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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TIME AND PLACE: November 15, 2023
Board Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Leslie Harmon Branman, BSN, RN, CPSN, CANS; Haley Strunk, LPN; Allie Barker, MSN, RN; Veronica Harmon, RN; Barbara Hillman, BSN, RN; Tabitha Lancaster, RN; Phillip Petty, RN; Cassie Gonzales, MNSc, APRN, FNP-BC; Robin Lambert, LNHA, LPN; Lakisha Young, LPN; Jamie Sims.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF ATTENDING AT VARIOUS TIMES: Sue A. Tedford, Director, MNSc, APRN
David Dawson, JD, General Counsel
Jennifer Ivory, JD, Attorney Specialist
Lisa Wooten, Assistant Director, MPH, BSN, RN
Karen McCumpsey, Assistant Director, MNSc, RN, CNE
Shannon McKinney, Assistant Director, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC
Janet Simpson, ASBN Program Coordinator, MSN, RNP, RNC-MNN
Kim Hooks, MPH, BSN, RN, ASBN Assistant Director- ArNAP
Udell Ward Jr., Regulatory Board Chief Investigator
Tammy Vaughn, Program Coordinator, MSN, RN, CNE
Leslie Suggs, Executive Assistant to the Director
Albert Williams, Information Systems Coordinator
Susan Moore, Computer Operator
Mindy Darner, Legal Support Specialist
Corrie Edge, Administrative Analyst
Lisa Mendenhall, Legal Support Specialist
Tami Duke, Administrative Specialist III
Kelly Doppelhammer, Legal Support Specialist
Whitney Kinney, Licensing Coordinator
LouAnn Walker, Public Information Coordinator
Carla Davis, Licensing Coordinator
Christine Lewis, Legal Support Specialist

Guests: Mary Kennebrew, Office of Attorney General

Vice President Leslie Branman 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.

JASON EMERY SMITH, LICENSE NO. APRN-CRNA 223943

Respondent was present for the proceedings before the Board and was represented by counsel, Darren O'Quinn. Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC, RNC-OB, provided testimony on behalf of the Board. Respondent has been charged with Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*, Chapter 7, Section IV (A)(1)(a) and pleads guilty to the charges. On April 28, 2023, 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). On or about February 19, 2023, Respondent submitted an APRN endorsement application to the Board with "no" marked as the answer to the question "Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or privilege to practice in any state, jurisdiction, country or province?" An investigation revealed that on or about October 16, 2010, Respondent signed a Stipulation and Order with the Iowa State Board of Nursing. The Order was approved by the Iowa State Board of Nursing on December 2, 2010. It required Respondent to complete forty-five (45) contact hours of continuing education applicable to medication errors and documentation. The Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*, Chapter 7, Section IV (A)(1)(a) states that "fraud and deceit" shall include false representation of facts on an application for licensure by examination or licensure by endorsement without examination or an application for renewal of a license. On May 4, 2023, the Board received a letter of representation from Respondent's legal counsel requesting an appeal of the LOR issued on April 28, 2023.

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 **JASON EMERY SMITH, LICENSE NO. APRN-CRNA 223943**, has been charged with a violation of Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*, Chapter 7, Section IV (A)(1)(a), and that the Letter of reprimand issued on April 20, 2023 be Upheld.

Brought by Cassie Gonzales and seconded by Veronica Harmon.

PASSED

TABATHA LYNN HARRIS CRANFORD WAKEFIELD, LICENSE NO. L055973

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 February 16, 2023, the Board ratified a Consent Agreement placing Respondent's RN license on probation for one (1) year after an investigation revealed unaccounted for narcotics, and medication administration and documentation issues. Respondent has failed to fully comply with the terms of the February 16, 2023, Consent Agreement. Respondent failed to contact the Board approved monitoring program daily. Respondent missed seven (7) check-ins. Respondent failed to call and show, to submit specimens two (2) times for drug testing when selected by the Board approved monitoring program. Respondent checked in but failed to show, to submit specimens (2) times for drug testing when selected by the Board approved monitoring program. Respondent submitted two (2) specimens that tested positive for amphetamine/methamphetamine on April 27, 2023, and September 14, 2023. Respondent has violated Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6) and the Board's *Rules*, Chapter Seven, Section IV (A)(6)(t) by failing to comply with the terms and conditions of the Consent Agreement, signed by Respondent, and ratified by the Board on February 16, 2023.

