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

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DATE:	Friday, February 6, 2026
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dr. Mountain, President, Education Member Ms. Carpenter, Vice President, Public Member Ms. Guzman, Licensed Vocational Nurse Member Ms. Moore, Psychiatric Technician Member Dr. Russell, Licensed Vocational Nurse Member Ms. Sonson, Public Member Ms. Nieblas, Public Member (online)
STAFF PRESENT:	Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer Mr. Ito, Assistant Executive Officer Mr. Prouty, Discipline Manager Ms. Wood, Enforcement Chief Ms. Vierra, Probation Manager (online) Ms. Higashi, Supervising Special Investigator Dr. McLeod, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant (online) Ms. Brown, Licensing Division Manager Mr. Hall, Licensing Division Supervisor Mr. Trimble, Licensing Division Supervisor Dr. Fairchild, Nursing Education Consultant Ms. Gomez, Nursing Education Consultant Ms. Devila, Nursing Education Consultant (online) Ms. Silverman, Nursing Education Consultant (online) Ms. Swanson, Nursing Education Consultant (online) Dr. Thomson, Nursing Education Consultant Ms. Maracino, Education Analyst Mr. Gonzales, Education Analyst Ms. Brady, Board Administration Analyst Mr. Weiler, Administration Manager
DCA STAFF PRESENT:	Ms. Butu, Attorney III, Board General Counsel Ms. Saldivar, DCA Board and Bureau Relations Mr. Fournier, Public Affairs

Agenda Item 1 **Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of Quorum.**

Dr. Mountain called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., conducted roll call to establish quorum and explained housekeeping instructions.

Agenda Item 2 **Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

Agenda Item 3 **Introduction of Board Staff.**

Ms. Yamaguchi introduced Board staff.

Agenda Item 4 **Board Officer Elections.**

Ms. Yamaguchi outlined the Board election process and opened the floor for nominations. Ms. Carpenter nominated Dr. Mountain for Board President, and Dr. Mountain accepted.

Board Discussion: None.

Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Abstain
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried by a vote of six.

Ms. Yamaguchi opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice President. Dr. Mountain nominated Ms. Carpenter as Board Vice President. Ms. Carpenter accepted the nomination.

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Abstain
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed by six.

Agenda Item 5 **Review and Approval – Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2025.**

Ms. Yamaguchi reported this item needed to be tabled due to an error with the posting agenda. The minutes will be reviewed at the Board Meeting in May.

Agenda Item 6 **Fiscal and Budgets Update.**

A. Fund Condition and Budget Updates – Mr. Ito, Assistant Executive Officer

Mr. Ito reviewed the Board's expenditures, revenues, and the fund condition. The Board's budget for the year is $18.63 million, with a reversion of $177,993. Mr. Ito is currently working on an augmentation for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) and the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) line items, which are not reflected in the members' current materials. The Board is working with the OAG to determine the actual OAG costs for the fiscal year.

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

B. Update on Revenue study Project – Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer.

Ms. Yamaguchi provided an update since the previous board meeting regarding the Board's need to conduct a fee study. She explained that the Board is financially solid but structurally unbalanced, necessitating an in-depth review and analysis of its revenue structure. Ms. Yamaguchi reported that at the last Board meeting, the Board decided to proceed with a detailed study of its revenues. She reported that a third-party outside study would be very expensive, and given the current budget report from Mr. Ito, the

Board does not currently have the funds. Ms. Yamaguchi reported that the Board asked the staff of the Senate and the Assembly Business and Professions committees, who review the Board's policy and work, whether it would be permissible for the Board to return to an internal study, and they agreed that this was acceptable to them. She reported that the Board is working with the budget office, setting parameters for the study, and moving forward with it.

Agenda Item 7 Education - Recommendation, and Possible Actions.

A. Education Division Report – Dr. Judith McLeod, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant.

Dr. McLeod highlighted key points from the Education Division Report, noting that the Nursing Education Consultants (NECs) have conducted seven site visits and approved five programs. She reported that 12 programs are under review for 2026. Additionally, the Education Division has a new NEC starting in March. Dr. McLeod reported on a high-level review of programs, statistical measures, and Article V of the VN regulations (Article V) update. She updated that Education is still working with DCA's Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) on the California Psychiatric Technician Licensure Examination (CAPTLE), and workshops are still taking place.

Board Discussion:

Dr. Mountain asked whether there were any new Psychiatric Technician (PT) programs or if they were all licensed vocational nursing programs. Dr. McLeod responded that a PT program was approved this year, making it the Board's 11th PT school program.

