

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

will meet via Teams
Thursday, March 5, 2026
at 8:30 a.m.

ALJ

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

1. Viela Ronquillo, App# 4246028: Viela is appearing for RN application by examination. She graduated from Our Lady of Fatima Valenzuela in 2007. Her education is over 7+ years, she has never sat for the NCLEX. The ALJ Recommends the applicant to return to school.
2. Katrina Alano, App# 4312006 (**TABLED**) Katrina is appearing for RN application by examination – Foreign NE. Her education is over 7+ years, she graduated from Western Mindanao State University in 2007 and passed the California NCLEX in 2008, but was unable to get a license due to not having a SSN#. Since 2008, she has been living and working as a nurse in the Philippines and in 2014, she worked in the United Arab Emirates. She is missing Pediatrics and OB course in her transcript.
3. Martha Gutierrez, App# 4330962: Martha is appearing for RN application by examination. Her education is over 7+ years, she graduated from Medtech College in 2015. She has failed the NCLEX 3 times. The ALJ Recommends the applicant to return to school.
4. Tiffany Woods, App# 4330003: Tiffany is appearing for RN application by examination. Her education is over 7+ years, she graduated from Medtech College in 2015. She has failed the NCLEX 3 times. **Failed to appear. Reschedule.**
5. Melissa Hill, App# 4305127: Melissa is appearing for RN application by examination. Her education is over 7+ years, she graduated from Medtech College in 2013. She has an active LPN license but has failed the RN NCLEX 3 times. The ALJ Recommends the applicant to return to school.

6. Denice Young, App# 4325256: Denice is appearing for LPN application by examination. Her education is over 7+ years, she graduated from Brown Mackey College in 2007. She took the Illinois NCLEX (3) times and failed all 3. The ALJ Recommends the applicant to return to school.
7. Savannah Rowe, App# 4317894: Savannah is appearing for RN application by examination. She graduated from Martin University in December 2025. Positive response regarding criminal matters. In 2012, she was pulled over and they found a marijuana roach. In March of 2018, she was charged with Resisting Law Enforcement 35-44.1-3-1(a)(1)/MA. In July of 2018, she was charged with Driving While Suspended 9-24-19-2/MA. In October of 2019, she was charged with Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated- endangering a person less than 18 years old 9-30-5-2(a)(b)/MA. In January of 2020, she was charged with Driving While Suspended with prior conviction 9-24-19-2/MA. In March of 2021, she was charged with Driving While Suspended with prior conviction 9-24-19-2/MA. In June 2025, she was charged with Identity Deception 35-43-5-3.5(a)/MA. She has pending charges from December 2025 9-30-10-16(a)(1)/F6: Operating a Vehicle as a Habitual Traffic Violator, 9-18.1-11-2(b)(2)/IFC: Operating with Expired Plates and 9-19-11-3.6/IFD: Child Restraint System Violation. She was granted the hardship license last year. She is currently on probation for the identify deception. She believes the pending case will be dismissed. She has taken NCLEX once last week and has failed. She started working in January 2026 at Community Health network as nurse intern. The ALJ recommends to issue the license on probation for not less than 1 year or successful completion of criminal probation, whichever is longest. One year of active nursing practice, quarterly employer reports, signed board order, keep board apprised of new arrests, work discipline, etc. No unsupervised settings including home health or hospice, school nurse. Mitigating factors: transparency, general remorse, no harm to victim.
8. Hannah Grandstaff, App# 4310139: Hannah is appearing for RN application by examination. Positive response regarding a termination. In January 2023, her CNA and QMA certifications were suspended for one year due to neglect and she was terminated from Kokomo Place. Resident A said Resident B needed to go to bathroom. Hannah needed to put dishes up in kitchen before coming back. Resident B was already up walking and nursing got walker and walked her to bathroom. No patients were harmed. She could have reinstated her QMA/CNA but she decided to finish nursing school. She is currently working as an NREMT with IU Health Lifeline since July 2025 while going to IUK for her BS in Nursing. She graduated in December 2025. She took and passed NCLEX in January 2026. She has a job offer for cardiac unit in Methodist hospital. She doesn't have any criminal history and she has not been written up or any work terminations since that event. The ALJ recommends to issue license free and clear. Mitigating factors: transparency, no criminal charges, she has remorse and has taken accountability.
9. Kevin-Jevon Ricketts, App# 4298724: Kevin is appearing for RN application by examination. He graduated in December 2025 from Ivy Tech/Fort Wayne. Positive response regarding criminal matters. In June 2025, he was charged with OWI, 9-30-5-1(b)/MA: Oper Veh w/ Alcohol Concentration Equivalent to .15 or More and 35-48-4-11(a)(1)/MB: Possession of Marijuana. He was granted an interlock device with camera in lieu of license suspension. He had the interlock for (6) months and it was removed in January 2026. He is currently in a drug-court treatment program for 10 months. He completed evaluation and was found to be low risk. He was not the owner of the marijuana, but he was possession of less than 5 grams of gummies. His BAC was .192 when he was arrested. He was speeding and disregarded the traffic light. He was by himself. He had consumed (10) shots in the span of the day. He was dealing with personal life circumstances and

the loss of his grandma. When he has an off day from school or weekend, he would binge drink. He recently passed NCLEX. He will be working on a coronary procedure unit with Parkview. His unit manager and HR are both aware. He has drug court until July 2026. The ALJ recommends license to be issued with 6 months or successful completion of criminal matter, ISNAP evaluation, if RMA is recommended, (3) months of compliance prior to petitioning, 6 months of active practice, quarterly reports, signed board order, keep board apprised of workplace incidents, Mitigating factor: lack of prior criminal record, life events/stresses, no harm to anyone else, credible, drug court evaluated as low risk offender.

