

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
ATWOOD BUILDING  
550 W. 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE, Suite 602  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
BOARD OF NURSING  
MEETING MINUTES

October 27-29, 2010

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a meeting of the Board of Nursing was held in the Atwood Building Suite 602.

**Wednesday, October 27, 2010**

**Agenda Item 1**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage  
Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage  
Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue  
Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks  
Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage  
Erin Pringle, MS, RN, Anchorage

Denise Ekstrom, MSN, RN, ANP, Secretary, Anchorage  
was excused.

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations,  
Business and Professional Licensing:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator  
Ken Weimer, Investigator  
Colleen Nelson, Investigator  
JoAnna Williamson, Investigator

## **Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as amended.

## **Introductions**

Guests present in the room and on the teleconference offered self-introductions. Some of those included:

Pat Reynaga, RN Providence Alaska Medical Center  
Lynne Hartz, RN, ANP Representing, AaNA

## **Ethics Report**

Dr Nancy Sanders submitted the Ethics Disclosure Form for a grant to attend the NCSBN Delegate Assembly August 10-13, 2010. This was reviewed by Beth Farnstrom, Chairperson and the Board's ethics supervisor, and deemed to not be an ethical violation.

Dr. Thomas Hendrix submitted the Ethics Disclosure Form for a grant to attend the NCSBN NCLEX Invitational. This was reviewed by Beth Farnstrom, Chairperson and the Board's ethics supervisor, and deemed to not be an ethical violation.

Chairperson Beth Farnstrom submitted the Ethics Disclosure Form for a grant to attend the NCSBN Delegate Assembly, August 10-13, 2010 to her ethics supervisor, Linda Perez.

All other Board members in attendance reported no ethics violations since July 2010.

## **Agenda Item 2**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Board reviewed the Consent Agenda.

**On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Janine McCready, and passed unanimously,**

**RESOLVED the Board adopted the consent Agenda Items 2A1, 2A2, and 2A3.**

## **Agenda Item 2B**

### **INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

## **Agenda Item 2B1**

### **Executive Administrator's Report**

In addition to the written Exec Administrator's Report, a verbal October 26th renewal update of 4200 RNs, 64 CRNAs and 395 ANPs was given.

**Agenda Item 2 B2**    **Chair's report**  
Reviewed as written.

**Agenda Item 2 B3**    **NCLEX Invitational**  
Dr. Tom Hendrix will share his power point presentation at lunch on Thursday or Friday.

**Agenda Item 2 B4**    **Educational Consultants conference call**  
Dr. Sanders shared that George Washington University has a new model of education.

**Agenda Item 2 B5**    **Revised agenda item 2.B5 Letter**  
The Board has received a letter from UAA School of Nursing notifying the Board that Dr. Jean Ballantyne is leaving UAA and the interim director will be Dr. Barbara Berner. This notification is in compliance with regulation 12 AAC 44.060(e)(4).

**Agenda Item 3**        **ADJUDICATION**

**Agenda Item 3 A-D** **Probation Report/Investigative/Litigation Report/Cases from Investigator case(s)/case review verbal presentation-advice**

Investigator Ken Weimer, Investigator Colleen Nelson and Investigator JoAnna Williamson joined the Board.

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) (2) for the purpose of reviewing the cases and reports presented by the investigative team.**

The Board entered into executive session at 9:20 a.m. Guests left the room, the door was closed, and the tape recorder was turned off.

The Board came out of executive session at 10:30 a.m.

The Board recessed for a break at 10:30 a.m.  
The Board reconvened after a break at 10:45 a.m.

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(d)(1) for the purpose of reviewing an administrative law judge decision.**

The Board entered into executive session at 10:45 a.m. Guests and staff left the room, the door was closed and the tape recorder was turned off. Chief Administrative Law Judge Terry Thurbon joined the Board.

The Board came out of executive session at 12:14 p.m.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:14 p.m.  
The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item 4        LICENSURE**

**Agenda Item 4A        Questions about Professional Activities for Continuing Competency**

Susan Graves joined the Board. A discussion took place between the Board and Ms. Graves in regards to 12 AAC.44.620(b). Ms Graves's situation was taking care of her husband while he was seriously ill and feels that this care should count toward meeting the continuing competency regulation about uncompensated Professional Activities. Ms. Graves had submitted detail information about the care she had administered to her husband.

