

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS, AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
ATWOOD OFFICE BUILDING-550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> AVE.  
19<sup>th</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, ANCHORAGE, AK

BOARD OF NURSING  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING  
MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2008

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the professions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a teleconference meeting of the Board of Nursing was held in the Atwood Office Building, 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., 19<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Anchorage, Alaska.

**Friday, September 12, 2008**

**Agenda Item 1      CALL TO ORDER**

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:05p.m.

**Roll Call**

Those present, constituting a quorum were:

Cathy Giessel, ANP, Chairperson, Anchorage  
Beth Farnstrom, RN, Anchorage  
In attendance telephonically:  
JoAnne Bell-Graves, Public Member, Juneau  
Agnes Jack, LPN, Kotzebue

Absent:

Denise Ekstrom, ANP, RN, Anchorage  
Terri Olson, MSN, RN, Nurse Educator, Anchorage  
Joanne Smith, Public Member, Wasilla

Staff present at various times from the Division of Corporations,  
Business and Professional Licensing:

Nancy Sanders, PhD, RN, Executive Administrator  
Richard Younkings, Chief Investigator  
Brian Howes, Investigator

In attendance telephonically:  
Karen Wilke, Paralegal

Roll call attendance was taken.

The Chair defined the scope of today's meeting as limited to disciplinary action only.

**On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, enters into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c) (2) for the purpose of reviewing the cases and reports presented by the investigative team.**

The Board entered into executive session at 12:07 p.m.

Board member Denise Ekstrom joined the executive session at 12:14 p.m. telephonically.

Board member Denise Ekstrom left the meeting for personal reasons at 1:24 p.m.

The Board came out of executive sessions at 1:36p.m.

**On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Jo Anne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Amended Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order in the matter of Audrey Eileen Small, Case No.2304-05-001, ANP licensed # NUR U 524 and RN license # NUR R 18582, hereby adopts the Proposed Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**

**Specific edits will be:**

**Item K, last sentence, amended to state that any problem noted by Dr. Tung would immediately be communicated to the Board of Nursing or its agent.**

**Item L amended to clarify a random obstetric patient record audits of 50% or 15 patients' records, whichever**

is greater, and a random 10% of gynecologic patients' records, all chosen from patients cared for in the previous quarter.

Item O will be amended to clarify a "minimum" of 3 continuing education classes totaling 40 hours.

**On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska will issue a RN license to applicant Curtis Meacham upon receipt of a signed consent agreement that parallels that of Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission Consent Agreement, ending concurrently with the Washington State Consent Agreement and that the Alaska RN license is confined to delivery of educational offerings at his position with Guardian EMS Academy, a division of Guardian Flight, Inc.**

**On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order in the matter of Billie Caye, Case No. 2300-08-018, RN license # NUR R 20869, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Consent Agreement and Proposed Decision and Order in the matter of Sara Ann Ramos, Case No. 2300-08-006, LPN license # NUR P 5584, hereby adopts the Consent Agreement and Decision and Order in this matter.**

**On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska enters default against Nancy Farrington, Case No. 2300-08-014, and that Farrington's RN license # NUR R 4310 is revoked.**

**Notwithstanding AS 44.62.550, the board will allow Farrington to apply for reinstatement of this license within one year of the effective date of this decision, if Farrington provides the board with satisfactory documentation to verify her completion of the required continuing competency activities indicated on her 2006-2008 license renewal application. In addition, Farrington must meet all other requirements under AS 08.68 and 12 AAC 44 for the reinstatement of this license.**

**Under this provision, any reinstatement of this license shall be conditioned subject to: 1. Payment of a civil fine in the amount of \$500 for Farrington's repeated failure to respond to requests for documentation; and 2. a Mandatory audit to monitor compliance with the continuing competency requirements, where satisfactory documentation to verify Farrington's completion of the required continuing competency activities must be received and approved by the Board or its designee prior to the processing of the renewal of her registered nurse license. This audit requirement will remain until Farrington's registered nurse license has been renewed subject to this requirement for two future licensing periods.**

**On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska enters default against Robin L. Korte, Case No. 2300-07-038, and that Korte's RN license # NUR R 12505 is revoked.**

**Notwithstanding AS 44.62.550, the board will allow Korte to apply for reinstatement of this license within one year of the effective date of this decision, if Korte provides the board with satisfactory documentation to**

**verify her completion of the required continuing competency activities indicated on her 2006-2008 license renewal application. In addition, Korte must meet all other requirements under AS 08.68 and 12 AAC 44 for the reinstatement of this license.**

**Under this provision, any reinstatement of this license shall be conditioned subject to: 1. Payment of a civil fine in the amount of \$500 for Korte's repeated failure to respond to requests for documentation; and 2. aMandatory audit to monitor compliance with the continuing competency requirements, where satisfactory documentation to verify Korte's completion of the required continuing competency activities must be received and approved by the Board or its designee prior to the processing of the renewal of her registered nurse license. This audit requirement will remain until Korte's registered nurse license has been renewed subject to this requirement for two future licensing periods.**

**On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, and seconded by Agnes Jack, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing for the State of Alaska, having examined the Surrender of Registered Nurse License, in the matter of Elaine M. Richie, Case No. 2300-08-017, RN license # NUR R 9899, hereby adopts the Surrender of the license in this matter.**

Original documents were signed by the chair, with the exception of the Small case, which will be signed when the edits are made to the Consent Agreement.

**On a motion duly made by Beth Farnstrom, seconded by JoAnne Bell-Graves, and carried unanimously, it was**

**RESOLVED that the Board of Nursing adjourns until 12noon, October 21, 2008, in Fairbanks, Alaska for a Strategic Planning Session followed by the Board of Nursing meeting October 22, 2008 at 9 a.m.**

The Board adjourned at 2:04p.m. until 12 noon., October 21, 2008, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Respectfully submitted:

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Nancy Sanders, Executive Administrator  
Board of Nursing

Approved:

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Cathy Giessel, Chairperson  
Board of Nursing

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