

**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE MAINE STATE BOARD OF NURSING SPECIAL ON-
LINE MEETING**

March 4, 2022
8:00 AM-4:30 PM

Due to the February 15, 2022 written directive by Valerie Fuller, Board Chair, in consultation with Kim Esquibel, Executive Director, a meeting of the Maine State Board of Nursing was held virtually on March 4, 2022. This on-line meeting was called to order on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 8:03 AM by Kathleen McManus, RN – Acting Chair, after reaffirming the existence of an emergency, and that it was necessary to conduct this meeting by remote methods in accordance with the requirements of 1 M.R.S. § 403-B and the Board’s Remote Participation Policy.

INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF:

Kathleen McManus, RN – Acting Chair, introduced the other Board members present and confirmed a quorum. Each Board member identified his/herself for the public by raising a hand so that it showed on the video and then introduced him/herself by describing in what capacity he/she sits on the Board. The following Board members were present:

Ashley Dudley, RN
Deborah Sanford, RN
August Dow, LPN
Cynthia Murray Beliveau – Public Member

Kathleen McManus, RN – Acting Chair, introduced the following board staff members virtually present at the meeting.

Board Executive Director Kim Esquibel
Board Assistant Executive Director Jessica Richardson
Board Secretary Associate Veronica Cochrane (electronic operator of the meeting)
Board Probation Compliance Officer Deanna Larsen
Board Investigator Cindy Griffin
Assistant Attorney General Jim Bowie

ADJUDICATORY HEARING

8:00AM 2020-61 (Melissa Kempton)

An Adjudicatory Hearing was held by the Maine State Board of Nursing via a Zoom platform on Friday, March 4, 2022, regarding **Melissa Kempton**. The hearing commenced at 8:09 AM with Rebekah Smith presiding as the Hearing Officer.

In a motion made by Deborah Sanford and seconded by Ashley Dudley, the Board voted to deny Ms. Kempton’s request to dismiss new allegations.

A recess was called by Hearing Officer Smith at 8:50 am.

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F), in a motion made by Kathy McManus and seconded by Ashley Dudley, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session so that the Board may hear and discuss an individual's health care information that is confidential pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C(2), and constitutes confidential personal health information that is being submitted to the Board as part of this proceeding which is also addressing this Licensee's application for reinstatement of her license pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2109 at 9:02 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Ashley Dudley – In favor
Deborah Sanford – In favor
August Dow – In favor
Cynthia Murray-Beliveau – In favor
Kathy McManus – In favor

The motion passed 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

A recess was called by Hearing Officer Smith at 9:22 AM.

At 10:43 AM, in a motion made by Kathy McManus and seconded by Deborah Sanford, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session.

Roll Call Vote: Ashley Dudley – In favor
Deborah Sanford – In favor
August Dow – In favor
Cynthia Murray-Beliveau – In favor
Kathy McManus – In favor

The motion passed 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

Pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405(6)(F), in a motion made by Kathy McManus and seconded by Ashley Dudley, the Board voted unanimously to go into executive session so that the Board may hear and discuss an individual's health care information that is confidential pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C(2), and constitutes confidential personal health information that is being submitted to the Board as part of this proceeding which is also addressing this Licensee's application for reinstatement of her license pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 2109 at 11:07 AM.

Roll Call Vote: Ashley Dudley – In favor
Deborah Sanford – In favor
August Dow – In favor
Cynthia Murray-Beliveau – In favor
Kathy McManus – In favor

The motion passed 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

At 1:42 PM, in a motion made by Kathy McManus and seconded by Deborah Sanford, the Board voted to continue the hearing and set the hearing date for April 21, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:
Deborah Sanford – In favor
Ashley Dudley – In favor
August Dow – In favor
Cynthia Murray-Beliveau – In favor
Kathleen McManus – In favor

The motion passed 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

ADJOURNMENT

In a motion made by Deborah Sanford and seconded by Ashley Dudley, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:44 PM.

Roll Call Vote:
Deborah Sanford – In favor
Ashley Dudley – In favor
August Dow – In favor
Cynthia Murray-Beliveau – In favor
Kathleen McManus – In favor

The motion passed 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Board Meetings: March 24-25, 2022
June 9-10, 2022
September 15-16, 2022
December 1-2, 2022

Special Meetings: April 21, 2022
May 13, 2022


Kathleen McManus, RN - Secretary 3/29/2022
(On behalf of the Board) Date