



**Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians
 Department of Consumer Affairs
 Board Meeting Minutes**

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DATE: Friday, May 17, 2024

**BOARD MEMBERS
 PRESENT:**

- Dr. Mountain, President, Education Member
- Mr. Dierking, Vice President, Public Member
- Ms. Carpenter, Public Member
- Mr. Hill, Psychiatric Technician Member
- Ms. Nieblas, Public Member
- Ms. Moore, Psychiatric Technician Member
- Ms. Guzman, Licensed Vocational Nurse Member
- Ms. Sonson, Public Member
- Mr. Maxey, Public Member (joined in progress)

STAFF PRESENT:

- Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer
- Ms. Wood, Enforcement Chief
- Dr. McLeod, Lead Nursing Education Consultant (WebEx)
- Mr. Prouty, Discipline Manager
- Mr. Clark, Discipline Analyst
- Mr. Weiler, Administration Manager
- Ms. Brown, Licensing Division Manager
- Mr. Hall, Licensing Division Supervisor
- Ms. Arreola, Licensing Division Supervisor
- Dr. Fairchild, Nursing Education Consultant
- Ms. Gomez, Nursing Education Consultant
- Ms. Devila, Nursing Education Consultant (WebEx)
- Ms. Barrett, Nursing Education Consultant
- Dr. Thomson, Nursing Education Consultant
- Mr. Gonzalez, Education Analyst
- Ms. Ball, Administration Analyst

DCA STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Swenson, Attorney III, Board General Counsel

Agenda Item 1

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum

Dr. Mountain called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Dr. Mountain shared housekeeping instructions and information pertaining to the meeting.

Dr. Mountain called roll call; quorum was established.

Absent Members: Ms. Brown and Mr. Maxey (joined in progress).

Agenda Item 2 Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Carpenter led the room in the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda Item 3 Introduction of Board Staff

Ms. Yamaguchi introduced Board staff. Counsel introduced himself.

Agenda Item 4 Review and Approval – Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2023 and April 10, 2024

A. Board Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2024.

Motion: To approve the February 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved/Seconded: Mr. Dierking/ Ms. Carpenter.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

B. Board Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2024. Motion: To approve the April 10, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

Moved/Seconded: Ms. Carpenter/ Ms. Moore.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 5 Board Update from DCA

Mr. Brian Clifford, Executive Office, Department of Consumer Affairs, provided an update from the Department. He shared that the Department extended its thanks to the staff and members in honor of Public Service Appreciation Week. His update continued by sharing information in regard to the work the Department has done in regard to the Federal Title IV Regulations. Mr. Clifford shared that there is an increase in fraud toward licensees and the Department recommends some best practices to boards to help safeguard their licensees and applicants. He continued with updates on special projects the Department is working on including their work on DEI. Mr. Clifford concluded his update with reminders for the Members regarding end of fiscal year mandatory trainings, and annual Form 700 requirements.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 6 Fiscal and Budgets Update.

A. Fund Condition and Budget Updates

Harmony DeFilippo, DCA Budget Manager, reviewed the meeting resource document(s) provided in the meeting resource packet. This included updated overviews of the board expenditures, board revenue, and board fund condition. She reviewed how to read the

documents and gave high-level overviews as she went through the data provided on each spreadsheet.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 7 Education - Recommendation, and Possible Actions.

A. Dr. McLeod provided highlights from the Division Report provided in the meeting packet. Specifically, NECs completed 17 on-site visits since the last board meeting and that there are currently 24 proposed programs and soon will have a Psychiatric Technician Program move into the proposed program process. She continued to share that the online director’s forum had 100 programs in attendance and the initial response to the forum has been positive; more information to come at the next meeting.

I. Review, Ratification and Approval of Executive Officer Program Decisions for period from January 23, 2024 to April 16, 2024.

Motion: To approve and ratify the EO Program Decisions for the period from January 23, 2024 to April 16, 2024 provided in the meeting packet.

Moved/Second: Mr. Maxey/Mr. Dierking.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

B. Reconsideration to Admit Students.

I. Cypress College Psychiatric Technician Program

Ms. Devila shared that her submitted report recommends approving the request to admit a class 20 students to commence in August and graduate in December 2025 . She has no updates or edits to the submitted report.

Mr. Jaime Ramos, a representative from Cypress College, shared that the school accepts the report by Ms. Devila and look forward to continuing to improve their scores.

Motion: To approve the report and adopt the NEC recommendation to admit students.