**On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and defeated by 2 Yeas, 3 Nays and 1 abstention, it was**

**RESOLVED to not approve the volunteer activities listed on Susan Graves's renewal application.**

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Kevin Dougherty and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED to revisit Susan Graves's volunteer activities for renewal on Thursday.**

**Agenda Item 5        PRACTICE ISSUES**

**Agenda Item 5A      Increase Scope of Practice**

**Agenda Item 5A1      CRNA prescribing Botox, Latisse, HCG**

Cynthia Parent, CRNA, joined the Board and presented her justifications for being a CRNA who would like to expand her CRNA scope of practice to include prescribing Botox, Latisse and HCG for other than anesthesia purposes. The Board discussed the issue.

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Tom Hendrix and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED not to allow Cynthia Parent, CRNA to expand her scope of practice to include cosmetic Botox, Latisse and HCG.**

**Agenda Item 5A2      AK Nurse Anesthetist Assoc. – RNs taking X-Rays (revisit Board Advisory Opinion)**

Jeff Worrell, CRNA and Chris Logan, CRNA joined the Board to express CRNAs' concerns about the AO regarding RNs taking x-rays. The Board informed the CRNAs that they are within their scope of practice since x-rays and fluoroscopy is included in their CRNA education and is included in the CRNAs National Standards. No further action from the Board is needed for CRNAs.

**Agenda Item 5A3      RN/LPN performing Dexa Scans**

Wilma Cooper, RN from Valley Medical Care in Juneau, joined the Board telephonically. Some nurses at Valley Medical Care would like to be certified to do dexa scans. The certification body is an international organization that requires 6 months of experience and 100 scans to become certified. The Board instructed Ms. Cooper to return to the Board with more information on how a program will be presented to the nurse for initial instruction. Dr. Sanders informed Ms. Cooper that the information to establish a new program can be found on the Boards website and she could contact Dr. Sanders for more information.

**Agenda Item 5A4      Fluoroscopy by RNs**

Patricia Smith and Keiko Torgersen from Mat-Su Regional Medical Center joined the Board to express a need for an advisory

opinion from the Board for the role of an RN in the care of an epidural in a pregnant woman.

**Agenda Item 5B      Competing epidural guidelines**

**On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Tom Hendrix and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the role of the Registered Nurse in the care of the Pregnant Woman Receiving Analgesia/Anesthesia by catheter techniques (epidural, Intrathecal, Spinal, PCEA catheters) may not: 1. Re-bolus an epidural either by injecting medications into the catheter or increasing the rate of a continuous infusion, 2. Increase/decrease the rate of a continuous infusion, 3. Re-initiate an infusion once it has been stopped, 4. Manipulate PCEA doses or dosage intervals, 5. Be responsible for obtaining informed consent for analgesia/anesthesia procedures; however, the nurse may witness the patient signature for informed consent prior to analgesia/anesthesia administration. This standard is from the AWHONN Epidural statement reapproved June 2007.**

**Agenda Item 3      ADJUDICATION**

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska enter into Executive Session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(d)(1) for the purpose of reviewing an administrative law judge decision.**

The Board entered into executive session at 3:20 p.m. Guests and staff left the room, door was closed and the tape recorder was turned off. Chief Administrative Law Judge Terry Thurbon joined the Board.

The Board came out of executive session at 3:43 p.m.

The Board recessed for break at 3:43 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 4 p.m.

**On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Janine McCready, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, moved to adopt the October 4, 2010 Administrative Law Judge's proposed decision for Audrey Eileen Small Board Case No. 2304-05-001 and Board Case No. 2304-09-007 together with the document titled Decision of the Board providing further explanation of the Boards reasons for adoption as the final action by the Board.

**On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, seconded by Janine McCready, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000580, Michelle I. Andrew, license # NUR R 26655, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of RN license # NUR R 30297, Kelly Lynn Brown, Case No. 2010-000825 hereby adopted the Surrender of RN license # NUR R 30297 in this matter.

**On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000801, Michelle R. Brown, LPN Applicant, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.