Public Comment:

Coby Pizzotti, representing the California Association of Psychiatric Technicians, addressed a question to Dr. McLeod about Article V. He mentioned he had spoken to the Board and exchanged emails, but some questions were unanswered. He asked whether those questions could be addressed now or responded to in writing after the meeting. Ms. Butu replied that the Board is still working on the very beginning of these regulations so there will be opportunities for stakeholder participation, and they will be publicized on the Board's website. She advised Mr. Pizzotti he will have an opportunity to provide any public comment.

I. Summary of Executive Officer Program Decisions by subject for the period from October 28, 2025, to January 6, 2026.

Ms. Yamaguchi reported on the quarterly summary of program requests and decisions presented by the school programs to the Board. She mentioned she meets every two weeks with Education staff to discuss the topics and decisions outlined in the reports presented.

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

II. Review, Ratification and Approval of Executive Officer Program Decisions for period from October 28, 2025, to January 6, 2026.

Motion: To approve and ratify the Executive Officer Program Decisions for the period from October 28, 2025, to January 6, 2026, as provided in the meeting packet.

Moved / Second: Ms. Sonson / Ms. Carpenter
Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

B. Request to Admit Students.

I. Glendale Career College, Vocational Nursing Program.

Dr. McLeod submitted her report requesting admission of a full-time class of 25 students to commence on April 13, 2026, with a graduation date of July 6, 2027.

Motion: To approve the Glendale Career College Vocational Nursing Program report and adopt the NEC recommendations regarding the request to admit students.

Motion / Second: Dr. Russell / Ms. Carpenter.

Comments from program:
Ms. Siao addressed the board stating that the program agrees with the decisions going forward.

Board Discussion:

Ms. Sonson asked about the multiple directors in 2025 and how the program plans to ensure they do not have the same turnover in the future. Ms. Siao replied that since joining Success Education, she has been the director and does not plan to leave, that she sees great potential, and is dedicated to the students and the program. Ms. Sonson asked a follow-up question about how the program plans to monitor and evaluate the curriculum's effectiveness. Ms. Siao replied that the program launched a risk analysis project, and Glendale Career College is the pilot campus and was trained on the available resources. She added that the faculty attend biweekly meetings and share any input they may have. She said the program is working on submitting lesson plans for terms one and two and is on track for terms three and four. She stated a lot of work has been completed on the curriculum revision.

Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

II. North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing Program.

Dr. McLeod submitted her report requesting admission of a full-time class of 25 students to commence on April 29, 2026, with a graduation date of July 30, 2027.

Motion: To approve the North-West College, West Covina, Vocational Nursing program’s report regarding its request to admit students.

Motion / Second: Dr. Russell / Ms. Carpenter.

Comments from program:
Alicia Marquess, the director for West Covina, reported that the program worked very hard on working on the improvements. She stated the program is very pleased with the past quarter’s outcome, and the next quarter looks very promising.

Board Discussion:
Dr. Russell questioned the sustainability of the program, citing subpar NCLEX pass rates in previous years. Ms. Marquess outlined the program's focus on training faculty in soft skills and enforcing strict policy adherence. Furthermore, she noted that she is

educating faculty on the intent behind the Institutional Plan (IP), rather than just providing an overview, to ensure success.

In response to Dr. Russell's inquiry regarding continuing education and annual reviews, Ms. Marquess stated that faculty undergo reviews more than once a year. Leadership observes instructors in the classroom quarterly and utilizes student surveys to evaluate instructor performance.

Ms. Marquess confirmed that the program is training staff on the newly implemented SEC and Elsevier suite products to ensure the success of the 25 admitted students as the program progresses.

Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

III. Quest Nursing Education Center College Vocational Nursing Program.

Ms. Gomez submitted her report that the program requests to admit a part-time day class of 30 students to start on March 30, 2026, and will graduate on July 30, 2027, and admit a part-time evening class of 20 students to start on March 30, 2026, and graduate on July 30, 2027.

Comments from program: None.

Board Discussion:
Ms. Carpenter questioned the report listing only 10 students for the part-time evening class, noting a requested capacity of 20. Ms. Gomez confirmed the recommendation should reflect 20 students, attributing the 10-student figure to a typographical error.

Motion: To approve the Quest Nursing Education Center of Vocational Nursing Program report, adopting the NEC recommendation to admit a part-time evening class of 20 students.

Motion / Second: Ms. Sonson / Dr. Russell.

Ms. Butu asked for a motion to clarify that the recommendation is for 20 students, not 10, for the evening class.

Substitute Motion / Second: Ms. Sonson / Dr. Russell.
Ms. Sonson moved to change the motion to 20 students instead of 10 students. Dr. Russel seconded this motion.

Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

IV. Pacific College, Lakewood, Vocational Nursing Program.

Ms. Gomez submitted a report requesting 30 students for the next class, which begins on March 2, 2026, and graduates on October 5, 2027. However, the current recommendation approves only 20 students.

Board Discussion:
Dr. Russell asked for the reason for the 10-student decrease. Ms. Gomez replied that the program has a history of not having enough faculty, complaints, and overall, a lot of issues. Ms. Gomez expressed her desire to give the program an opportunity with a class of 20 students. As this is a new program director, Ms. Gomez feels she should start with 20 students instead of 30. Dr. Russel asked, “why are there 20 students instead of 15 students? Ms. Gomez replied that with 20 students they need two clinical instructors, and with 15 students, only one instructor is enough, and that is better for the students.

Comments from program:
Rhonda Alger, the program director, had previous experience as a program director before coming to Pacific College. Ms. Alger reported that within the few months she has been on board, pass rates are up and she has hired faculty. She advised Lakewood is one of three campuses, the newest, and has 20 students. Ms. Alger reported that she is working closely with instructors to support the new curriculum and lesson plans submitted and approved by the board.

Ms. Sonson asked, considering the past complaints from students and faculty, how Ms. Alger is trying to address the complaints, Ms. Alger replied that when she first started there were many complaints, which made her very involved on campus and with the students. With greater involvement with the students, she has communicated the changes clearly and been transparent, and as a result, the complaints have slowed.

Motion: To approve the Pacific College recommendations for 20 students regarding a request to admit students

Motion / Second: Ms. Sonson / Ms. Moore.

Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

V. Unitek College, San Jose, Vocational Nursing Program.

Ms. Gomez submitted a report requesting three new classes for Unitek College, San Jose Vocational Nursing Program. Since receiving provisional status, the program has demonstrated significant progress and diligence. Consequently, Ms. Gomez recommended the admission of the following three cohorts:

- **Class 1:** 36 students; February 5, 2026 – January 16, 2027
- **Class 2:** 36 students; March 30, 2026 – March 19, 2027
- **Class 3:** 36 students; April 24, 2026 – April 16, 2027

Motion / Second: Ms. Nieblas / Ms. Moore.

Comments from program:
Ms. Sebastion thanked Ms. Gomez for her guidance and reported that the program continues to advance the faculty retention plan.

Board Discussion:
Dr. Russell inquired about the risks of high staff turnover and potential consequences of insufficient staffing during live classes. Ms. Sabastion reported that the program

maintains additional faculty on standby to cover absences, ensuring uninterrupted learning.

Ms. Sonson requested a detailed review regarding the root cause identified in the Root Cause Analysis (RCA). Ms. Sebastion reported that she holds regular one-on-one meetings with her staff to keep open communication between students and faculty.

Public Comment:
Mr. Yosef, the Chief Academic Officer for Unitek College, expressed his support of the director and to thank Ms. Gomez for all her hard work with the program. Ms. Yosef reported that Unitek is the largest vocational nursing school in the nation. He reported that their overall pass rate is 84, thanks to Ms. Gomez's dedicated work.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

VI. Angeles College Institute, Vocational Nursing School.

Dr. Thomson submitted her report stating that the program requests to admit a class of 40 students, starting on February 9, 2026, and graduating on December 4, 2027. The program will maintain a one-to-ten instructor-to-student ratio due to its provisional status. Dr. Thomson reported that the program has corrected all violations identified during its continued approval process. Dr. Thomson recommends moving forward with this class.

Motion: To approve Angeles College Institute Vocational Nursing Program report and adopt the NEC recommendations regarding a request to admit students.

Motion / Second: Ms. Sonson / Ms. Moore.

Comments from program:
Ms. Coward, the Director of Nursing, expressed gratitude to the board for their guidance as the program progresses with all the improvements and changes made.

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

C. Requests to Admit and Consideration of removal from Provisional Approval and Return to Full Approval.

I. Summit College, San Bernardino, Vocational Nursing Program.

Dr. Thomson submitted her report of the request to admit a class of 30 students, starting on February 23, 2026, and graduating on February 19, 2027, and also consideration of removal of the programs' provisional status and return to full-time approval.

Motion: To approve the Summit College, San Bernadino, Vocational Nursing Program's report and adopt the NEC recommendations regarding the removal of provisional approval and return to full approval request and to admit students.

Motion / Second: Ms. Nieblas / Ms. Guzman.

Comments from program:
Ms. Valle director of Summit College, wanted to thank Dr. Thomson for all the support she provided, especially with her knowledge of history prior to her coming on as the director.