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 **TABATHA LYNN HARRIS CRANFORD WAKEFIELD, LICENSE NO. L055973**, has been charged with a violation of Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6) and the Board's *Rules*, Chapter Seven, Section IV (A)(6)(t), and that Respondent's license and privilege to practice as a nurse be suspended two (2) years with the following terms and conditions:

- Pursuant to A.C.A. §17-87-104(b)(1), Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of \$3,750.00, 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

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within fifteen (15) days, a payment schedule shall be submitted within fifteen (15) days to the Board via email at ASBN.monitoring@arkansas.gov.

- Respondent shall provide evidence within six (6) months of successful completion of the Board approved course: *Substance Abuse Bundle*. Respondent shall submit the certificate of completion via the Board approved monitoring program.
- Respondent shall attend Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous, (AA/NA), or other Board approved support group meetings and shall submit quarterly reports to the Board through the Board approved monitoring program. Acceptable evidence shall consist of completion of the disciplinary form, *Aftercare Meetings Report*. Respondent shall log attendance of all support group meetings via the Board approved monitoring program.
- Respondent shall attend at least three (3) AA/NA or other Board approved support group meetings a week during the period of suspension and / or probation.
- Respondent shall obtain or continue counseling with a psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized mental health practitioner and shall submit the *Treatment Provider Report* quarterly via the Board approved monitoring program until discharged by the practitioner. Treatment shall begin within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order.
- 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 observed or DNA authenticated remote urine drug screen. 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 within two (2) hours from the time of notification for observed drug screens, or with the time period and manner designated by the remote urine drug screening 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 without a valid prescription 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.
- Respondent shall submit the *Enforcement Personal Report* to the Board via the Board approved monitoring program quarterly.

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- Respondent shall ensure that all reports of Respondent and the employer are submitted quarterly via the Board approved monitoring program.
- 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.
- If Respondent fails to comply with the terms of suspension during the monitoring period, Respondent may not restart the monitoring period until six (6) months after the date Respondent was determined to be noncompliant.
- Respondent shall request to the Board, verification of termination of the suspension period and license reinstatement to probation by submitting the Reinstatement Request form, via the ASBN Nurse Portal once compliance with the Board's Suspension Order is met.
- A probation period of three (3) years shall follow the suspension period. All conditions of the suspension period regarding treatment programs, random drug screens, and abstinence shall continue through the probation period.
- While on probation, if working as a nurse, 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 notify and present to each employer a copy of this Order if working as a nurse on probation. Respondent shall have employer sign the *Employer Acknowledgement* form. Respondent 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 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.
- Respondent shall request verification of termination of the probationary period 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.
- 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 Allie Barker and seconded by Haley Strunk.

PASSED

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Jennifer Ivory, the Board's Attorney Specialist, 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:

Baureis, Ashley Raedeane Owens R085449, L048034 (Heber Springs, AR)

Violation – *The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas ACA §17-87-309(a)(6)
Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules, Chapter Seven, Section IV(A)(6)(p)*
Probation – 5 years
Courses – *Substance Abuse Bundle and The Nurse and Professional Behaviors*
Civil Penalty - \$3,750.00

Lunsford, Jessica Lynn Hedden APRN 217998, R099188 (White Hall, AR)

Violation – *The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas ACA §17-87-309(a)(1), (a)(6), Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules, Chapter Seven, Section IV(A)(1)(f), (A)(6)(c) and Chapter Four, Section VIII (D)(3), (D)(5)*
Probation – 2 years
Courses – *Vanderbilt Prescribing Controlled Drugs and Nurse Practice Act- Arkansas*
Civil Penalty - \$750.00