**On a motion duly made by Agnes Jack, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED** that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of RN License # NUR R 15090, Kathryn A. Lopeman, Case No. 2010-

**000751 hereby adopted the Surrender of RN License # NUR R 15090 in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000588, Jacqueline K. Olsen, license # NUR R 18761, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Memorandum in Support of Motion for Default, Case # 2302-09-001, Amanda J. Shlosman, LPN license # NUR P 6312 hereby permanently revokes Shlosman's LPN license # NUR P 6312 in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of RN License # NUR R 29975, Cristina J. Williams, Case No. 2010-000430 hereby adopted the Surrender of RN License # NUR R 29975 in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000868, Rebecca Cameron, expired CNA certificate # NUA A 4422, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**



**On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000807, Kevin D. Cotton, expired CNA certificate # NUA A 4498, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Agnes Jack, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000818, Sarah M. Earhart, CNA applicant with expired temporary certificate # NUA T 3121, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Thomas Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska denies CNA by endorsement Jenna Kardos based on Sec.08.68.334(1) Grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of certificate.**

**On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000867, Lorena Johnson, CNA applicant with expired temporary certificate # NUA T 3073, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter**

**On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and**

**Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000626, Jamie Kriska, CNA applicant with expired temporary certificate # NUA T 3049, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter**

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000738, April E. Phillips, with lapsed CNA certificate # NUA A 8597, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Thomas Hendrix, seconded by Erin Pringle, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000879, Michelle Fleming, expired CNA certificate # NUA A 10203, adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Kevin Dougherty, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order, Case No. 2010-000896, Amy S. Elder, ANP license # NUR U 560 adopted the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**

Beth Farnstrom, RN, Chairperson, signed all original documents related to the investigative cases.

**Agenda Item 4  
Agenda Item 4B**

**LICENSURE  
ANCC info about CE for BLS/ACLS**

ANCC will not be awarding contact hours after June 1, 2011 for renewal of ACLS, PALS, and other advanced “canned” courses.

**On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska adopts the ANCC decision that the initial taking of ACLS, PALS, and other advanced courses will be awarded contact hours but not the renewal of these courses.**

**Agenda Item 4C     FYI**

**Agenda Item 4C1     Pediatric Nursing certification Board Annual Report – reviewed, no action**

**Agenda Item 4C2     RNs working as LPNs-British Columbia- reviewed, no action**

The Board recessed at 4:59 p.m. until October 28, 2010 at 9 a.m.

**Thursday, October 28, 2010**

**Agenda Item 1     CALL TO ORDER**

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage

Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage

Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue

Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage

Erin Pringle, MSN, RN, Anchorage

Excused Denise Ekstrom, MSN, RN, ANP, Secretary, Anchorage

Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Director Don Habeger

**Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as amended.

## **Introductions**

Guests present in the room and on the teleconference offered self-introductions. See attached list of guests present during the 3 day meeting. Via teleconference at various times during the meeting: Susan Graves, RN, Maureen Kauleinamoku, and Naomi Walsworth

### **Agenda Item 2      Public Testimony**

Public testimony began at 9:07 a.m. and ended at 9:38 a.m.

### **Agenda Item 4      LICENSURE**

#### **Agenda Item 4D      Renewal fees for reinstating RNs**

Michele Doran, RN addressed the Board. The issue pertained to reinstatement requirements for nurses who reinstate within 6 months of renewal time. She requested the Board consider reinstatement fees be prorated. The Board said that the change would need to go through regulations to change and that central regulations govern the requirements. The Board will address the issue at a future meeting.

Public Member Janine McCready, Fairbanks, joined the Board telephonically at 9:57 a.m.

### **Agenda Item 5      PRACTICE ISSUES**

#### **Agenda Item 5H      Scope of Practice Decision Model**

A variety of decision models were reviewed. No action was taken.

#### **Agenda Item 5I      Regulations work session –**

1. UAPs
  - crushing medications
  - tube feedings
  - insulin administration
  - emergency drugs – ex. Rectal valium (PRN controlled substance), glucagon

Maureen Kauleinamoku, Naomi Walsworth, Susan Bell, Nancy Edtl, Linda Johnson and Pam Hor joined the Board to discuss the delegation Regulation 12 ACC 44.950. They represented school nurses as well as assisted living sites. An informative exchange too place. Further exploration of this topic is needed by the stakeholders and the Board. The Board took no action at this time.

