



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TIME AND PLACE:

January 7, 2026
Board Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allie Barker, MSN, RN; Tabitha Lancaster, RN; Jamie Sims; Phillip Petty, RN; Cassie Gonzales, MNSc, APRN, FNP-BC; Barbara Hillman, BSN, RN; Robin Lambert, LNHA, LPN; Lakisha Young, LPN

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Veronica Harmon, RN

STAFF ATTENDING AT VARIOUS TIMES:

Charles Moulton, Hearing Officer
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
Brandy Haley, Program Coordinator, PhD, RN, CNE
Charissa McVay, Nurse Practitioner-FPA/Enforcement
Heidi Hoage, ASBN Program Coordinator, MSN, RN
Paul Bradshaw, IT Infrastructure Coordinator
Chris Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Director
Mindy Darner, Legal Support Specialist
Corrie Edge, Administrative Analyst
Lisa Mendenhall, Legal Support Specialist
Kelly Doppelhammer, Legal Support Specialist
Lou Ann Walker, Public Information Coordinator
Carla Davis, Licensing Coordinator

Guests: None

BUSINESS MEETING

President Allie Barker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A flexible agenda was approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION 1: I MOVE that the ADH-Arkansas State Board of Nursing approve the items on the Consent Agenda.
Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by Jamie Sims.
PASSED.

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MOTION 2: I MOVE that the ADH - Arkansas State Board of Nursing approve the attached changes to the following Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*, as attached: Title 17. Professions, Occupations, and Businesses; Chapter XXII. Arkansas State Board of Nursing, Department of Health; Subchapter A. Generally; Part 120. General Provisions; Subpart 1. Purpose and Authority; Part 121. Licensure: Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, and Licensed; Psychiatric Technician Nurse; Subpart 1. Qualifications; Part 122. Registered Nurse Practitioner; Subpart 1. Scope of Practice; Part 123. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; Subpart 1. Scope of Practice; Part 124. Delegation; Subpart 1. Generally; Part 126. Rules of Procedure; Subpart 1. Generally; Part 127. Certified Medication Assistant or Medication Assistant-Certified; Subpart 1. Generally; Part 130. Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee; Subpart 1. General Matters; Part 131. Dialysis Patient Care Technicians.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by Tabitha Lancaster.

PASSED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports were given by Committee Chairs. Motions reflect Committee recommendations.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Tabitha Lancaster, Education Committee Chairperson, along with Brandy Haley, ASBN Program Coordinator, covered items for the Education Committee. The education Committee approved their September 11, 2025 Minutes. The following motions were presented:

MOTION 3: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant continued Full Approval to the Arkansas North College Practical Nursing program until the year 2030.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 4: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant continued Full Approval to the Arkansas State University Mountain Home Practical Nursing program until the year 2030.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 5: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant continued Full Approval to the Arkansas State University Mountain Home Associate Degree in Nursing program until the year 2030.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 6: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant continued Full Approval to the Baptist Health College Little Rock Practical Nursing program until the year 2030.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 7: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant Full Approval to the Northwest Arkansas Community College Practical Nursing program until the year 2028.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 8: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant continued Full Approval to the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville Associate Degree in Nursing until the year 2030.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

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MOTION 9: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant Full Approval to the University of Arkansas Community College at Cossatot Associate Degree in Nursing until the year 2028.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 10: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant Full Approval to the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Associate Degree in Nursing until the year 2028.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 11: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant continued Full Approval to the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Practical Nursing until the year 2030.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 12: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant continued Full Approval to the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Associate Degree in Nursing until the year 2030.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 13: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing

1. Ask ASBN staff to visit the SAU-Tech AD program this semester to review the action plan developed by the program due to moving approval status to conditional standing related to Educational Standards noncompliance for Personnel. 2. The SAU-Tech AD program is required to advertise/hire a program director that meets educational standards before conditional standing and admission of new students can occur.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 14: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing accept the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Bachelor of Science in Nursing program's voluntarily letter of closure and Teach Out Plan, effective May 1, 2026, and require ASBN staff make a follow up visit to confirm the Teach Out plan is being carried through for the remaining students.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 15: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing grant Prerequisite Approval to the University of Arkansas at Rich Mountain Associate Degree in Nursing program.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 16: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing approves the letter of intent from Shorter College to submit a pre-requisite proposal for a Practical Nursing program.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

PASSED.

MOTION 17: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing approves the letter of intent from Arkansas State University Mid-South to submit a pre-requisite proposal for a Practical Nursing program and waives the one year waiting period for the feasibility study.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.

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MOTION 18: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing approves the addition of five campus locations to the Arkansas Health Care Association Medication Assistant-Certified Program.
Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.
PASSED.

MOTION 19: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing accept the 2025 low pass rate responses and action plans for the following programs: Arkansas State University Newport PN Program; Arkansas State University Newport AD Program; Henderson State University BSN Program; Northwest Technical Institute MA-C Program; University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton MA-C Program; University of Arkansas East Arkansas Community College AD Program; University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College MA-C Program; University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff BSN Program – closure letter with Teach Out Plan for current student
Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by the Nursing Education Committee.
PASSED.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Cassie Gonzales, Administrative Committee Member, along with Ashley Davis, ASBN Director, covered items for the Administrative Committee. The Administrative Committee approved their September 11, 2025 Minutes. Cassie Gonzales presented the followings motion:

MOTION 20: I MOVE that the ADH-Arkansas State Board of Nursing approve the attached changes to the following ASBN Policies: Section I-Personnel Policy: Policy I-1, Work Hours; Section I-Personnel Policy: Policy I-32, Inclement Weather Policy.
Brought by Cassie Gonzalez and seconded by the Administrative Committee.
PASSED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Phillip Petty, the Finance Committee Chairperson, along with Darla Erickson, Administrative Services Manager, covered items for the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee approved their September 11, 2025 Minutes. Phillip Petty presented the followings for the Finance Committee:

MOTION 21: I MOVE that the ADH-Arkansas State Board of Nursing revise the purpose of the Finance Committee with changes as attached with the addition of a Quarterly Fund Balance Report.
Brought by Phillip Petty and seconded by the Finance Committee.
PASSED.

