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The Illinois Board of Nursing convened an Open Meeting on Friday, May 1, 2026 at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was held in the IDFPR offices located at 555 W. Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60661 and at 320 W. Washington Street, Springfield, IL 62786. The locations were connected by video conferencing.

A quorum of board members were physically present for the meeting:

Carmella Mikol, Chair	Kristine Tierney, Vice Chair	Dean Baron, Member
Trayce Bartley, Member	Thomas Carroll, Public Member	Ameca Grass, Member
Maria Nardulli, Member	Alpana Patel, Member	Pamela Pearson, Member

Department staff were physically present for the meeting:

Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator
Ricky J Breen Jr, Associate General Counsel
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

Education Committee

Motion made and seconded, in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.230(a), to defer the feasibility study for a new LPN program provided by COLBAR School of Allied Health; at 402 W. Boughton Rd., Bolingbrook, IL 60440. Additional review and consideration is deferred pending receipt of information addressing the deficiencies outlined in correspondence from the Nursing Coordinator. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded, in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.230(a), to approve the feasibility study for a new LPN program provided by U.S. Nursing College at 1108 W. Granville Ave, Chicago, IL 60660. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded, in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.340(n), to approve a new clinical placement in Illinois for nursing students at St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust, Davenport, IA 52803. This approval authorizes student clinical placement at: (1) OSF Healthcare-Peoria, 515 NE Glen Oak Ave, Peoria, IL 61603; (2) OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, 5666 East State St., Rockford, IL 61108; and (3) Swedish American Hospital-UW Health, 1401 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61104. The approval is valid from May 1, 2026, through May 1, 2028. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded, in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.340(n), to approve renewal of a clinical placement in Illinois for nursing students at St. Ambrose University, 518 W. Locust, Davenport, IA 52803. This approval authorizes student clinical placement at: (1) MercyOne Genesis Medical Center, 409 NW Ninth Ave, Aledo, IL 61231; (2) Mercy One Genesis Medical Center, 801 Illini Dr., Silvis, IL 61282; (3) Hammond Henry Hospital, 600 N. College Ave., Geneseo, IL 61254; (4) Trinity UnityPoint, 500 John Deere Rd., Moline, IL 61265;

and (5) Trinity UnityPoint, 2701 17th St., Rock Island, IL 61265. The approval is valid from May 1, 2026, through May 1, 2028. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded, in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.340(n), to approve renewal of a clinical placement in Illinois for nursing students at Indiana State University, 401 N. 4th St., Terre Haute, IN 47809. This approval authorizes student clinical placement at: (1) Herrin Hospital, 201 S. 14th St., Herrin, IL 62948; and (2) Iroquois Memorial Hospital, 200 Fairman Ave., Watseka, IL 60970. The approval is valid from May 1, 2026, through May 1, 2028. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded, in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.340(n), to approve a new clinical placement in Illinois for nursing students at Carthage College, 2001 Alford Park Dr., Kenosha, WI 53140. This approval authorizes student clinical placement at Advocate Condell, 801 S. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville, IL 60048. The approval is valid from May 1, 2026, through May 1, 2028. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded, in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.340(n), to approve renewal of a clinical placement in Illinois for nursing students at Carthage College, 2001 Alford Park Dr., Kenosha, WI 53140. This approval authorizes student clinical placement at: (1) Advocate Lutheran General, 1775 Dempster Ave., Park Ridge, IL 60068; and (2) Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital, 1000 N. Westmoreland Rd., Lake Forest, IL 60087. The approval is valid from May 1, 2026, through May 1, 2028. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion made and seconded, in accordance with 68 IAC 1300.340(n), to approve a new clinical placement in Illinois for nursing students at Hannibal-LaGrange University, 2800 Palmyra Rd., Hannibal, MO 63401. This approval authorizes student clinical placement at Blessing Hospital, 1005 Broadway, Quincy, IL 62301. The approval is valid from May 1, 2026, through May 1, 2028. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve open minutes from Illinois Board of Nursing meetings held on March 6, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Ms. Bromberg shared that NCSBN is proposing an increase to the NCLEX registration fee for exam candidates. The current fee is \$200, and the proposed amount is \$350. This proposal will be voted on at the NCSBN Annual Meeting in August. If approved, the fee increase will take effect in February 2027. Please note that this potential increase is separate from the licensure fees collected by IDFPR.

Ms. Bromberg provided a reminder about the upcoming NCSBN Scientific Symposium, titled '*Illuminating Evidence*', scheduled for July 15, 2026, as well as a separate NCLEX Conference taking place on September 10, 2026.

Ms. Bromberg provided an update on the NCSBN Midyear Meeting held in March 2026, which she attended along with three members of the Illinois Board of Nursing. The meeting covered a wide range of relevant topics, including research supporting evidence-based practice, trends in nursing regulation, the use of AI in nursing, virtual nursing schools, med spas and IV hydration protocols, NURSIS updates, and recent legislative developments.

Closed Session

Motion made and seconded to close the session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(15) and Section 2 (c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act. Roll call vote - Yes: Mikol, Tierney, Baron, Bartley, Carroll, Grass, Nardulli, Patel, Pearson. The motion passed and the session closed at 10:16 a.m.

Return to Open Session

Motion made and seconded to return to open session at 11:27 a.m. Motion passed by voice vote.

Recommendations made in closed session on May 1, 2026

Mr. Breen reported that the Nursing Board made the following recommendations:

Closed Minutes

Board Recommendation: Approve closed minutes from Illinois Board of Nursing meeting held on March 6, 2026.

Enforcement Deliberations

HOLLY MELTON

Case: 2025-01950; License: 041.428598

Board Recommendation: Indefinite suspension for a minimum of 3 months and must provide proof of completing 1 hour of CE related to sexual abuse/harassment.

AMANDA E. YOST

Case: 2025-02316; License: 041.404574

Board Recommendation: Indefinite suspension for a minimum of 6 months.

BRENNASHTON

Case: 2025-04248; License: 041.505753

Board Recommendation: Indefinite suspension for a minimum of 6 months.

DONNA EDNA CARTER

Case: 2025-06809; License: 041.579147

Board Recommendation: Indefinite suspension for a minimum of 6 months.

CONAN DOUGLAS ANGUS

Case: 2025-11567; License: 041.363815

Board Recommendation: Place in refuse to renew status until proof of compliance with Michigan's probation order is established by Respondent.

Motion to Accept Recommendations Made in Closed Session

Motion made and seconded to approve the recommendations made by the Board of Nursing during the closed session meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. Motion passed by voice vote.