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Identification of the Board

Board Member	Duty Station	Date Appointed	Term Expires
Lena M. Lafferty Registered Nurse	Anchorage	May 24, 2019	Mar 1, 2026
Jody Miller LPN	Haines	Mar 23, 2022	Mar 1, 2024
Wendy Monrad Advanced Nurse Practitioner	Anchorage	Jan 25, 2019	Mar 1, 2024
Danette Schloeder Registered Nurse – Chair	Anchorage	Mar 1, 2019	Mar 1, 2023
Julie Tisdale Public Member	Anchorage	Mar 1, 2019	Mar 1, 2023
Vacant RN/Baccalaureate Education			
Vacant Public Member			

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Identification of Staff

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Narrative Statement

The Annual Report reflects the Alaska Board of Nursing's support for acceptable standards in nursing practice and nursing education in Alaska. The members of the Board take their responsibility to protect the public very seriously. The Board continued to take decisive action in response to the continued COVID-19 pandemic to reflect their commitment to ensuring Alaskans have access to care in the face of a global health pandemic. The number of nursing licenses issued in FY 2022 increased by almost 20%. This significant increase coupled with continual board staffing shortages presented many challenges this past year. However, the Board looks forward to another year of service to the Alaskan consumers of nursing care.

The Board of Nursing has over 20,000 total active licensees in six distinct categories: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses and Certified Nurse Aides, Retired Registered Nurses and preceptorship approval for Advanced Practice Nursing students. The Board grants various types of annual approval to three schools of nursing in Alaska and ensures that nursing education standards are maintained to ensure safe healthcare for the citizens of Alaska. The Board of Nursing's notable accomplishments during FY 2022 include:

- Regulation projects
 - Modernized APRN regulations
 - Added morphine milligram equivalent (MME) requirements for prescribing to mirror other health professions
 - Streamlined CNA renewal requirements
 - Updated CNA by endorsement requirements
 - Added a Military Courtesy License
 - Approval of specific military education for LPNs
 - Reduced professional activity hours from 60 to 30
- Emergency regulations projects
 - Emergency Courtesy Certificates for CNAs
 - Expedited CNA training program (75 hour program)
 - Reduced requirements for Temporary Permits
- Continued support of Nurse Licensure Compact
- Active support of HB 392 to allow APRNs to sign death certificates and other end of life care
- Hired new Executive Administrator
- Chair Schloeder served as Area 1 representative on NCLEX Exam Committee
- Education member, Cathy Hample served on the NCLEX Item Review subcommittee
- APRN member, Wendy Monrad participated in the APRN Alliance Telehealth Working Group
- RN member, Lena Lafferty led the LPN Military Education workgroup
- Participation in Alaska PDMP workgroup, Board Chairs meeting, & APRN Alliance meeting
- Advanced Alternative to Discipline program efforts
- Facilitated annual CNA conference
- Chair Schloeder testified to House Labor and Commerce Committee on barriers to licensing

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Narrative Statement (continued)

- Signed the joint board letter regarding the prevention and treatment of COVID
- Drafted an advisory opinion in support of school nursing delegation
- Completed 325 decisions on investigative cases

The Board of Nursing conducted 8 videoconference meetings during FY 2022:

- August 4-5, 2021
- September 3, 2021
- September 28, 2021
- November 3-4, 2021
- November 21, 2021
- February 16-17, 2022
- April 19, 2022
- May 4-5, 2022

After approval, the meeting minutes are posted on the Board of Nursing website: BON Meeting Minutes. An extensive range of issues were addressed by the Board of Nursing at its meetings which are detailed in the minutes and this report.

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2023

Budget Recommendations section anticipates the board's fiscal priorities for the upcoming year. Please complete all parts of this section with details about anticipated meetings, conferences, memberships, supplies, equipment, to other board requests. Meeting expenses that are being funded through third-party reimbursement or direct booking must be identified separately from expenses paid through license fees (receipt-supported services or RSS). Be sure to explain any items listed as "other" so they may be tracked appropriately.

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
August 3, 2022	Anchorage	7	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare (For 1 staff member flying from Ketchikan) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel (4 nights) <input type="checkbox"/> Ground <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days			Total Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
November 2, 2022	Anchorage	7	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel <input type="checkbox"/> Ground <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days			Total Estimated Cost: \$0.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
February 1, 2023	Juneau	7	2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days			\$3,400.00 \$3,400.00 \$120.00 \$224.00 Total Estimated Cost: \$7,144.00

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Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 3, 2023	Anchorage	7	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel <input type="checkbox"/> Ground <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Lunch for 7 board members for 2 days			
Total Estimated Cost:			\$0.00

Travel Required to Perform Examinations			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable			
Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare: <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel: <input type="checkbox"/> Ground: <input type="checkbox"/> Conference: <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Total Estimated Cost:			\$ 0.00

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2023 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel (Rank in order of importance)

#1 Rank in Importance or Not Applicable

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
August 16, 2022	Chicago	1	1

