

**VIRGINIA COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine was convened at 9:01 A.M., February 28, 2024 in Board Room 2, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindy M. Swineford, RN, MSN, CNE; Board of Nursing - **Chair**
Helen M. Parke, DNP, FNP; Board of Nursing
Blanton Marchese; Board of Medicine
Randy Clements, DPM; Board of Medicine
Karen Ransone, MD; Board of Medicine

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kevin E. Brigle, PhD, RN, ANP
David A. Ellington, MD
Jean Snyder DNaP, CRNA
Adam T. Kaul, MD
Mark Coles, RN, BA, MSN, NP-C
Komkwuan P. Paruchabutr, DNP, FNP-BC, WHNP-BC, CNM- **joined at 9:03 A.M.**

STAFF PRESENT: Jay P. Douglas, RN, MSM, CSAC, FRE; Executive Director
Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP; Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice
Tamika Claiborne, Senior Licensing and Discipline Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General; Board Counsel
Arne Owens, DHP Director
James Jenkins, Jr., RN, DHP Chief Deputy
Erin Barrett, DHP Director of Legislative Affairs and Policy
William L. Harp, MD, Executive Director; Board of Medicine – **joined at 9:33 A.M.**

IN THE AUDIENCE: Christopher Fleury, Medical Society of Virginia (MSV)
Matthew Novak, Assistant to the DHP Director of Legislative Affairs and Policy
Jen Deschenes, Deputy Executive Director; Board of Medicine

INTRODUCTIONS: Committee members, Advisory Committee members, and staff members introduced themselves.

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A QUORUM: Ms. Swineford called the meeting to order and established that a quorum was present.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Ms. Swineford acknowledged new Committee and Advisory Members.

DIALOGUE WITH AGENCY DIRECTOR: Mr. Owens reported the following:

- **General Assembly** – will wrap up soon; APRN bills went to Senate/House became Dead Bill to consolidate Nursing and Medicine Joint Boards into Board of Nursing only. Bill to Transition down from 5 years to 3 years will likely sign into law. Governor supports both bills.

STAFF REPORTS: Dr. Hills provided update on new profession-Licensed Certified Midwife and the APRN tab on the Board of Nursing website and APRN Licensure and Discipline update.

Blanton Marchese asked if we know where the new licensees will be working.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were received.

LEGISLATION/
REGULATIONS: **Chart of Regulatory Actions:**
Ms. Barrett reviewed the Chart of Regulatory Actions.

Report of the 2024 General Assembly (GA):
Ms. Barrett reviewed the 2024 GA report and noted that the report included dead bills also.

Mr. Owens and Ms. Barrett reiterated that the administration supported all APRN bills.

RECESS: The Committee recessed at 9:38 A.M.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened at 9:50 A.M.

NEW BUSINESS: **Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC) Reports:**

- ❖ APRN Workforce Report: 2023
- ❖ APRN Specialties Comparison Report: 2023

Dr. Hodgdon presented the key findings of the 2023 reports:
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Workforce: 2023

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Workforce: Comparison by Specialty – 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN – ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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Ms. Swineford asked for updates from the Advisory Committee Members.

Dr. Snyder discussed consultation and not collaboration

Mr. Coles reported on FDP especially military struggles and the 50th anniversary of VCNP is upcoming.

Dr. Kaul reported on advocacy crisis services and the shortage of ED APRNs and ECO/TDO processes uphill.

Dr. Brigle discussed the APRNs retention is a problem.

Ms. Paruchabutr discussed issues with autonomous practice.

Dr. Ellington reported that APRN were well represented at VA Family Physicians.

Ms. Swineford thanked Advisory Committee Members for their participation.

Members of the Advisory Committee, Dr. Harp, and the public left the meeting at 10.55 A.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

Robin L. Hills, DNP, RN, WHNP
Deputy Executive Director for Advanced Practice