Board Discussion:
Dr. Russell asked if the program had a solid, high-level plan to ensure sustainability in the future. Ms. Valle replied that the program is instituting a comprehensive evaluation, looking at different key performance indicators throughout the program, including student resources, academic remediation, and specialists reviewing the curriculum. Ms. Valle stated she understands the NCLEX rates were low, and the program has also been approved, which should help sustain that rise in the future.

Dr. Russell asked a follow-up question: Does the program offer ongoing continuing education to ensure they are, in fact, aligned with the curriculum and teaching appropriately, and how is that audited? Ms. Valle replied that this is part of the total program evaluation. She meets with them and is in the classroom every week with the faculty. There is professional development during the meeting as well. Dr. Russell followed up, asking whether the program could sustain the work with the faculty and whether there was a team to help her. Ms. Valle responded that yes, she has a team and that the team is fully supporting her and is doing well.

Ms. Sonson asked Ms. Valle to elaborate on the improvement plans to ensure the program maintains accurate records of instruction hours and attendance. Ms. Valle replied that the faculty have been trained to turn in their attendance within 24 hours, and that there is a specific email to which they return it. The program also has a clinical coordinator who makes regular visits, almost like a manager of clinical faculty, and she is in contact with everyone at the clinical sites.

Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

D. Request to Admit and Approval of Curriculum Revision.

I. Pacific College, Costa Mesa, Vocational Nursing Program.

Ms. Gomez submitted her report of the request to admit a class of 30 students, starting on March 2, 2026, and graduating on January 9, 2028. Also, the program is requesting a change in its curriculum from a 74-week part-time curriculum to a revised 80-week part-time curriculum, effective March 2, 2025. Ms. Gomez is recommending that the program admit a class of 20 students instead of 30.

Motion: To approve the Pacific College Costa Mesa Vocational Nursing Program report and adopt the NEC recommendations regarding the request to admit an approval of curriculum revision.

Motion / Second: Ms. Moore / Ms. Nieblas.

Comments from program:
Ms. Boren, the director of Pacific College, wanted to thank Ms. Gomez for her assistance and advice, especially her recommendations.

Board Discussion:
Ms. Sonson asked about the program's annual pass rate being below 20% in the state. She asked how Ms. Boren can provide the steps being taken to ensure this class is successful. Ms. Boren replied that the program had just completed the ATI package purchased for each student, which also included Wave, a pre-nursing program for students before the start of the term to improve their chances of success. The program also includes an 8-week NCLEX review in the final term, a new addition to the curriculum. Ms. Boren also reported that the program has an NCLEX success coordinator.

Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 8 Executive Officer's Report.

A. Update, Discussion and Possible Actions.

I. Update on December 18, 2025, Stakeholder Meeting and Preliminary Thoughts on Possible Comments on proposed Regulations of the Respiratory Care Board (RCB) Regarding Home and Community-Based Care (section 1399.361).

Ms. Yamaguchi reported in December that the Board held a stakeholder meeting on proposed regulations. Ms. Yamaguchi gave an update on RCB and the approval of their accepted emergency regulations. The regulation would allow home and community-based care to continue providing the level of care they've been providing. RCB intends to become exempt from the overall basic task regulations, and they will provide a package soon. Ms. Yamaguchi presented a high-level overview of the avenues the Board can pursue in the future.

Board Discussion:
Ms. Guzman asked if RCB had a date to amend this regulation. Ms. Yamaguchi replied that RCB does not currently have a date. RCB is considering a second regulatory package that would carve out home and community-based services.

Ms. Sonson asked whether there was specific criterion being used to determine which facilities qualify for exemptions. Ms. Yamaguchi replied that at this time there is not a criterion that qualifies a facility for exemption.

Public Comment: None.

II. Discussion of Topics for Board Member Training.

Ms. Yamaguchi reported that the presentation Ms. Schieldge gave yesterday was very detailed and offered a lot of wonderful insight into how the regulation process unfolded. Ms. Yamaguchi stated she would like to be able to review the Board's Board Member Administration Manual for the next Board meeting in May, so if any board members have any suggestions, to please let Ms. Yamaguchi know.

Board Discussion:
Ms. Moore asked whether the training in the manual would cover what is allowed and what is not allowed. Ms. Yamaguchi replied yes, as there have been many changes to the manual since 2018-2019.

Public Comment: None.

III. Draft Executive Officer Succession Plan.

Ms. Yamaguchi reported that the succession plan is still in progress and is not yet completed. She advised the succession plan to be agendized for a later Board meeting.

B. Executive Committee Report.

Dr. Mountain stated the report was online and asked if there were any questions.

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 9 Discussion of Proposed New Board Committee.

