

MINUTES OF THE
INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

on
Thursday, June 6, 2024
at 8:30 a.m.

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I. Personal Appearances (8:30 a.m.)

1. David Fuchs: failed to appear on second scheduled appearance. Recommend denial.
2. Emily Weber-Brokke: Weber-Brokke appeared for a positive response on an initial application. She disclosed a 2022 OWI case. She was stopped after drinking at a party. She expressed regret and understanding that she should have stayed at the party. The criminal case has since been resolved. She was alone in the car. She has had no other arrests. She also provided letters of recommendation on her application. The ALJ recommended allowing her to test, issuance free and clear. Mitigating factors: learned from experience.
3. Chukuemeka Oluka: failed to appear on second scheduled appearance. Recommend denial.
4. Ryan Scott: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
5. Tanisha Washington: SSN discrepancy. Washington was not present for entire call. She explained that an old SSN was retired. Her IL license is associated with her retired SSN. The ALJ recommended issuance free and clear.
6. Hilary Steimel: Steimel appeared for a reinstatement application with a license that expired in 2018. She said she worked last in 2013. She is already on probation with the board for a case related to diversion of controlled substances. She was provided with refresher course information already. She completed ISNAP in 2015. She was not certain

of her diagnosis from ISNAP. She then found her ISNAP paperwork and indicated she was not diagnosed with any substance use disorder. She also indicated that she is or was on the OIG Exclusion List and is attempting to get off it. The ALJ recommended placing the license on probation. ISNAP evaluation with RMA if recommended. Probation for length of RMA or 2 years, whichever longer. Active practice. Refresher course with clinical component. No charge nursing, no supervision for first year. No home health, school nursing, hospice. Keep board informed of her information and any changes. Must be supervised for length of probation. Steimel agreed to the terms.

7. Melissa Dillman: Failed to appear on second scheduled appearance. Recommend denial.
8. Brandon Durham: Failed to appear on second scheduled appearance. Recommend denial.
9. Brittany Gauthier: Failed to appear on second scheduled appearance. Recommend denial.
10. Antoinett Walker: Walker appeared for an initial application with a graduation date in 2013. She has never passed NCLEX. The ALJ recommended denial of the application and requiring Walker to return to nursing school.
11. Coreshea Aberdeen: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
12. Keiosha McClendon: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
13. Sydney Andrews - CONTINUED
14. Mia Kary: Kary appeared for a reinstatement application with a license that expired in 2007. She indicated that she didn't renew her license in that time due to cost and the fact that she was a stay at home mom. The ALJ recommended requiring the applicant to complete an NCLEX review course with predictor, take and pass NCLEX, and complete a refresher course with a clinical component, OR return to nursing school.
15. Anna Hoover: Hoover appeared for a personal appearance on an initial application. She disclosed multiple past criminal cases. She had a 2014 theft case, a 2015 illegal consumption case, 2017 OWI case, 2018 OWI case, 2021 battery case, 2022 domestic battery case, and 2023 battery case. According to Hoover, the last 3 cases have been dismissed and are related to an abusive ex-partner. Hoover indicated that some of the alcohol related cases are due to coping with divorce with alcohol. The ALJ recommended allowing applicant to test, with requirement that she get ISNAP evaluation and enter into an RMA if one is recommended. License to be issued on probation for RMA length or 18 months, whichever longer. Active practice for length of probation. Signed board orders, quarterly reports, reporting requirements and keeping the board informed of her information. Aggravating factors: voluminous criminal history, 3 cases that involve alcohol, self report that alcohol use was due to coping.
16. Jennifer Karagiannakis: Karigiannakis appeared with her counsel Andy Karis. She has applied for licensure with a positive response. She was charged with disorderly conduct and was subject to a 6 month deferral agreement. The deferral may be dismissed as of July 11, 2024. She indicated this was all due to a confrontation at a family funeral where emotions were heightened. She reported that she has never been arrested before. The ALJ recommended issuance of a license free and clear. Mitigating factors: arrest was related to private dispute and family matter, dispute was related to high emotion time, no history of criminal conduct, applicant expressed remorse, applicant indicated she would never appear before the board for a similar issue again.