Motion/Second: Mr. Hill/Ms. Nieblas.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment:

Dr. Andrew Sanchez thanked the Board for allowing Cypress College to continue admitting students followed by a congratulations to the school.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

II. Platt College, Alhambra, Vocational Nursing Program

Ms. Barrett confirmed that there were no updates or edits to the report provided in the meeting packet.

Ms. Kisha Alvarado, Director of Platt College and Ian Rodriguez, the Assistant Director were present and agree with Ms. Barrett's recommendations and commit to continue to implement new processes to continue to improve.

Motion: To approve the report and adopt the NEC recommendation to admit students.

Motion/Second: Mr. Dierking/Ms. Moore.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

III. Smith Chason School of Nursing, Ontario, Vocational Nursing Program

Dr. McLeod confirmed that the submitted report has no edits or additions; and that she does recommend that the request for a class of 30 students to commence June 30, 2024 be approved.

Dr. Tiffany Jorgenson, Director, was present and thanked the board for this opportunity. She is proud to show the significant progress the program has made since the last meeting. She shared a special thank you to Dr. McLeod for her collaboration with the program. Also, a thank you to Ms. Yamaguchi for meeting with the program upon request. Faculty and staff are uniting and working together to continue to rise to the challenge and open to continue the improvements. Dr. Jorgenson accepts the NEC recommendation.

The programs consultant, Judy Corless shared her gratitude to the NEC, Board, Ms. Yamaguchi and the program director for all their collaboration as well.

Motion: To approve the report and adopt the NEC recommendation to admit students.

Motion/Second: Mr. Dierking/Mr. Hill.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment:

Ninette Caal read a comment on behalf of Crystal Leemith, Clinical Liaison. She has been an employee at Smith Chason since 2016, sharing that she has never witnessed such improvement than what she has witnessed by Dr. Jorgenson. Specifically noting that Dr. Jorgenson is raising the standard all around. Her dedication has positively impacted both staff and students.

“Andy” – Thank you to the Board for accepting this recommendation.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

C. Report of Continued Approval Process; Consideration of Recommendation for Provisional Approval.

I. Summit College, El Cajon, Vocational Nursing Program

Dr. Thomson recommends granting continued approval for a period of 2 years beginning March 11, 2024 and place Summit College, El Cajon, on Provisional Approval for 2 years starting May 17 2024. They are to correct all violations on or

before June 1, 2024; failure to comply will place them on the August meeting agenda with a recommendation to be removed from the Board's approved program list.

Dr. Thomson shared an update on her submitted report; including a list of violations to which the program had recently submitted a response. However, the submitted report stands as written.

Following comments from the school representative, Dr. Thomson clarified that her recommendation is not based on the school's pass rates and was not part of the consideration.

Aleksandra Avakova, Director of Nursing, thanked the Board for the opportunity to speak on its behalf. She reported updated information in regard to pass rates and shared that the majority of the violations have been rectified. Ms. Avakova shared that the program continues to work on their curriculum revision to meet the new Federal Title IV regulations.

Ms. Avakova respectfully requested that Summit College El Cajon not be placed on provisional approval at this time.

Jessica Cullen, COO of Summit College, thanked the Members and the NEC for their time and grace in this situation. She confirmed that the school did agree to the terms at the time of the visit. She continued to claim that all documents were submitted in time to the cloud box, but due to technical issues, origins unknown, the board was unable to access them but they were completed within the regulatory timeframe.

Motion: To approve the report and adopt the NEC recommendations regarding the continual approval process and consideration of recommendations for provisional approval

Motion/Second: Mr. Hill /Ms. Carpenter.

Board Discussion:

Dr. Mountain asked what the cost to a student is for this program, and the program responded that tuition was \$37,000.

Mr. Swenson asked Dr. Thomson whether any of the information provided from the school heard at the meeting has changed her recommendation. Dr. Thomson confirmed that her recommendation stands as submitted.

Ms. Nieblas asked Dr. Thomson, what in the visit made you make the recommendations given in your report.

Dr. Thomson shared that her recommendation is based on many items, such as, the number of violations, the type of violations, and the incompleteness of the documentation necessary for continued approval.

Ms. Silverman, NEC, commented that she was the prior NEC assigned to Summit College and shared additional information in regard to the reasoning behind the recommendation submitted by Dr. Thomson.

Mr. Swenson asked Dr. Thomson, a second time, following additional comments, whether or not the information provided at the meeting has changed her recommendation(s) in any way. Dr. Thomson confirmed that her recommendation(s) stand as submitted.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|--------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Oppose |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried with a vote of 8 to 1.

D. Consideration of Provisional Approval; Request to Admit Students.

I. Medical Career College, Vocational Nursing Program

Dr. Thomson shared that there is no new or additional information to the report submitted in the meeting packet.