MOTION 22: I MOVE that the ADH-Arkansas State Board of Nursing authorize stipend payments in accordance with the A.C.A. § 25-16-905.
Brought by Phillip Petty and seconded by the Finance Committee.
PASSED.

MOTION 23: I MOVE that the ADH-Arkansas State Board of Nursing authorize expense reimbursement in accordance with A.C.A. § 25-16-902.
Brought by Phillip Petty and seconded by the Finance Committee.
PASSED.

MOTION 24: I MOVE that the ADH-Arkansas State Board of Nursing approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (AFCR) Year End Closing Package for State Agencies CSR2 and CSR3 submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025.
Brought by Phillip Petty and seconded by the Finance Committee.
PASSED.

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MOTION 25: I MOVE that the ADH-Arkansas State Board of Nursing approve the Sub-Grant Agreement between the Arkansas Department of Health – Board of Nursing and the Arkansas Center for Nursing, Inc., for the fiscal year 2027.

Brought by Phillip Petty and seconded by the Finance Committee.

PASSED.

PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Cassie Gonzales, Practice Committee Chairperson, along with Shannon McKinney, Assistant Director, covered items for the Practice Committee. The Practice Committee approved their September 11, 2025 Minutes, and reviewed the Disciplinary PI Indicators Report and the Enforcement Case Report. The Committee had no motions to present.

Tammy Vaughn, Program Coordinator, MSN, RN, CNE, presented waivers for Applicants. The following motions were presented after discussion:

MOTION 26: I MOVE that based on the evidence presented the Arkansas State Board of Nursing finds that Cody Lee Owens, PN-NCLEX Applicant, grant a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-3-102.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by Tabitha Lancaster.

PASSED

MOTION 27: I MOVE that based on the evidence presented the Arkansas State Board of Nursing finds that Nakiha Tyasia Williams, PN-NCLEX Applicant, grant a waiver of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-3-102.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by Tabitha Lancaster.

PASSED

Shannon McKinney reviewed Prescriber Metrics.

David Dawson, Chief Counsel, and Ashley Davis gave updates on the *Rules* status and the status of cases on appeal.

(Chris Lewis, Executive Assistant to the Director, is relieved as recording secretary by Mindy Darnier, Legal Support Specialist.)

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.

CARRI RAE FLANIGAN POPPENHEIMER, NCSBN ID. 20741444, MISSISSIPPI PN LICENSE NO. 321739.

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 October 23, 2024, the Board issued a Letter of Reprimand (LOR) with stipulations on Respondent's multistate privilege to practice for issues involving failure to properly assess a patient or properly report the patient's symptoms or injuries. The LOR required Respondent to complete and provide the course completion certificates for the *Older Adult Care - Geriatrics, Arkansas Nurse Practice Act*, and *Documentation* courses within six (6) months. Respondent failed to activate her monitoring account in Affinity, has failed to submit any course completion certificates, and has failed to respond to Board staff's communication. 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 fully comply with the terms and conditions of the Letter of Reprimand dated October 23, 2024.

MOTION 28: 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 **CARRI RAE FLANIGAN POPPENHEIMER**, has been charged with a violation of Ark. Code Ann. §17-87-309 (a)(6) and that

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Respondent's multi state privilege to practice as a nurse be suspended until the terms of their Letter of Reprimand are met.

Brought by Cassie Gonzales and seconded by Babara Hillman.

PASSED

David Dawson brought before the Board a motion for summary suspension.

MOTION 29: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing summarily suspend the license of Tanja Jasmine Moore, Arkansas Registered Nurse License # R072470. The Board declares an emergency and states Respondent is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Arkansas. A hearing will be promptly scheduled for the Board's next regular hearing date, to consider and determine revocation or other action.

Brought by Tabitha Lancaster and seconded by Cassie Gonzales.

PASSED

Jennifer Ivory, the Board's attorney, presented a Board-Ordered LOR and Consent Agreements that had been entered into since the last meeting. Following discussion of each individual agreement, the following motion was passed:

MOTION 30: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing ratify the following Consent Agreements:

Andrews, Christy Larosa Soward, R092807 and L051947 (Blytheville, AR)

Violation - The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas ACA §17-87-309(a)(6)
Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules, 17 CAR § 126-102 (8)(L) and (P)
Probation - 1 year
Courses - ICRS Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing
Substance Abuse Bundle
Civil Penalty - \$375.00

Trailer, Sheryl Lee Miner, L050661 (Gentry, AR)

Violation - The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas ACA §17-87-309(a)(6)
Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules, 17 CAR § 126-102(8)(T)
Probation - 1 year
Courses - Substance Abuse Bundle

Trivitt, Brianna Diane Trivitt Bishop Wiles, RN 214386 (Newark, AR)

Violation - The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas ACA §17-87-309(a)(6)
Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules, 17 CAR § 126-102 (8)(T)
Probation - 2 years

Brought by Tabitha Lancaster and seconded by Cassie Gonzales.

PASSED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 pm.


Allie Barker, President

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Chris Lewis

Chris Lewis, Recording Secretary, in part

Mindy Darner

Mindy Darner, Recording Secretary, in part

February 5, 2026
Date Approved