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Annual Meeting and Delegate Assembly of the National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).
Regulatory, practice, education, and discipline issues. Alaska has two delegates for voting.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$200.00		\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,100.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#2 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Mar 28, 2023	Seattle	1	1

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

2023 NCSBN Midyear Meeting

NCSBN meeting of all Board Chairs and Executive Officers. Regulatory issues, practice, education and discipline issues are discussed. Opportunity for sharing of solutions to common problems.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$200.00		\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$300.00		\$300.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#3 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Jun 20, 2023	Chicago		1

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Executive Officer Summit

Annual meeting of Executive Officers to discuss regulatory, programmatic, and licensing issues and solutions.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$600.00	\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$600.00	\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$100.00		\$100.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#4 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Jan 17, 2023	Chicago	1	

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

NCLEX Exam Committee

Danette Schloeder is the area 1 representative on this committee

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$600.00	\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$400.00	\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel
#5 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
April 18, 2023	Chicago	1	

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

NCLEX Exam Committee

Danette Schloeder is the area 1 representative on this committee

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$600.00	\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$400.00	\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#6 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Apr 12, 2023	Chicago	1	

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

APRN Roundtable

Meeting of regulators, national certifications, and stakeholders in the APRN consensus model.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:		\$800.00		\$800.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$200.00		\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#7 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Oct 19, 2022	Helena, Montana		1

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Executive Officer Mentor Program

NCSBN facilitates a mentor program for new executive officers which includes a site visit to the mentor EO's board. This trip will include participation in the Montana Board of Nursing quarterly meeting and a site visit to a school of nursing.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:		\$500.00		\$500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:		\$500.00		\$500.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#8 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Nov 2, 2022	St. Augustine FL		1

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

NCSBN Leadership & Public Policy Conference

Opportunity to learn from national nursing leaders on public policy, leadership skills, and legislative strategies.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:		\$600.00		\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:		\$400.00		\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$100.00		\$100.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#9 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Sept 14-16	Chicago	1	

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee

Chair Schloeder is the Chair of the NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee which meets annually to review NCLEX questions.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$600.00	\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$400.00	\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#10 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 31-June 2, 2023	Chicago	1	

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee

Chair Schloeder is the Chair of the NCLEX Item Review Subcommittee which meets annually to review NCLEX questions.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$600.00	\$600.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$400.00	\$400.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$100.00		\$100.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$200.00		\$200.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,300.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

#11 Rank in Importance

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
May 24-25	Chicago		2

Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Discipline Case Management Conference/Discipline Training

This meeting provides training specific to Board of Nursing investigators.

Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:			\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:			\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$200.00		\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:				\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$300.00		\$300.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections): Meals				
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00

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Non-Travel Budget Requests

- Not Applicable
 Resources
 Examinations
 Membership
 Training
 Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
AMFTRB Membership	AMFTRB	\$500.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

- Not Applicable
 Cost Per Event:
Number of Events:

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Summary of FY 2023 Fiscal Requests

Board Meetings and Teleconferences:	\$7,144.00
Travel for Exams:	\$0.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel:	\$0.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training:	\$0.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets:	- \$15,500.00
Other:	\$0.00
Total Requested:	-\$8,356.00

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Legislative Recommendations - Proposed Legislation for FY 2023

No Recommendations

The Board has no recommendations for proposed legislation at this time.

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:

The board supports legislation to adopt the Nurse Licensure Compact Explore change to statute that requires national accreditation for endorsement licenses.

Change board make up to allow for an LPN or CNA in the LPN seat

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Regulation Recommendations - Proposed Regulations for FY 2023

No Recommendations

The Board has no recommendations for proposed regulations at this time.

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed regulations:

- Alternative to Discipline Program
- Review nursing school curriculum requirements in regulation
- Regulations on APRN signing DNR, end of life
- Telehealth regulations post statute change
- Licensing regulations for LPNs with military education (add one additional schooling option)
- Update annual report requirements and site visits regulations

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Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2022's goals and objectives and how they were met:

- **Alternative to Discipline Program**
Obtained legal opinion stating the board has statutory authority to pursue this program, Executive administrator participated in national conference related to these programs, NCSBN presented to Board on recommendations for an Alternative to Discipline program and identified a doctoral nursing student to help implement this program in Alaska.
- **APRN licensing and practice review**
Completed regulation changes.
- **Buprenorphine by telehealth**
Completed regulation changes.
- **Military LPN education pathway**
Will be complete by end of the fiscal year.

Goals and Objectives (continued)

Part II

FY 2023's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

Describe any strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and required resources:

- Continue efforts to advance the Nurse Licensure Compact
- Implement Alternative to Discipline program
- Reviewing and updating advisory opinions
- Improve communication between the Board and licensees

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Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit: 4/27/2018

Board Sunset Date: 06/30/2025

Audit Recommendation:

The board adopted regulations to comply with all sunset audit recommendations.

Action Taken:

n/a

Next Steps:

n/a

Complete : No Yes **If yes, date completed:**