Mixon, Jennifer Elizabeth Plunk Henry LPN 215561 (Fouke, AR)

Violation – *The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas ACA §17-87-309(a)(6), Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules, Chapter Seven, Section IV(A)(6)(b), (c) and (d)*
Probation – 3 years
Courses – *Documentation for Nurses*
Civil Penalty - \$750.00

Vail, Christina Marie Krause L056244 (North Little Rock, AR)

Violation – *The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas ACA §17-87-309(a)(6), Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules, Chapter Seven, Section IV(A)(6)(b), (c), (d)*
Probation – 3 years
Courses – *Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing and Documentation for Nurses*
Civil Penalty - \$3,262.50

White, Alonzo Mardell R084793 (Little Rock, AR)

Violation – *The Nurse Practice Act of Arkansas ACA §17-87-309(a)(7) and Arkansas State Board of Nursing Rules, Chapter Seven, Section IV(A)(7)*
Probation – 2 years
Courses – *Upholding The Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing and Righting a Wrong: Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing*
Civil Penalty - \$750.00

Brought by Haley Strunk and seconded by Leslie Branman

PASSED

David Dawson spoke about the hearing held on October 12, 2023, regarding Respondent Kelly Walters. Ms. Walters has retained legal counsel and has requested a rehearing of her case. The request states that she did not receive the Order and Notice in time for the October 12, 2023, hearing and would like her chance to appear before the Board.

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The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Following lunch, the Board resumed hearings.

Vice President Leslie Branman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A flexible agenda was approved.

GEORGE LLOYD HOLLISTER III, LICENSE NO. R042111

Respondent was present for the proceedings before the Board and was not represented by counsel. Lisa Wooten, MPH, BSN, RN, and Paul Koesy, Pharm D, Investigator, provided testimony on behalf of the Board. Respondent has been charged with Ark. Code Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6) and pleads guilty to the charges. An investigation was initiated after the Board received an anonymous complaint on August 8, 2022, reporting that Respondent has "never stopped doing drugs" and "that he is harming his current elderly patients by stealing their medications." Another anonymous complaint was filed on October 24, 2022. On November 21, 2022, at 11:27 AM, an investigator with Pharmacy Services, Arkansas Department of Health, collected a direct observation urine drug screen sample from Respondent. The tested sample was positive for tramadol and marijuana metabolites at 74 ng/ml. Between the dates of November 1, 2020, and December 22, 2022, Respondent was prescribed tramadol 50 mg tablets #36, and hydrocodone/APAP 5-325 mg tablets #12. There is no documentation of a medical marijuana card for Respondent. Respondent was previously disciplined by the Board. On January 18, 2000, Respondent voluntarily surrendered his license after testing positive for marijuana while employed at Baptist Medical Center. On April 12, 2006, Respondent entered into a reinstatement consent agreement which included a one (1) year probation for a violation of Ark. Code. Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(6). On June 11, 2014, Respondent entered a consent agreement for five (5) years' probation for self-reported substance use disorder and diversion of controlled substance which was a violation of Ark. Code. Ann. § 17-87-309(a)(4), (a)(6), and (a)(9). Respondent signed a Consent Agreement on May 18, 2023, regarding the current complaint and positive drug screen, agreeing to place his license on probation for two (2) years, to include substance monitoring. The proposed Consent Agreement was presented to the Board at its September 2023 meeting. The Board declined to ratify the proposed Consent Agreement and instructed staff to set his matter for a hearing for the Respondent to appear before 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 **GEORGE LLOYD HOLLISTER III, LICENSE NO. R042111**, 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 two (2) years with the following terms and conditions:

