



LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2025

**2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Ste. 205
 Administrative Conference Room
 Sacramento, CA 95833
 and via Webex Webinar**

Committee Members Present: Ms. Carpenter, Committee Member, Chair
 Ms. Sonson, Committee Member

Other Board Members Attending: Mr. Hill, Vice President and PT Member

Staff Present: Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer
 Mr. Ito, Assistant Executive Officer
 Ms. Wood, Enforcement Chief
 Ms. Vierra, Probation Manager
 Ms. Hudson, Intake & Enhanced Manager
 Dr. McLeod, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant
 Ms. Silverman, Nursing Education Consultant
 Ms. Jessica Gomez, Nursing Education Consultant
 Dr. Thomson, Nursing Education Consultant
 Mr. Trimble, Licensing Supervisor
 Ms. Williams, Enforcement Supervisor
 Mr. Weiler, Administration Manager (co-moderator)
 Ms. Brady, Board Administrative Analyst (moderator)
 Mr. Gonzales, Education Analyst

DCA Staff Present: Ms. Butu, Attorney III, Board General Counsel

1. Call to Order & Committee Roll Call – Ms. Carpenter, Chair.

Ms. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Ms. Butu advised that board member Abraham Hill was attending today's committee meeting as an observer and would not be participating.

Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Introduction of Staff and Counsel – Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer.

Ms. Yamaguchi introduced board staff. Ms. Butu introduced herself.

3. 2025 – Elaine Yamaguchi, Executive Officer.

Ms. Yamaguchi led a discussion on the following legislative bills:

AB 323 (Fong) – Work-Based Learning Opportunities. Ms. Yamaguchi advised the Board historically has been supportive of “earn and learn” workforce training opportunities for nursing students as it provides a path for nursing assistants to become an LVN. Ms. Yamaguchi recommended BVNPT continue to watch this bill.

AB 395 (Gabriel) – Holidays. Ms. Yamaguchi deferred to Mr. Weiler who prepared this bill's analysis.

Mr. Weiler provided a high-level overview of the bill and its impact on the board's inability to host public meetings during religious holidays which might preclude the public's ability to participate. Mr. Weiler advised a downside to this bill would be the creation of DCA-wide blackout dates for its limited meeting rooms in Sacramento exacerbating the compaction issue for DCA's 36 programs to schedule meeting rooms for board meetings.

Ms. Carpenter advised during her prior position as a lobbyist she worked with a Bay Area school district who had 92 recognized languages on a similar legislative matter.

Ms. Yamaguchi recommended to watch or support this bill.

AB 667 (Solache) – License Examination Interpreters. Ms. Yamaguchi summarized this bill and advised it was amended so that it's no longer applicable to BVNPT. Ms. Yamaguchi explained NSCBN, which administers the vocational nursing exam nationwide, does not allow interpreters during its exams. She also explained the patient safety aspect of nurses needing to understand doctors' orders in English without confusion or delay. Ms. Yamaguchi recommended to watch this bill.

AB 742 (Elhawary) – Licensing. Ms. Yamaguchi summarized this bill in that it would provide expedited license application processing for the descendants of the enslaved. She explained this is a companion bill to SB 518. Ms. Yamaguchi explained the challenges with implementing the provisions of this bill which would create extra work and processing time for staff. Further, she opined evaluating

flagged applications, if the bill became law, would actually result in delays to the licensing process as applications are currently processed in a matter days. Ms. Yamaguchi stated she did not know how long the new process would take to evaluate the flagged applications. Ms. Yamaguchi opined a better way to address the issue of underserved communities is through enhanced outreach by nursing schools. Ms. Yamaguchi recommended BVNPT continue to watch this bill.

AB 766 (Sharpe-Collins) – DEI in Strategic Planning. Ms. Yamaguchi deferred to Mr. Weiler who prepared this bill's analysis.

Mr. Weiler provided a high-level overview of this bill. He recommended BVNPT take a position to oppose unless amended not out of a philosophical difference with the author's intent but rather due to the bill's ambiguous language concerning the racial equity analysis requirement. The bill, as written, provides no information as to criteria, requirements, or methodology for conducting a racial equity analysis. Additionally, Mr. Weiler advised this bill, if it became law, would result in delays to the budgetary process and implementing new regulations, as well as create significant workload for DCA's EEO office.

Ms. Yamaguchi advised the board does not require licensees to provide demographic information. She also expressed concern with the ambiguity of the racial equity analysis language. Ms. Yamaguchi recommended that staff look into what DCA and other boards think of this bill.

AB 1082 (Flora) – Out of State Nursing Programs. Ms. Yamaguchi advised this bill would allow California students enrolled at out of state online nursing schools to do clinicals in California. Ms. Yamaguchi recommended BVNPT take the position to oppose this bill. She advised this bill may incentivize fraudulent programs at the detriment to students. She also explained California's clinical sites are already impacted, especially for vocational nursing students. Ms. Yamaguchi advised the Board of Registered Nursing is opposed to this bill. Ms. Yamaguchi requested the Education Division continue to track this matter and make a presentation at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Gonzales expressed his concern this bill's language does not specify scope of practice which is problematic for the bill's multi-state scope.

Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Sonson agreed the committee's recommendation to the Board is to oppose this bill.

SB 389 (Ochoa Bogh) – Pupil Health Care Services. Ms. Yamaguchi summarized the issue of BVNPT's and the Respiratory Care Board's differing positions on suctioning, and related respiratory care services, and what type of clinician can perform them. California's Education Code allows an LVN to provide care, including suctioning, at schools under the supervision of an RN. This bill provides clarification

regarding specialized healthcare services that may be performed by an LVN. Ms. Yamaguchi recommended BVNPT take a position to support this bill.

Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Sonson agreed the committee's recommendation is to support this bill.

SB 470 (Laird) – Open Meeting Act. Ms. Yamaguchi provided a summary of the Bagley-Keene requirements for public meetings and BVNPT's history during COVID. Ms. Yamaguchi advised BVNPT received greater public participation virtually. Ms. Yamaguchi advised virtual participation allows board members who live in remote areas and members with disabilities to be included which allows greater diversity. She advised the bill was amended to have a 2030 sunset date. Ms. Yamaguchi recommended BVNPT take a position to support this bill.

Ms. Carpenter and Ms. Sonson agreed the committee's recommendation is to support this bill.

4. BVNPT – Elaine Yamaguchi, Executive Officer

Ms. Yamaguchi advised the lack of having a dedicated Leg/Reg position within BVNPT has been detrimental. Ms. Yamaguchi highlighted recent staff legislative training and discussed more training will be provided, both on Legislation and on Regulations.

Ms. Sonson expressed her appreciation for staff training.

5. Suggestions for Future Agenda Items – Ms. Carpenter, Chair

Ms. Carpenter requested staff continue to follow up on the bills discussed today.

6. Schedule Next Legislative and Regulation Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting was scheduled for June 13, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

7. Adjourn Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.