

Agenda Item #25.C.



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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2017

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Department of Consumer Affairs
1747 N. Market Blvd., Room 186
Sacramento, CA 95834

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Bernice Bass de Martinez, Public Member, Vice President
John Dierking, Public Member
Donna Norton, L.V.N. Member
Cheryl Turner, Public Member
Kenneth Maxey, Public Member
Paul Sellers, P.T. Member
Aleta Carpenter, Public Member

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Tammy Endozo, L.V.N. Member, Board President
Samantha James-Perez, P.T. Member

BOARD STAFF:

Cheryl Anderson, Interim Executive Officer
Jen Johnson, Evaluations Unit Manager
Jay Prouty, Discipline Unit Manager
Lanessa Guerra, Education Analyst
Rebecca Bon, Legal Counsel, DCA
Kenneth Swenson, Senior Staff Counsel, DCA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Bernice Bass de Martinez, at 9:59 a.m., Wednesday, July 19, 2017, at the Department of Consumer Affairs, 1747 N. Market Blvd., Room 186, Sacramento, California 95834.

Ms. Bass de Martinez took attendance of Board Members by roll call. A quorum was confirmed. Board Members introduced themselves. Cheryl Anderson, Interim Executive Officer introduced Board staff. DCA, Legal Counsel introduced themselves.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Donna Norton led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT NOT ON THE AGENDA

The Board may not discuss or take any action on any item raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7(a)).

Public Comment: None.

Board Discussion: None.

4. SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment: None.

Board Discussion:

- Ms. Turner stated the telephone issue be on a future agenda, as stated before.
- Ms. Norton advised there are a number of items that have been requested to be placed on the agenda, and possibly a couple of the items can be placed on the agenda.
- Ms. Bass de Martinez asked for a list of previously requested agenda items to be sent to Board members.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DISCONTINUATION OF POCKET LICENSES FOR LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS

Jen Johnson, Evaluations Unit Manager, provided an update regarding the discontinuation of VN and PT pocket license cards. Ms. Johnson stated the issue was raised in November 2016 by Dr. Kameka Brown, former Board Executive Officer (EO). The current Soffile contract is shared with Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and agreement is set to expire in September 2017. Ms. Johnson reached out to Office of State Publishing (OSP) for a quote of printing license cards, however, OSP does not issue plastic nor can provide a hologram to ensure security of the license. An alternative Ms. Johnson presented was a onetime wall certificate.

Public Comment:

- VN licensee stated he has been licensed since 1995 and has never been asked to provide the license card to a patient, however he has shown it to an employer. He advised the card is important to him. He asked where

would the money savings would be going, and if the money would be wasted, he rather keep the license card.

Board Discussion:

- Paul Sellers asked the cost of the one-time certificate. Ms. Anderson and Ms. Johnson replied the 84K per year would be the cost to the Board for the one-time certificates.
- Mr. Sellers questioned if licensees can pay for their own card or certificate. Ms. Johnson advised she will look into that option.
- Ms. Bass de Martinez advised the Board would need to consider the legal aspects of issuing certificates.
- Cheryl Turner asked if other vendors were considered. Ms. Johnson advised Softfile is contracted with State.
- Ms. Norton advised, as a licensee she has never been asked to provide her license card, but she has been asked to provide the work badge in which where she was employed. Ms. Norton also noted the card does not reflect if disciplinary action has been taken, and employers will always verify online.
- Mr. Sellers agreed he has not been asked to provide the card.
- Ms. Johnson advised if the Board moved forward with wall certificates DCA, Office of Information Services would need to be notified by August 11, 2017.
- Ms. Bass de Martinez requested a final update at the next Board meeting, and advised the public does need to know.

MOTION: Discontinue pocket licenses for licensed vocational nurses and psychiatric technicians.

Moved: Donna Norton

Seconded: Kenneth Maxey

Bernice Bass de Martinez – **Yes**; John Dierking – **Yes**; Donna Norton – **Yes**; Kenneth Maxey – **Yes**; Paul Sellers – **Yes**; Aleta Carpenter – **Yes**; Cheryl Turner – **Abstain**; Samantha James-Perez – **Absent**; Tammy Endozo – **Absent**

YES: 6; NO: 0; ABSTAIN: 1; ABSENT: 2; THE MOTION PASSED.

6. CLOSED SESSION

The Board will meet in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126, subdivisions (c)(3) and (2) to deliberate and vote on disciplinary matters.

7. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Prepared By: _____ Date: _____

Cheryl Anderson
Interim Executive Officer

Approved By: _____ Date: _____

Tammy Endozo
Board President