

STATE OF MAINE
NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS LICENSING BOARD

Minutes of April 22, 2015 Board Meeting

Members Present: Gail Winchell, Tamra Deering, Michelle Belhumeur,
Leo Bouchard, Gail Hillstrom, and Dennis Brockway.

Others Present: Torrey Gray, Board Administrator; Amanda Scott, Board Clerk;
Merica Tripp; Michael Miller, AAG; and Lauren LaRochelle,
AAG

Members Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

Gail Winchell, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In a motion made by Leo Bouchard and seconded by Dennis Brockway, the Board voted to approve the February 25, 2015 minutes as written.

Vote: 6 in favor

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION(S)

AAG – Lauren LaRochelle

Michael Miller, Assistant Attorney General, introduced Assistant Attorney General Lauren LaRochelle. Lauren LaRochelle will be taking over the position of Assistant Attorney General for the Nursing Home Administrators Board.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION(S)

Deborah Riddell

The Respondent submitted a Motion for Reconsideration of the Board's Preliminary Denial of her Multi-Level Long Term Administrators application for examination and reinstatement of licensure.

In a motion made by Leo Bouchard and seconded by Dennis Brockway, the Board voted to approve the application for reinstatement of licensure.

Vote: 5 in favor (1 opposed – Tamra Deering)

In a motion made by Gail Hillstrom and seconded by Dennis Brockway, the Board voted to waive the State Law and Rule examination for licensure.

Vote: 5 in favor (1 opposed – Tamra Deering)

Complaint Presentation(s)

2014-NHA-10291

A complaint was filed against a Multi-Level Long Term Care Administrator for deficiencies found by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) during the survey process.

In a motion made by Gail Hillstrom and seconded by Dennis Brockway, the Board voted to offer a Consent Agreement to include an admission a reprimand, an additional twenty-four (24) continuing educational units above the required annual continuing educational units required, and a fine in the amount of \$1000.00 for the violations.

Vote: 5 in favor (1 recused – Tamra Deering)

2014-NHA-10752

A complaint was filed against a Multi-Level Long Term Care Administrator alleging unprofessional conduct.

In a motion made by Leo Bouchard and seconded by Michelle Belhumeur, the Board voted to dismiss the complaint.

Vote: 3 in favor (3 recused – Tamra Deering, Gail Hillstrom, and Gail Winchell)

RULEMAKING DISCUSSION

The Board reviewed and made revisions to the draft rules. The revisions will be reviewed and further changes will be made at the next scheduled meeting.

DEEMED STATUS REQUEST(S)

Maine Health Care Association

In a motion made by Leo Bouchard and seconded by Gail Hillstrom, the Board voted to grant Deemed Status to Maine Health Care Association for the licensure cycle of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Vote: 6 in favor

OTHER BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIT Report

There are currently three (3) Administrators-In-Training.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Torrey Gray, Board Administrator, welcomed Assistant Attorney General Lauren LaRochelle.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, in a motion made by Tamra Deering and seconded by Gail Hillstrom, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:56 a.m.