The Board recessed at 10:38 a.m. for a break

The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m. from break.

**Agenda Item 5I      Regulations work session**

Cathy Winfree, RN joined the Board to review the CNA regulations.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:13 p.m.

The Board reconvened from lunch at 1:00 p.m.

**Agenda Item 7      ORGANIZATION**

**Agenda Item 7B      Information Exchange and Issues Update**

Director Don Habeger joined the Board. The Division is to decrease travel expenses by 10%. The priority to accomplish this goal is: 1. Board meeting will be funded, 2. Division work will be the second priority and 3. meetings out of state will be funded. Director Habeger shared an example of a budget report that is easier to read.

The Board asked about the proposed statute changes that have been given to Director Davis in April 2008. There is an omnibus bill that might contain the BON statute change requests; and we should know the status by January 2011.

Other topics addressed were from the legislative audit recommendations such as the need to have a nurse to evaluate the CNA training programs and the length of time to investigate cases. The BON contributes 29.04% of the indirect cost of the department. History shows that the % is from the number of licensees. Other ways to determine these fees are being looked at.

Director Habeger was asked about the contract to do the analysis of the RN and LPN renewal survey. The Board highlighted that this survey is noted in our strategic plan, so are aware of the work force and to anticipate changes that would affect education needs.

The Board will plan our meetings for 2011 on Friday. We are permitted to plan our traditional sites of Anchorage in January and July, Fairbanks in October and Juneau in April. The Board thanked

Director Habeger for attending our meeting and for the effort he has made to learn about the Alaska Board of Nursing.

**Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE ISSUES**

**Agenda Item 5I UAPs**

Cathy Winfree shared with the Board that the NCSBN does not support nurses delegating medications administration by NG, jejunostomy, or gastrostomy tubes to UAPs.

**Agenda Item 6 EDUCATION**

**Agenda Item 6A CNA programs - evaluations**

1. AVTEC
2. PAMC
3. Providence Extended Care
4. Kenai Peninsula College – Homer
5. Job Corps

Cathy Winfree joined the Board to explain her evaluations of the above listed programs. The Job Corp program is working with Cathy to meet the requirements and is not ready for approval.

**On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, seconded by Erin Pringle, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approved the CNA programs of AVTEC, Providence Alaska Medical Center, Providence Extended Care and Kachemak Bay/Kenai Peninsula College.**

**Agenda Item 6B CNA Program information – verbal report**

1. Seward
2. Wrangell

Dr. Nancy Sanders states the CNA programs in Seward and Wrangell are not approved and are not operational.

**Agenda Item 6C CNA program proposal – ASD**

Laura Murray, RN and Nancy Edtl, RN joined the Board to explain about the Anchorage School District’s CNA proposed program.

The sites will be the King Career Center and Service High School. After reviewing the information provided the Board made the following motion.

**On a motion duly made by Kevin Dougherty, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska gives provisional approval to the ASD CNA program submitted under 12 AAC.44.830(c).**

**Agenda Item 6D      LPN Refresher Course: Innovative Academic Solutions**

The Board reviewed and discussed the LPN refresher course by Innovative Academic Solutions.

**On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approves the Innovative Academic Solutions LPN Refresher course.**

The Board recessed at 2:46 p.m. for a break.

The Board reconvened at 3:03 p.m. from a break.

**Agenda Item 6E      CNA II proposal**

Cathy Winfree, RN joined the Board to discuss a proposal to develop a CNA II. After discussion, the Board requested that Dr. Sanders contact Assistant Attorney General Gayle Horetski to inquire if the development of a CNA II is possible with our present Statutes. Dr. Sanders will report back to the Board on her answer. This answer is needed before proceeding.

