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CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING
BOARD OF NURSE REGULATION AND EDUCATION

May 11, 2026
8:45 AM

THREE CAPITOL HILL
DOC CONFERENCE ROOM
BASEMENT FLOOR
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tracey Ginaitt, RN, Clinical – President
Karen Flynn, CRNA, Vice President
James Conway, RN – Secretary
Brianna Girardi, Member, General Public
Patrick Kelly, member, General Public
Mary Leveillee RN, Education Program
Amanda Matteson, RN, Education Program
Thomas Stegnicki, RN Clinical

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Shannon Korzeniowski RN, Education Program
Samantha Saccoccia, APRN
Sherri Sprague, RN, CNO

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lynda D'Alessio, Director
Lauren Lasso, Board Manager
David Marzilli, Legal Counsel

OPEN SESSION

- 1) A meeting of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was held on Monday, May 11, 2026, at the Rhode Island Department of Health DOC Conference Room,
Motion made by Mary Leveillee and seconded by Briana Girardi. The Board voted unanimously to call the meeting to order. Motion carried 8 to 0 at 0851 hrs.

2) Presentation of April 13, 2026, Open Session meeting minutes, including motion to accept the minutes as presented (or if the minutes are modified by the Board, to accept the minutes as amended).

Motion made by Mary Leveille and seconded by Amanda Matteson. The Board voted unanimously to accept minutes. Motion carried 8 to 0

3) Nursing Director's Report by Director D'Alessio

- a) Director D'Alessio presented and reviewed how Board of Nursing throughout the United States differ in roles and aspects of nursing. Asked each Board member to review.

4) Board President's Report

- a) Pursuant to 3.11-.2(G)(2) the Board reviewed the Annual Report submitted by the schools of nursing.

Providence College

Motion to approve report as amended Amanda Matteson seconded by Karen Flynn
motion 8/0

All respective schools have submitted their Annual Reports.

- b) Discussion and possible vote on whether clinical education provided in Rhode Island requires approval by the Board. After discussion it was decided to look at other States and their requirements. Will review at meeting in June 2026.
- c) Pursuant to 216-RICR-40-5-3 discussion and possible vote on the proposal for Providence College and Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions direct entry nurse practitioner program. Will be discussed at the meeting in June 2026

5) Legal Report

- a) Discussion on granting a nursing license to an Operation Nightingale participants. There was discussion on what informative questions will need to be asked when reviewing possible candidates

6) Public comment

- a) Public comments surrounding the use of Artificial Intelligence in test taking by students. Many schools are being challenged by students using AI in all forms such as glasses, ear pieces, or others being able to log into the computer to take a test for some else. More discussion is needed.
- b) When will annual letters would be sent out to the respective educational institutions
- c) Colleges and universities are struggling to find placement for their students

7) Motion to convene into Closed Session

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Board is going into closed session for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, or physical or mental health of affected person or persons. Said individuals received advance written notice of this meeting, were advised that RIDOH intended to address certain matters pertaining to them in closed session, and that they could require that the matters be addressed in open session instead.

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Board is going into closed session for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

The investigative committees will be conducting three (3) scheduled appearances, seven (7) application reviews, and nine (9) potential disciplinary case reviews.

Motion made by Amanda Matteson and seconded by Thomas Stegnicki to approve convene.

Motion passed 8 to 0 at 1025 hrs

8) Return to Open Session and report votes taken in closed session.

Motion to convene into Open Session by Amanda Matteson and seconded by Brianna Girardi

Board voted 8/0 at 1538 hrs

Report out

Cases reviewed 2 No UPC 0 UPC 4 Further action

Appearances 0 No UPC 0 UPC 1 Further action 0 Rescheduled

Consents to Ratify 1

Transcripts reviewed 1 Approved 1 Incomplete 3 Does not meet

9) Motion to seal the Closed Session minutes

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4(a)(b), 42-46-5, and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Board has voted to seal the minutes of the Closed Session.

Motion made by Thomas Stegnicki and seconded by Patrick Kelly to seal the minutes of the Closed Session. Motion passed 8 to 0 at 1538 hrs

10) Motion to adjourn

Motion made by Brianna Girardi and seconded by Mary Leveillee to adjourn

Motion passed 8/0 at 1539 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda D'Alessio

Director, Nurse Registration and Nursing Education

Center for Professional Boards and Licensing