Motion: To approve the report and adopt the NEC recommendations for consideration of provisional approval and request to admit students.

Motion/Second: Mr. Dierking /Ms. Moore.

Board Discussion:

Dr. Mountain asked Dr. Thomson if the school is going back to using ATI as a predictor to determine who is eligible to be one of their graduates. Dr. Thomson confirmed, yes. They continued to discuss shortly how this can skew their numbers. Dr. Thomson continued to share some of her concerns with their pass rates.

Mr. Swenson asked if the program has expressed any objections to her report. She confirmed that they have not; in the beginning they did request a larger class, but they worked together to ensure an appropriately sized class commenced.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|---------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Abstain |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried with a vote of 8 to 0 to 1.

II. Summit College, San Bernadino, Vocational Nursing Program

Dr. Thomson confirmed that there were no additional information or edits to her submitted report.

Dr. Alicia Lamour, Director, introduced herself, Ms. Judy Corless, Consultant, and Ms. Jessica Cullen, COO. Dr. Lamour thanked the board for their time and attention. She shared a short background about the schools pass rates and then shared the school's rebuttal(s) to violations noted in the NEC report submitted. Following the school's rebuttal, Dr. Lamour respectfully requested that the board not place the school on provisional approval status. She continued to request to continue with an increased number of students than what is recommended currently.

Ms. Cullen shared that the school has worked hard to put the students first and to provide a high level of staff support to the students; however, smaller classes will create an imbalance that will eventually make having the necessary full-time staff difficult. At this time, though, they are accepting the recommended class size.

Motion: To approve the report and adopt the NEC recommendations for consideration of provisional approval and request to admit students.

Motion/Second: Mr. Dierking /Ms. Carpenter.

Board Discussion:

Dr. Mountain asked how much their program cost; they confirmed that it is about \$37,000.

Mr. Dierking asked Dr. Thomson if she has received any written response to the violations prior to hearing the responses at this meeting. Dr. Thomson confirmed that she had not received a response.

Mr. Dierking asked Dr. Thomson if any of the information provided by the school representatives today changes any of the recommendations provided in her report. Dr. Thomson confirmed, no, the recommendations stand as submitted.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

E. Recommendation to Rescind the Pattern of Admission; Request to Admit Students.

I. Career Care Institute, Inc., Moreno Valley, Vocational Nursing Program

Ms. Gomez confirmed that there was no new or additional information to the report submitted in the meeting packet.

Ms. Gabriella Quintanilla, Campus Director and Dr. Corrine Stevens, Program Director were present for statement from the program. Dr. Stevens shared that they are currently in agreement with Ms. Gomez. She has been in this role for a short time but is eager to continue to work with the NEC to make the program better and continue their upward progress. The program is in agreement with the recommendations.

Motion: To approve the report and adopt the NEC recommendations to rescind the pattern of admission and request to admit students.

Motion/Second: Mr. Maxey /Ms. Moore.

Board Discussion:

Dr. Mountain asked what the cost of this program is currently; Ms. Quintanilla shared that it is currently \$33,000.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 8 Executive Officer’s Report.

- A. Ms. Yamaguchi shared at in his absence, Mr. Ito has included an Operations Update for the members. It includes the reporting that the board has successfully updated (including installation) of its new security system.
 - I. Ms. Yamaguchi shared that she and Dr. Mountain testified at the board Sunset Hearing and that the Joint Committee seemed pleased with the board’s accomplishments and where it stands. The background paper response to the Committee was prepared for board approval at the April

10, 2024 special board meeting; however, quorum was not met, and business was unable to proceed. The Legislative Committee Staff did allow the Executive Committee to review and approve the document to ensure prompt submission. Ms. Yamaguchi requested the full board's ratification of the Executive Committee decision to approve the paper.

Motion: To accept and ratify the Board's response to the Joint Oversight Committee's background paper as approved by the Executive Committee at its April 11, 2024 meeting and submitted to the Joint Committee by the Executive Officer on April 12, 2024.

Moved/Second: Ms. Sonson/Ms. Carpenter.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

- i. Ms. Yamaguchi shared an update on the board Sunset Bill, AB 3255; it was heard in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee on April 23, 2024. The bill was moved very quickly and no issues arose. She continued to give a high-level overview and next steps. Including that it is recommending a new Sunset of 4 years, which is the longest period of time allowed. In recent history, the board has been granted 2 or 3 years.