17. Donna L Miller: Failed to appear. Reschedule.
18. Janet Chambers: Chambers appeared for a reinstatement application with a license that expired in 2010. The ALJ recommended requiring the applicant to complete an NCLEX review course with predictor, take and pass NCLEX, and complete a refresher course with a clinical component, OR return to nursing school.
19. Elisha Magill - VACATED
20. Sheena Ringger: Ringger appeared for a reinstatement application with a license that expired in 2011. The ALJ recommended requiring the applicant to complete an NCLEX review course with predictor, take and pass NCLEX, and complete a refresher course with a clinical component, OR return to nursing school.
21. Tyler Greenwell: Greenwell appeared for an initial application for a compact license with a positive response. This was based on a workplace termination in 2021 while working as a nurse. She failed to disclose this issue on her 2023 RN renewal application. She also had a termination from Ascension related to attendance issues. She indicated that she did not intentionally fail to disclose these issues. The ALJ recommended issuance of the compact license.
22. Sara Nawwar: Nawwar appeared for an examination application. She graduated in 2003 with a degree from Egypt in medicine and surgery. She has not obtained a US nursing license. She indicated that she worked in Egypt as the equivalent of a family doctor. She attempted to obtain a US physician license but was unable to meet those requirements. She indicated that she last worked as a physician in 2015. The ALJ recommended denial of the application. The ALJ indicated that her educational documents reflect that she had an education in medicine and surgery.
23. Alexas McNair: McNair appeared for a positive response on her application for licensure. She disclosed 2 criminal cases. The first was in 2020 for OWI. Her BAC was greater than 0.15 but she could not recall the exact amount. Her second criminal case was for OWI as well, in 2022. She was stopped due to falling asleep at a stoplight. BAC was also greater than 0.15. Both cases are resolved. She indicated that she does not have an alcohol problem, both events were following social drinking. The ALJ recommended allowing the applicant to test and issuance of the license on probation. ISNAP evaluation with RMA if one is recommended. Probation for length of 2 years of active practice or RMA length, whichever longer. Signed board orders, quarterly reports, keep board apprised of info, reporting requirements. Aggravating factors: 2 criminal cases that are recent and one after the other, both had BAC higher than 0.15, concerns regarding judgment, minimization of event “it was a long day and I was tired.”
24. Stacy Noe: Noe appeared for an initial application with a positive response. She disclosed a number of criminal cases. She indicated that she is a recovering addict. She indicated that she has been clean since 2010. She was released from prison in 2012. Some of her criminal cases occurred after her sobriety date. She has a 2013 case for visiting a common nuisance. She has 5 convictions for driving without a license, which occurred after her release from prison. She obtained her driver’s license in November 2021. She has had no driving infractions since then. She indicated that she maintains sobriety through her support system, through volunteering at Noble House, and prayer. The ALJ

recommended permitting the applicant to test, with issuance of the license on probation. She must obtain an ISNAP evaluation and enter into RMA if one is recommended. Probation for length of RMA or 3 years, whichever is longer. Active practice for length of probation. Signed board orders and quarterly reports. Reporting requirements and that she keep the Board informed of her information. Aggravating factors: high volume of criminal offenses, discrepancy between sobriety date and subsequent criminal cases that involve substances, concern with respect for authority as illustrated by 5 driving without a license cases between 2009-2016. Mitigating factors: transparency of applicant in spoken and written testimony, current work in volunteering with organizations that assist those with substance use issues.

25. Jasmine Gray: Gray appeared for an examination application with a graduation date in 2008. The ALJ recommended denial of application.
26. Diane Swartzentruber: Swartzentruber appeared for an examination application with 6 previous examination attempts. She indicated that she was instructed to complete a review course on her previous application. She did and failed to pass NCLEX after completing that course. The ALJ recommended denial of application.
27. Shannon Vincent: Vincent appeared for an examination application with a graduation date in 2009. She had taken NCLEX twice. She holds an LPN license, this was an RN application by examination. The ALJ recommended denial of application due to length of time since graduation. ALJ cited the differences between the RN and LPN role.
28. Jessika Myers – VACATED
29. Jamie Hook: Hook appeared for an examination application with a graduation date in 2003. She has never passed NCLEX and has taken the examination 3 times. The last time she took the examination was in December 2004. The ALJ recommended denial of the application.
30. Anthony Munyiri - VACATED