



**Washington State Board of Nursing
Licensing Subcommittee Minutes
December 19, 2023 1: 00 pm to 2: 00 pm**

Committee Members: Dawn Morrell, BSN, CCRN, RN, Chair
Adam Canary, LPN
Helen Myrick, Public Member
Yvonne Strader, RN, BSN, BSPA, MHA
Jacob Garcia, MBA, MSN, RN, PCCN

Staff: Amber Zawislak-Bielaski, MPH, Assistant Director of Licensing
Shana Johnny, MN, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant, Ad- Hoc
Karl Hoehn, JD, Assistant Director of Discipline- Legal Services
Miranda Bayne, Staff Attorney
Jessilyn Dagum, Policy Analyst
Lori Underwood, Licensing Supervisor

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I. 1:00 PM Opening – Dawn Morrell, BSN, CCRN, RN Subcommittee Chair

- **Roll Call**
- **Call to Order** - Board Member Dawn Morrell, Board Member Helen Myrick, Board Member Yvonne Strader, Board Member Adam Canary, Mr. Karl Hoehn, Ms. Amber Zawislak-Bielaski, Ms. Lori Underwood

II. Standing Agenda Items

- **Announcements/Hot Topic/NCQAC Business Meeting Updates** - Board Member Morrell asked the committee if there were any topics to be discussed, no topics were brought forward.
- **Approve Minutes for October 17, 2023** - Board Member Canary moved with a second from Board Member Strader to approve the minutes for October 17, 2023.

III. Old Business

- **Temporary Practice Permit Rules** – Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski provided an update on where we were on the Temporary Practice Permit rules. Ms. Dagum completed all her work on the documentation and moved forward with processing. Board member Morrell added that we should hear more about this in the upcoming January business meeting.

IV. New Business

- **Governor's Weekly Report** – Ms. Underwood provided an update on the Governor's report. She shared that we remain under the seven days to issue a temporary practice permit and that currently we are at four days. She continued to provide application numbers indicating that we have seen a significant drop

in applications since we became part of the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) in July. Ms. Underwood also shared that she had reached out to our Research unit to get an idea of how many multistate nurses we have working here in Washington. The research unit shared that about three thousand, eight hundred one nurses have self-reported as practicing here on their multistate license. Board member Morrell asked if there were any questions regarding the report before moving on to the next agenda. No questions were brought forward.

- **Nurse Licensure Compact Implementation Update** – Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski provided an update on phase two of the NLC implementation. She shared that we have been in communications with our IT department, as well as OLIC, and NCSBNs IT staff. We continue to work together in making sure that our system and NCSBNs system capture the data of the new multistate licenses when we begin issuing them in January. We have been working with OLIC on building the multistate applications in the online portal. Once they have completed their build, they will let us know so we can begin our testing. Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski continued the update by adding that right now, we are in a waiting period for everything to be built and then come together. She also added that we will be having onsite training for our licensing staff before we go live. Board member Morrell asked when our “go live” date would be. Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski replied that our “go live” date will be January 31st. Board member Morrell also advised the committee that we already have our first multistate applicant, Board member Quiana Daniels. Board member Morrell also asked if there would be a problem with applicants who do not have a social security number. Mr. Hoehn spoke to this by explaining that we cannot issue a multistate license to individuals who do not have a social security number. Board member Morrell advised that there may be a bill that addresses this. Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski explained that there is draft legislation that may impact that. The bill would require boards to still issue a credential to individuals with no social security number, not a citizen, and their primary state of residence was Washington state. She continued to add that perhaps the plan would be to send some amending language to address that for the compacts. Board member Strader advised that this was a house bill and Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski attempted to research what the name of the bill was. Mr. Hoehn added that this bill should not affect our ability to issue a single state license, only multistate licenses. Board member Strader suggested this be something we watch on the Legislative Panel. Ms. Zawislak-Bielaski advised that this was House Bill 1889.

V. Ending Items

- **Public Comment** - None
- **Review of Actions**
- **Meeting Evaluation** - All
- **Date of Next Meeting** - February 20, 2024
- **Adjournment** 1:14 PM