



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

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**DATE:** Thursday, May 15, 2025

**BOARD MEMBERS  
PRESENT:**

Dr. Mountain, President, Education Member  
Mr. Dierking, Vice President, Public Member  
Ms. Carpenter, Public Member  
Ms. Guzman, Licensed Vocational Nurse Member  
Ms. Moore, Psychiatric Technician Member  
Ken Maxey, Public Member  
Ms. Sonson, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ms. Yamaguchi, Executive Officer  
Mr. Ito, Assistant Executive Officer  
Ms. Wood, Enforcement Chief  
Dr. McLeod, Supervising Nursing Education Consultant  
Dr. Fairchild, Nursing Education Consultant  
Ms. Gomez, Nursing Education Consultant  
Ms. Devila, Nursing Education Consultant  
Ms. Silverman, Nursing Education Consultant  
Dr. Swanson, Nursing Education Consultant  
Ms. Barrett, Nursing Education Consultant  
Dr. Thomson, Nursing Education Consultant  
Mr. Gonzales, Education Analyst  
Mr. Weiler, Administration Manager  
Ms. Brady, Board Administration Analyst

**DCA STAFF PRESENT:** Ms. Butu, Board General Counsel

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

Dr. Mountain called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Dr. Mountain shared housekeeping instructions and information pertaining to the meeting.  
Absent Members: Ms. Nieblas.

## **Agenda Item 2      Introduction of Board Staff**

Ms. Yamaguchi introduced the Board staff and welcomed the General Counsel, Ileana Butu. Ms. Yamaguchi also introduced Mr. John Russell, who has been appointed as the Board's Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) and will serve as an observer during the board meeting. Ms. Yamaguchi introduced Mr. D'Braunstein who was the former president for the Board.

## **Agenda Item 3      Morning Session - Presentation National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)**

### **A.      Opportunities to engage with NCSBN & Knowledge Network:**

Alicia Byrd presented the resources that NCSBN offers to board members and staff, aiming to foster greater engagement with the organization. She provided an update on a program called Passport, which serves as an identity management system. Ms. Byrd clarified that while members can create a passport account, it is not necessary to access most resources and services.

Additionally, Ms. Byrd discussed the International Center for Regulatory Scholarship (ICRS) for Leadership Development. This initiative includes e-learning courses designed to enhance knowledge, skills, and networking opportunities, thereby supporting leadership development.

Ms. Byrd informed us about a journal focused on nursing regulation, as well as the availability of external speakers, which presents an excellent opportunity for networking and information sharing. Ms. Byrd provided us with an update on the NCSBN newsletter, which offers a variety of resources to help us stay engaged and informed about national developments, international news, and activities within NCSBN membership.

Nicole Livanos presented on the NCSBN Government Affairs Department, discussing key legislative issues the office is currently monitoring. NCSBN is focused on identifying new trends and patterns at both the state and federal levels. Ms. Livanos highlighted the increasing popularity of bills aimed at establishing uniform licensure recognition across states, noting that these bills often fall into various categories.

Ms. Livanos explained that NCSBN tracks legislation impacting the board of nursing, including both structural and regulatory processes. The organization is also vigilant about occupational licensure trends and is proactive in identifying any proposed updates to legislation or policy.

Ms. Livanos provided an update on NCSBN's involvement with the Nurse Licensure Compact and the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Compact. The organization is also monitoring developments in other professions that are creating interstate compacts, observing how these compacts operate as they come into effect. Ms. Livanos informed us that efforts are being made towards uniformity in the licensing, education, and regulation of advanced practice registered nurses. Actions taken include implementing protections and disciplinary measures for providers of reproductive health care services. Ms. Livanos updated that is an area we have been monitoring closely, particularly in terms of state legislation. Additionally, there is attention on assistive personnel, such as home health aides and those administering medications.

Jim Cleghorn introduced himself as the Deputy Chief Officer of Policy Research and Education at NCSBN. Mr. Cleghorn explained that his division operates within the Government Affairs Department, the Journal of Nursing Regulation, the research team, and the ICRS program mentioned earlier by Alicia. Mr. Cleghorn provided an update that several years ago, NCSBN conducted an analysis of specific military health occupation curricula. This analysis was designed to guide the boards of nursing in understanding which military programs are comparable to their own.

**Board Discussion:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

Ms. Carpenter inquired whether the NCSBN collaborates with California firms or legislation. Ms. Livanos responded that they only engage lobbying firms in states that are part of their campaign efforts. She noted that California has not been a campaign state for NCSBN, nor for any of their nurse licensure compact, APRN compact, or Nursing America campaigns.

#### **Agenda Item 4      Recess / Adjourn Meeting**

Ms. Butu reminded the Board members and staff that since we have a quorum present with more than two members, any discussions should be limited to personal or family matters, rather than work-related topics.

The open session was completed, and the meeting was recessed at 10:52 a.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Elaine Yamaguchi**  
Executive Officer

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dr. Carel Mountain, Education Member**  
Board President