



Arkansas Department of Health

Arkansas State Board of Nursing
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Governor Asa Hutchinson
José R. Romero, MD, Secretary of Health
Sue A. Tedford, MNSc, APRN, Director

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

TIME AND PLACE:	July 30, 2021 VIRTUAL through Zoom
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Michael Burdine, RN; Lance Lindow, RN; Janice Ivers, MSN, RN, CNE; Stacie Hipp, APRN; Jasper Fultz, LPN; Melanie Garner, LPN, CLC; Yolanda Green, LPN; Ramonda Housh, MNSc, APRN, CNP, C-PNP
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Neldia Dycus, BS, MHSM, MHRD, RN; Rachel Sims, BSN, RN
STAFF ATTENDING:	Sue A. Tedford, Director, MNSc, APRN

President Lance Lindow called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. A flexible agenda was declared.

Sue Tedford, Director, informed the Board Governor Hutchinson declared a State of Emergency yesterday and requested the Board present actions that can be taken in order to increase the number of nurses at the bedside. A request to waive the following Rules has already be submitted to the Governor's office:

- Requirements for continuing education, including the refresher course, will not be required for renewal or reinstatement
- Requirements for continuing education, including the refresher course, will not be required for endorsement applicants
- Proof of Primary State of Residence will not be required, and an AR single state license will be issued to anyone who is qualified and does not hold a multistate license
- Students may receive reimbursement for educational preceptorship
- The limit on the amount of simulation used for clinical hours has been removed

The Governor has requested that the Board issue a license to nursing students prior to graduation. Following a lengthy discussion, the following motions were made:

MOTION: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing issue Medication Assistant certifications to nursing students who meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled in their final semester of a nursing program (PN or RN)
- Be in good standing in the nursing program
- Allowed to practice in any setting
- Limit scope of practice to current MA-C scope and duties which can be performed by an unlicensed staff

Brought by Janice Ivers and seconded by Jasper Fultz.

PASSED

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MOTION: I MOVE that the Arkansas State Board of Nursing issue an RN temporary permit to students who meet the following criteria:

- Licensed LPN enrolled in their final semester of an RN nursing program
- Be in good standing in the nursing program
- Complete the required criminal records check
- Not be under any Board action including the alternative to discipline program

Brought by Ramonda Housh and seconded by Jasper Fultz.

PASSED

The Board requested the following information to be obtained by ASBN staff:

- What are the needs of the hospitals related to staffing
- What are the possible number of students that would qualify for the above two options
- Are other professions (physicians, respiratory therapist, etc.) being asked to license students
- What issues, if any, have been noted in other states that have licensed students

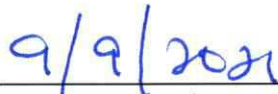
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.



Lance Lindow, President



Sue Tedford, Recording Secretary



Date Approved