- Pursuant to A.C.A. §17-87-104(b)(1), Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of \$750.00, 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.
- Respondent shall provide evidence within six (6) months of successful completion of the Board approved course: *Substance Use Disorder Bundle*. Respondent shall submit the certificate of completion via the Board approved monitoring program.
- Respondent shall attend Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous, (AA/NA), or other Board approved support group meetings and shall submit quarterly reports to the Board through the Board approved monitoring program. Acceptable evidence shall consist of completion of the disciplinary form, *Aftercare Meetings Report*. Respondent shall log attendance of all support group meetings via the Board approved monitoring program.
- Respondent shall attend at least two (2) AA/NA or other Board approved support group meetings a week during the period of probation.
- 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

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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.
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- Respondent shall submit the *Enforcement Personal Report* to the Board via the Board approved monitoring program quarterly.
- 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 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 ensure that all reports of Respondent and the employer are submitted quarterly via the Board approved monitoring program.
- 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 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.
- Respondent shall not collect any drug screen specimen from a participant who has been ordered to drug screen by the Board of Nursing.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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 Jamie Sims and seconded by Cassie Gonzales.

PASSED

VALERIE LYNN MILLER-BLUE CRAWFORD, LICENSE NO. R043782

Respondent was present for the proceedings before the Board and was not represented by counsel. Janet Simpson, MSN, RNP, RNC-MNN, Brenda Turner, RN, Investigator, and via telephone, Nancy Hill, Chief Nursing Officer, Johnson Regional Medical Center, provided testimony on behalf of the Board. Respondent has been charged with A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(6) and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*, Chapter 7, Section IV (A)(6)(i) and pleads not guilty to the charges. On October 4, 2023, the Board issued a LOR to Respondent for a violation of the *Arkansas Nurse Practice Act*, A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(6) and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*, Chapter 7, Section IV (A)(6)(i). The LOR ordered Respondent to complete *The Nurse and Professional Behaviors* class within six (6) months. Squad Builders Medical Staffing hired Respondent on December 26, 2022. Respondent worked a twelve-week period at Johnson Regional Medical Center (JRMC) Behavioral Care Unit starting on December 26, 2022, through February 25, 2023, and had extended her contract to work an additional four (4) weeks until March 25, 2023. On March 12, 2023, Respondent refused to finish her day shift, leaving the facility at approximately 10:00 am. Respondent failed to complete her assigned medication pass, provide hand-off report to another licensed nurse and left her badge and keys behind. Respondent was told by the Chief Nursing Officer via text messaging, she could not leave, as a replacement had not been found. On March 13, 2023, the staffing agency cancelled Respondent's contract due to patient abandonment. Respondent viewed the LOR in the nurse portal on October 4, 2023. Later that day, on October 4, 2023, the Board received a message through the nurse portal from Respondent, requesting an appeal of the LOR issued on October 4, 2023.

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 **VALERIE LYNN MILLER-BLUE CRAWFORD, LICENSE NO. R043782**, has been charged with a violation of A.C.A. §17-87-309(a)(6) and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing *Rules*, Chapter 7, Section IV (A)(6)(i), and that the Letter of Reprimand issued on October 4, 2023 be rescinded and a Letter of Warning be issued.

Brought by Allie Barker and seconded by Lakisha Young.

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Darla Erickson spoke with the Board about reimbursements and other accounting information procedures.

The following business was discussed:

- Committee selection and what each committee does.
- Elections and who would like to run for what position.

Approval of Minutes for the October 2023 hearings:

MOTION: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the October 11, 2023, and October 12, 2023, Board Meetings.

Brought by Haley Strunk and seconded by Leslie Branman

PASSED

Rehearing of Kelly Walters case:

MOTION: I MOVE that the matter of Kelly Erin Duncan Walters, RN License No. R096491, originally scheduled and heard before the Board on October 12, 2023, be scheduled for rehearing in its entirety, and that the Order of Suspension entered on October 20, 2023, remain in effect until the date of the rescheduled hearing.

Brought by Haley Strunk and seconded by Leslie Branman.

PASSED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.

Allie Barker, MSN, RN

Allie Barker, President

Mindy Darner

Mindy Darner, Recording Secretary

01/11/2024

Date Approved