A. Consumer Protection Committee Concept Overview.

Ms. Wood updated that the Board staff have been reviewing a number of ideas that consist of possibly combining a few of the committees so they would be able to provide a larger scope of action and provide flexibility. The Consumer Protection Committee will allow the board to address issues over multiple divisions and topics.

Board Discussion: None.

Dr. Mountain asked if she was aware of an inactive or retired option for license. Ms. Wood replied that the Board has an inactive option but the licensee still pays fees so a retired license is where the Board would like to make the change.

Ms. Yamaguchi updated that she wanted to have this discussion with the Board members on this proposed committee.

Ms. Nieblas asked about other concepts we could include in this committee. Ms. Wood replied that there are multiple other subjects that the Board could do under this committee and opined it would be nice to look at things from a more global perspective rather than strictly enforcement.

Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 10 Licensing and Evaluations.

A. Licensing Division Report.

Ms. Brown shared her report which was given to the members prior to the Board Meeting. Mr. Brown reported on her division's transition of the public phone line over to DCA's Consumer Information Center (CIC).

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 11 Enforcement.

A. Enforcement Division Report.

Ms. Wood shared her report which was given to the members prior to the Board Meeting. Ms. Wood reported the number of enforcement cases has increased, but DUI cases have decreased.

Board Discussion:
Dr. Mountain asked why the enforcement cases are up. Ms. Wood replied there are more scope of practice cases and fewer criminal cases.

Ms. Moore asked if the increase in cases will delay their outcomes? Ms. Wood replied her division is still moving at the same rate as before.

Ms. Nieblas asked if regulation clarity through rulemaking is needed given the increase in scope of practice complaints. Ms. Wood replied that reports can be pulled to obtain more data on the case findings and see if that could be helpful.

Public Comment: None.

B. Investigation Division Report.

Ms. Higashi shared her report which was given to the members prior to the Board Meeting.

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 12 Legislative and Regulations.

A. Legislative and Regulations Committee Report.

Ms. Carpenter provided an update from the January 2026 Legislative and Regulations Committee meeting advising the agenda topics in items 12 A-D were previously covered during the Executive Officer’s Report

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

B. Updated Board Legislation.

There was no discussion on this item

C. 2026 Legislation Impacting the Board.

There was no discussion on this item.

D. Updates on Potential Board Regulations Proposals.

There was no discussion on this item.

Board Discussion: No discussion on Agenda Item 12B,12C or 12D.
Public Comment: No discussion on Agenda Item 12B,12C or 12D.

Agenda Item 13 Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda.

Dr. Mountain opened the floor for public comments on items not on the agenda.

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment:

Mr. Pizzotti thanked Ms. Moore for her time served on the Board, and with Ms. Moore's departure, he noted there are now two vacancies for Psychiatric Technician Members on the Board. Mr. Pizzotti stated he is concerned about possible regulations in Article V that could impact on the ability to provide instruction, so without representation on the Board by a PT Member, he opined it would be detrimental to the PT profession. Mr. Pizzotti also reported that the Department of Public Health is trying to pass emergency regulations that would cap the number of LVNs and PTs that can work in an acute psychiatric hospital unit. Those are the updates that the California Association of Psychiatric Technicians (CAPT) wanted to bring to the Board's attention. Ms. Butu stated that the open PT member positions on the Board are appointed by the Governor, and the Board does not have any control over appointing its own members. Ms. Butu also stated that it is her understanding the Governor's office is working to fill the Board's positions.

Christina Curry, speaking on behalf of Charles A. Jones Vocational Nursing Program, asked whether there were any updated requirements regarding nursing programs that have only Registered Nurses (RNs) as instructors, or if that had been removed from the agenda. Ms. Curry reported that LVNs bring a depth of clinical experience in educational settings and real-world experience.

Agenda Item 14 Suggestions for Future Agenda Items.

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

Agenda Item 15 Closed Session.

Motion: To retire to a closed session and not reconvene in an open session. The meeting will adjourn at the completion of the closed session.

Motion / Second: Ms. Sonson / Ms. Guzman

Board Discussion: None.
Public Comment: None.

Member Name	Vote
Dr. Mountain	Yes
Ms. Carpenter	Yes
Dr. Russell	Yes
Ms. Guzman	Yes
Ms. Nieblas	Yes
Ms. Moore	Yes
Ms. Sonson	Yes

Motion carried and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 16 **Adjourn Meeting.**

Dr. Mountain adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Prepared by: ____________________________Date: __________________
Elaine Yamaguchi
Executive Officer

Approved by: ____________________________Date: __________________
Dr. Carel Mountain, Education Member
Board President