Warrior A003875**
- 10. Channing Hall 122833**
- 11. Veronia Cannon A004099**
- 12. Elizabeth Ellis A003208**
- 13. Hannah Davenport A005222**
- 14. Toni Tackett A003233**
- 15. Tanya Walker A004539**
- 16. Allison Doss A004012**
- 17. Brittany Benton 121535**
- 18. Angie Hicks-Master A002923**
- 19. April Carlton 125099**
- 20. Amanda Duch A001202**

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to renew the full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 5. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

- 1. Mashae Rolland A003568**
- 2. Deborah Porchia A001491**
- 3. Stephanie Smith A004110**

4. **Jill Davis A005796**
5. **Carrie Price A005281**
6. **April Rainbolt 123789**
7. **Tana Allen A005326**
8. **Matthew Brandon A004194**
9. **Candice Frost A004095**
10. **Katrina Gallivan 223712**
11. **Stacy Johnson A005920**
12. **Tanya Golden A005029**

Jessica Duggar A004710 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to renew the full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Valerie Sneathern A004620 – Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to renew the full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed. William Hawkins, MD abstained.

Shelbi Sloan A005350 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to renew the full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Amanda Day A004710 – Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to renew the full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Review of Applications

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 1. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

1. **Pauline Ryan A003171**
2. **Ryan Anderson 121554**
3. **Gina Bryant A004921**
4. **Stacy Wideman 217768**
5. **Joann Clark A001754**
6. **Monique Thammavong A004175**
7. **Natalia Cropper 229901**
8. **Clark Roberts A006099**
9. **Corrie Jones 121506**
10. **Denise Willis A001330**
11. **Samantha Richard 216573**
12. **Crystal St. Clair 123697**

- 13. Nelson Andy Seal S002249**
- 14. Melody Kent A005732**
- 15. Kellie Manes 219003**
- 16. Caroline Stowe 235260**
- 17. Gabrielle Williams 215616**
- 18. Samantha Ashcraft-Devazier 214953**
- 19. Virginia Seamon A003521**

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 2. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

- 1. Arnetta Williams A005174**
- 2. Dalana Rice A004816**
- 3. Stephanie Converse A005565**
- 4. Tracey Franklin A005311**
- 5. Sarah Moore 234715**
- 6. Crystal Hurst A005536**
- 7. Haley Duff 120124**
- 8. Madeline Herrington 212920**
- 9. Sarah Kuhn 214807**
- 10. Wesley Ward A002979**
- 11. Seth Stone 215165**
- 12. Brittany Cooper 121644**
- 13. Clara Jones 125774**
- 14. Jamie Holthaus A005688**
- 15. Lyndsey Whitaker A006079**
- 16. Gwendolyn Roberts 218933**
- 17. Tammy Wellman 215049**
- 18. Wendy Gammon A005928**
- 19. Leslie Weatherford 125494**
- 20. Jessica Reagan A004551**

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 3. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

- 1. Jennifer Blarney A004379**

2. **Linzy Gavin 214598**
3. **Whitley Harris A005823**
4. **Brittany Hensley A004984**
5. **Jennisha Sumowulu 122840**
6. **Malgorzata Stramel 214903**
7. **Monica Lane 235923**
8. **Amy Gibson 222371**
9. **Andrea Sleeth 215131**
10. **Shelley Triplett 227778**
11. **Justina Arriaza 125895**
12. **Sandra Thorne A006256**
13. **Ashley Tucker 214739**
14. **James Bell A004268**
15. **Tiffany Hearnberger A004997**
16. **Stephanie Eagle 221288**
17. **Brandy Rose 244752**
18. **Jessica Isnetto 232495**
19. **Teena Harrison 224717**
20. **Terri Moody A003043**

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate to the following applicants in Batch 4. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

1. **Margaret Ellett 236522**
2. **Gena Powers A003730**
3. **Erin Kwyzla A004495**
4. **Simone Milton 214980**
5. **Jessica Fleeger 219266**
6. **Solonica Cooper 221770**
7. **Kelli Slaughter A005331**
8. **Destiny Ellis 222059**
9. **Stephanie Burks 224158**
10. **Jennifer Reimer 232081**
11. **Stephanie Parish 222095**

12. Heather Sheppard 219409

13. Joni Kocher 236727

14. Nykkia Sellers 217221

15. Rhonda Johnson A004615

16. Christopher Kersting 230191

17. Ashley Blackwood A005083

18. Mandy Burton 218171

Tekima Pitts, CNP 218888 – There was discussion about the applicant's application packet. Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a certificate of full independent practice. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

James McCormack, CNP 223079 – There was discussion about the applicant's application packet. Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a certificate of full independent practice. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Amanda Manley, A005481 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a certificate of full independent practice. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Jennifer Price, A004876 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for psychiatric/mental health only. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Tracy Osborne, CNP 235189 - There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Lynn Frazier, A001893 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed. Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN abstained.

Ginger Spiller, CNP 214462 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Michelle Gibson, A005025 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Crystal Bridger, A005025 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Toni Garner, A003750 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Latrice Williams, CNP 124535 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to defer the application for further clarification of hours. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Steven Seymour, CNP 235969 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Miki Reynolds, CNP 123647 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Catherine Connel, A001225 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Larreasha Adams, CNP 125505 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to defer the application for further clarification of hours. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Courtney Fallen, A004018 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to defer the application for further clarification of practice experience. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Stefanie Lesley, A005905 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for family. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Rickey Mack, A005560 – Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to add family nurse practitioner to the certificate of full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Jacquelyn Reyna-Stovall, CNP 125288 – There was discussion about applicant's application packet. Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN moved to defer the application for further clarification of hours. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Kelly McCarty, CNP 123726 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for psychiatric/mental health. It was seconded by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN. The motion passed.

Other Business

Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN presented a request to the committee to help support the Stop Overdose Summit. Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to provide \$3,000 to the Stop Overdose Summit. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed.

Next Meeting

July 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Handwritten signature of Mark Foster in black ink, with the text "FMR BC APR" written to the right of the signature.

Mark Foster, Chair

Handwritten signature of Shannon McKinney in blue ink, with the text "DVP, APR" written to the right of the signature.

Shannon McKinney, Recording Secretary