II. Discussion and Possible Action: Conversion to NURSYS for Verifications:
Contract with NCSBN

Jim Cleghorn, Ali Baig, and Matt Sterzinger from NCSBN joined the meeting via WebEx to present to the board about the secure and paperless Nursys Verification Process. The presentation included the process and how a licensee/applicant as well as the board staff could use the system. Following the presentation by Mr. Baig, Matt Sterzinger gave high level overview of what the system does and how it works.

Ms. Yamaguchi shared the reasoning behind transitioning to this system, including that while converting to this system will decrease some revenue, the cost to the licensee is much lower and it will allow the board to redirect workload to other actions and needs. She shared that at the previous meeting, the board voted to direct staff to consult with NCSBN and to begin the discussions for this transition; while there is no contract to present for action at this meeting, it is expected in coming meetings.

III. Ms. Yamaguchi thanked Mr. Clifford for his updates on the Federal Title IV Regulations and shared her satisfaction with the work DCA has been working on to handle this situation. She extended her thanks to the Education Division for handling the increased inquiries and workload that has come from this new regulation.

IV. The previously reported FBI audit has been cancelled at the request of the FBI.

V. Ms. Yamaguchi shared that the board's current strategic plan is set to expire and while there have been some successes, the pandemic has set back a number of the actions and we look forward to creating an updated plan. Staff has started working with the consultants in the coming months to be ready by the new year.

Board Discussion:

Ms. Moore asked if the Nursys system is only for LVN. Ms. Yamaguchi confirmed that this system is for LVN only, not PT's.

Public Comment: None.

- B. Dr. Mountain offered to answer any questions from the Executive Committee Report. No questions were received.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 9 Licensing and Evaluations

A. The Board received the division report in the meeting packet. Ms. Brown reiterated that the division continues to work to fill vacancies and to continue to keep their processing time within standards. Ms. Brown then offered to answer any questions from the members.

Board Discussion: None

Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 10 Legislative and Regulations

Ms. Carpenter shared a high-level overview of the Committee Meeting on April 22, 2024. Her report included information and status of bills the board is watching. This included the Sunset Bill and many of the bills listed in this meeting's agenda and provided bill language in the meeting packet. For each bill listed, Ms. Carpenter shared that as a Committee of the whole, she advised staff to continue tracking all bills to ensure prompt action was taken, if needed. Ms. Carpenter included a rulemaking package update in her Committee Report. The Disciplinary Guidelines package completed its public comment period, with no comment and has been submitted to the Office of Administrative Law.

Per Ms. Yamaguchi, this Committee Report covered all updates for the entire agenda item and has no additional information or updates to provide.

Public comment was opened after each topic listed under this agenda item.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 11 Enforcement

A. Ms. Wood shared information that may not be in the Enforcement Division Report. This included information about May being Mental Health Month, and the Enforcement Division's training collaboration with the Department of Social Service, Community Care Licensing Division to allow Enforcement staff to "ride along" to witness their work to ensure safe environments provided by the licensed facilities. Ms. Wood finalized her report with a congratulations to Mr. Jay Prouty for being awarded a DCA Excellence Award.

B. Mr. Maxey shared an update from the Enforcement Committee. He shared that the Enforcement Division is working with the Licensing Division on Continuing Education Audits. The Committee is requesting that the board next PSA topic be about Precedential Decisions to ensure all stakeholder are aware of what they are and how they are implemented.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

C. Consideration of Request to Issue Vocational Nurse License to Ms. Tracey Jackson Notwithstanding Her Failure to Pay Cost Recovery Award During Probation and Cancellation of Prior License.

Mr. Prouty represented the Board and shared with members that all relevant documents to this agenda item were provided in the meeting packet. He continued by giving a high-level overview of the case, including key dates with actions associated with Ms. Jackson's history with the board. He shared that Ms. Jackson has submitted an appeal to her most recent denial of license and is here to state her case to the board.

Mr. Swenson confirmed that Ms. Jackson's intention was to offer testimony, in addition to the documents submitted. As such, he swore Ms. Jackson in prior to her addressing the board.

Mr. Swenson advised that the board may ask questions but this matter will be taken to closed session for deliberation.

Ms. Jackson accepted responsibility and apologized for her past indiscretions that led to her probationary period and explained that once she learned of the amount of the cost recovery, as a single mom of 4, she was not in a financial position to pay the fees. She claimed that she was unaware of the fact that they were take her license for non-payment and when she contacted the board to discuss payment arrangements, the gentleman she spoke with told her to take out a loan to pay the fees, which she was unable to do. She accepted her consequence, but after years of performing odd jobs and decreasing her financial stability, she contacted the board about re-applying. She claimed that she was told that since it had been 5 plus years, she could re-test and apply. She did so, to then receive the denial letter based on her previous nonpayment of cost recovery fees.