**Agenda Item 4      LICENSURE**

**Agenda Item 4A      Questions about Professional Activities for Continuing Competency**

**On a motion duly made by Tom Hendrix, seconded by Erin Pringle, the motion was**

**The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska will not accept care for immediate family members as meeting the professional activities requirement under 12 AAC.44.620(b).**

**The motion was defeated by a vote of 2 yeas and 3 nays**

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Agnes Jack, the motion was**

**The Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska will accept the completed Professional Activities Verification form as meeting the professional requirement 12AAC 44.620(a)(2)(E).**

**The motion carried 3 yeas and 2 nays.**

**Agenda Item 5 PRACTICE ISSUES**

**Agenda Item 5A4 Fluoroscopy by RNs**

Dr. Sanders said no one was present to address the Board. Dr. Sanders said one question she had was from an acute care nurse practitioner ANP who states her ANP program taught fluoroscopy. Since she had education in fluoroscopy, she is within her scope of practice.

**Agenda Item 5C Texting as “verbal orders”**

The Board discussed issues related to texting. Texting is not secure raising concerns of HIPPA violations by using unsecured technology methods. Institutions are working to address this issue. No action need by the Board.

**Agenda Item 5D Medication omissions by UAPs @ Fairbanks Pioneer Home – update**

The Board reviewed the information provided by Dory Lukas. Dr. Hendrix will send to Dr. Sanders the information needed to make these numbers meaningful. This will be looked at the January 2011 Board meeting

The Board of Nursing was recessed at 5:02 p.m. until 9 a.m. October 29, 2010



**Friday, October 29, 2010**

**Agenda Item 1**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Beth Farnstrom, BSN, RN, Chairperson, Anchorage  
Thomas Hendrix, PhD, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage  
Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue  
Janine McCready, Public Member, Fairbanks  
Kevin Dougherty, Public Member, Anchorage  
Erin Pringle, MSN, RN

Denise Ekstrom, MS, RN, ANP, Secretary, Anchorage was excused.

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator

Telephonically:

Jun Maiquis Regulation Specialist  
Kathy Mason, Administrative Officer

**Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as amended.

**Introductions**

Guests present in the room signed in and will be attached to the minutes. Teleconference guest identified themselves Susan Graves, RN, and Sharon Kindell, RN.

**Agenda Item 2**

**Public Testimony**

Public testimony began at 9:05 a.m. and ended at 9:35 a.m.

**Agenda Item 5**

**PRACTICE ISSUES**

**Agenda Item 5J**

**Sclerotherapy – advisory opinion requested**

Janet Stookey, RN joined the Board. She presented the Board with information to support her request to expand her scope of practice.

**On a motion duly made by Erin Pringle, seconded by Janine McCready, and carried unanimously it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska approve to expand the scope of practice of Janet Stookey, RN to include visual sclerotherapy. Sclerotherapy is a common treatment for telangiectases (spider veins) and medium size (1-3 mm) reticular veins.**

Board member Erin Pringle will draft a sclerotherapy advisory opinion for the January 2011 BON meeting in Anchorage.

**Agenda Item 5 E Laser therapy & Botox administration**

No action was taken since the stakeholders of this request were not in attendance. They will be invited to the January 2011 BON meeting in Anchorage.

**Agenda Item 5 F Informed consent by RN for PICC placement**

Board member Tom Hendrix will do further research on this topic for the January 2011 BON meeting.

**Agenda Item 5 K EKG/ECG strips Interpretations**

Nurses provide assessments of EKG/ECG strips not a diagnosis when reading the strips.

**Agenda Item 5I Regulation**

2. applicant graduating from a school in Puerto Rico- treat as a foreign grad?
3. English requirement for foreign educated endorsement applicant?

The Board discussed nurses educated in Puerto Rico, since English is not their primary language and they do not take the NCLEX.

The Board consulted with AAG Gayle Horetski who says an applicant from Puerto Rico has to meet the requirement of the statute Sec. 08.68.170

The Board recessed at 10:49 a.m. for a break

The Board reconvened at 11:03 a.m. from break.

**Agenda Item 5I4     Review draft regulations from Regulations Specialist**

Jun Maiquis Regulation Specialist joined the Board telephonically. Proposed regulation changes were reviewed.

The Board recessed at 12 noon for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1 p.m. from lunch.