Mr. Dierking addressed Mr. Prouty asking that Business and Professions Code (B&P) 125.3 is a standard consideration for a disciplinary case before the ALJ; how has this been implemented in the past. Mr. Prouty confirmed that this was implemented the same in this case as it is in any case. Cost recovery fees are paid throughout the course

of the probation period. Mr. Dierking continued to address Mr. Prouty confirming his understanding of the above referenced B&P code is that the licensee or respondent may make an appeal directly to the ALJ judge. Mr. Prouty confirmed that at the time of the hearing/decision, Ms. Jackson did have the option to request a decrease in fees or provide hardship.

Ms. Moore asked Ms. Jackson why she did not take these actions at the time of the decision. Ms. Jackson claimed that she was not aware of these options. She claimed the processes were not clearly explained or offered to her as they are being presented today. She continued to claim that inaccurate information was given to her from board staff, namely, that she should take out a loan to make the payment. Mr. Prouty stated for the record, that while he was working in a different capacity at the board, he was with the board at the time of Ms. Jackson's probation, and as such, he is not aware of anyone ever recommending to a licensee to take out a loan nor does he recall any employee working in such a capacity to meet the description provided by Ms. Jackson.

Ms. Nieblas asked Mr. Prouty if licensees are provided the resources and information necessary to make educated decisions and to follow the necessary processes; in addition to whether or not the board ensures the licensee is made aware of the consequences of not adhering to. Is this information shared at any time after the decision is made. Mr. Prouty confirmed that in all disciplinary cases, the licensee is made aware of their rights and options throughout the entire process. Ms. Jackson claimed that she was never guided on "what to do" during this process.

Mr. Dierking asked whether or not Ms. Jackson received a copy of the proposed decision from the judge. She claimed that she did not; the only copy of anything she received was the recent denial. Ms. Guzman asked whether or not the board has a current address to reach her. Ms. Jackson confirmed that the board does not have a current address. Additional questions were asked about the stipulations of the probation; Ms. Jackson was unable to recall most of the information.

Ms. Jackson addressed the board testifying that she takes responsibility for what she did and intends to make it right. She was just unable to do so previously.

Mr. Swenson, addressed Ms. Jackson asking that if the board granted her a new probationary license, would she abide by the stipulations and pay all cost recovery. She answered in the affirmative. Mr. Swenson continued to ask, what is different now than before that would afford you to do so. Ms. Jackson explained that her children are grown, and she is able to do more, such as multiple jobs, to make things right. Ms. Jackson had no additional documents to submit; only her verbal testimony as it relates to her case and the consideration before the board.

Public Comment:

Sharon Sharp, LVN, was present to make public comment on behalf of Ms. Jackson. She thanked the board for their time. She reiterated that Ms. Jackson came out of an underserved community and was never given the opportunity to afford to pay. She shared historical information in regard to her relationship with Ms. Jackson and her perspective of the struggles and assistance she has provided Ms. Jackson.

Agenda Item 12 Psychiatric Technicians Ad-hoc Committee

Mr. Hill shared that the Committee Report was provided in the meeting packet. This was the initial meeting of the PT Committee; committee members and staff are excited to continue to brainstorm and make movement on change and updates to the PT classification. He shared insights and a high-level overview of the meeting on May 2, 2024.

Ms. Yamaguchi shared a small history of discussions and ideas around this topic and the PT classification. She listed some of the topics, ideas, and other items relevant to this committee and its purpose. She hopes to continue the conversation and to include this in the new strategic planning.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment:

A public comment was received from the in-person audience, however, it was inaudible and impossible to include details in these minutes.

Agenda Item 13 Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

No public comments received.

Agenda Item 14 Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

None received.

Agenda Item 15 Closed Session

Motion: To retire to closed session and not reconvene to open session; the meeting will adjourn at the completion of closed session.

Motion/Second: Mr. Dierking/Ms. Moore.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

| Member Name | Vote |
|---------------|------|
| Dr. Mountain | Yes |
| Mr. Dierking | Yes |
| Ms. Nieblas | Yes |
| Ms. Sonson | Yes |
| Ms. Carpenter | Yes |
| Ms. Guzman | Yes |
| Ms. Moore | Yes |
| Mr. Hill | Yes |
| Mr. Maxey | Yes |

Motion carried.

Agenda Item 15 Adjourn Meeting

The closed session was completed, and the meeting was adjourned without returning to open session at approximately 2:15 p.m.

Prepared by: _____ Date: _____

Elaine Yamaguchi
Executive Officer

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Dr. Carel Mountain, Education Member
Board President