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska moves to approve the draft regulation project dated 10-15-10 including edits from 10-29-10 meeting to go out for public comment.**

**Agenda Item 5I6     Separate central regulation project**

Dr. Sanders lead the discussion of the proposed regulation changes to the fees in central regulations.

**On a motion duly made by Janine McCready, seconded by Tom Hendrix, and carried unanimously it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska adopt the recommendation for central regulation changes to 12 AAC 02.280 and 12 AAC 02.282 (2)(5)(6).**

**Agenda Item 7     ORGANIZATION**

**Agenda Item 7A     Budget Report and Review**

Cathy Mason, Administrative Officer joined the Board telephonically. A inquiry was made about the BON carrying the load of the division with 29.04% of the indirect expenses charged to the Board of Nursing in FY11. (The BON notes that FY10 nursing was only 26.07%.) The BON notes that there are 65,098 Business Licenses issued and the holders of those licenses pay **nothing**. Nursing is only 12, 672 people and pays 29.04%. In addition there are 641 geologists who pay nothing. Ms. Mason says

this is the way it has been for years but the issue is being looked at now. The BON notes that Director Habeger also addressed this in our meeting with him on October 28, 2010.

**Agenda Item 7C**      **Legislative Audit Report-recommendations**

The 4 recommendations from the preliminary legislative audit report were shared with the Board. The final audit report will be completed in January 2011. The Board chair had the opportunity to comment on the preliminary audit.

Recommendation No. 2 is addressing the required review of the CNA training programs. This issue has been addressed with Director Urion, Director Davis, Director Smith and Director Habeger. The Board of Nursing has had 4 Directors since the Chair was appointed to the Board in March 2007. The Board identified that the posted position was not being filled due to the low salary compared to other nursing positions available and that previous Directors did not understand the requirement for the evaluations. The best the Board has been able to do is a contract position. The contract employee has completed 3/4 of the first reviews of CNA programs as of July 2010. The Board has recommended the position be filled but with a competitive salary to ensure an experienced qualified candidate will apply.

Recommendation No. 4 is the appointment of a qualified LPN. The previous Chair for the Board of Nursing recognized that the present LPN did not meet the requirements. The Chair contacted the previous Governor's office but no action was taken. The Board agrees that we need a practicing LPN for input on practice issues. Agnes Jack's first term ends in March. Boards and Commissions is aware of the issue.

Analysis of Public Need on page 7 accounting error. The Chair highlighted that the Volunteer Board of Nursing found the large accounting error that the state employees made. The Board will take credit for finding this error. With this error corrected, the Board was able to reduce the 2010 renewal fees.

Analysis of Public Need on Page 8 concerned statutory changes. The Board was asked by Director Davis in April 2008 to submit proposed changes and deletion of obsolete statutes. The Board promptly submitted 8 pages of changes with the rationale for the changes and the priority of these changes. The Board meets with the Director on a quarterly basis at our meeting. We have

repeatedly asked our Director about where these statutory changes are in the system. We will again ask Director Habeger at our October 2010 meeting if these statues are going to be presented as a division or should the BON work with a professional organization or legislature to sponsor these changes.

**Agenda Item 7D**      **Meeting dates for 2011**

January 19-21, 2011 in Anchorage  
April 6-8, 2011 in Juneau  
July 19, 2011 noon-5p.m. Board retreat and review of strategic plan  
July 20-22, 2011 in Anchorage  
October 19-21 in Fairbanks  
January 18-20, 2012 in Anchorage

**Agenda Item 7E**      **Board members terming on 3/1/2011**

Beth Farnstrom, Janine McCready and Agnes Jack are completing their first term and may reapply for one more 4 year term.

**Agenda Item 8**      **GOVERNANCE**

**Agenda Item 8A**      **Strategic plan** was updated at the Board Retreat on October 26, 2010.

**Agenda Item 8B**      **Board meeting evaluation**  
Board meeting evaluation was completed

**Agenda Item 8C**      **Task list**  
This will be completed by the Chair and emailed to Board members.

The Board of Nursing was adjourned at 3:01 p.m. until January 19, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Anchorage, AK.

Respectfully submitted:

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Nancy Sanders, Executive Administrator  
Board of Nursing

Approved:

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Beth Farnstrom, Chair  
Board of Nursing

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Date

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