10. Stephanie Levell, App# 4352977: Stephanie is appearing for RN application by examination. She graduated in December 2025 at Ivy Tech in Columbus. She has taken NCLEX once and did not pass. Positive response regarding criminal matters. In November 2017 she has multiple charges in Vigo County, including felony possession of methamphetamines, felony maintaining a common nuisance, and misdemeanor possession charges. Matters were resolved in February 2020. Her cousin was dealing and selling. She did not think anything was in the home at the time when the home was raided. Case #84D05-1711-F6-003883. She was snorting and smoking during her addiction. She is currently working at Johnson Memorial Hospital in the Behavior Unit as a graduate nurse. She will be (7) clean in May 2026. She last used May 10, 2019. She attends NA meetings once a week. She went to rehab in Anderson and she changed her people, places and things. She stayed in a halfway house for (6) months. She currently lives in Greenwood. She is currently working as a graduate nurse at Johnson Memorial in the behavioral health unit. The ALJ recommends to issue free and clear. Mitigating factors: has remorse, long-term sobriety, no other criminal actions since then, transparency, her criminal matter has been expunged.
11. Marianne Hutchens, App# 4305521: Marianne is appearing for RN application by examination. She graduated in Dec 2025. She passed NCLEX. Positive response regarding criminal conviction. In August 2016 she was working as a bartender, just had a brake up with her partner and stayed after her shift. She left the bar and was pulled over. She was charged with OWI 9-30-5-2(a)/MA: Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person, 9-30-5-1(b)/MA: Oper Veh w/ Alcohol Concentration Equivalent to .15 or More. In April 2024, was charged again with OWI 9-30-5-2(a) & (b)/MA: Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated Endangering a Person, 9-21-8-2(a)/IFC: Driving Left of Center, 9-19-6-3/IFC: Improper Headlights, 9-30-5-1(a)(1)/MC: Operating a Vehicle with a BAC of .08 or More per Blood. Her adult son called to inform her that her adult daughter was suicidal. Ms. Hutchens had (3) glasses of wine while she was looking for her daughter. She was pulled over and crossed the yellow line and then drove in the grass. BAC .103. No other person was harmed during the incident. She completed a year of probation and Cummins for alcohol treatment. She has remained sober since April 2024 after the 2024 incident. Her daughter is doing well now. She worked full time while going to nursing school. She has changed her lifestyle. She works out and is active in her church. Since January 2018, she has worked in ICU for St. Vincent as a certified nurse assistant. She attends therapy but not addiction related. The ALJ recommends to issue free and clear. Mitigating factors: no harm to any victim, full transparency, sobriety date, attending counseling, lifestyle changes
12. Diamond Meridy, App# 4295700: Diamond is appearing for LPN application by examination. She graduated from Hondros College of Nursing in September 2025. She passed NCLEX in January 2026. Positive response regarding pending criminal matters. In June 2016, she was charged with 35-43-4-2(a)/MA: Theft. In June 2017, she was charged with 35-43-1-2(a)/MA: Criminal Mischief Damage is b/t \$750 & \$50k. In June 2017, she was charged with domestic battery 35-42-2-1.3(a)(1)/MA: Domestic Battery. In December 2022, she was charged with Operating Motor

Vehicle w/o receiving license. In May 2023, July 2023 and September 2023, she has been criminally charged with Operating Motor Vehicle w/o receiving license. In August 2025, her pending charges are 9-26-1-1.1(a)(1)/MB: Leaving the Scene of an Accident Driver fails to immediately stop at the scene, 35-42-2-1(c)(1)/MA: Battery Resulting in Bodily Injury and 35-43-2-1.5/F6: Residential Entry. Her attorney in that matter is Sierra Phillips. There is a protective order against Ms. Meridy to not contact the alleged victim. Ms. Meridy states that the victim was her friend and was mad because she believed Ms. Meridy was talking to a guy she liked. Ms. Meridy went to her home and the friend attacked her. Ms. Meridy left the house. She currently works as a PCA in Michigan since December 2025. Michigan is her home state, and she isn't sure if she will come back to Indiana. She worked at a greenwood nursing home prior to that but she was let go due to the pending charges. They told her she can come back after the charges are dismissed. The ALJ recommends to issue license on probation, for a length of 6 months, 6 months of active practice, quarterly reports, signed board orders. Keep board apprised of contact info, new arrests, terminations, etc. Refer to OAG on the pending criminal matter. Aggravating factors: lengthy criminal history Mitigating factors: transparency, assertion of innocence in pending criminal matter

13. Stephanie Smith, App# 4290855: Stephanie is appearing for LPN application by examination. She graduated in August 2025 from ATA college in KY. Positive response regarding criminal conviction. In December 2010, she entered a plea of guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance as a Class D Felony and Public Intoxication as a Class B Misdemeanor for original charges from August 2009 for possession of a controlled substance, neglect of a dependent and public intoxication. Upon completion of drug treatment, the charges were dismissed. She was also charged with Operating a Vehicle while Intoxicated in August 2010. She was just arrested on Monday for an OWI. She is out on bail. She has been on Methadone for many years. She stopped taking methadone to take the NCLEX. Her last use was last week. She currently works in Hickory Creek in Columbus. She works as a CNA in long term care. The ALJ recommends allowing her to take NCLEX, issue on probation for not less than 3 years, ISNAP evaluation, RMA if required, proof of no RMA if not, (6) months of ISNAP compliance prior to issuing the license on probation. 1 year of active practice with same employer, quarterly reports, signed board orders. Keep board apprised of contact info, new arrests, terminations, etc. Refer pending matter to OAG. Aggravating factors: pending criminal, lengthy criminal, need to protect public.
14. LaShonda Johnson, App# 4332043: LaShonda is appearing for LPN application by examination. She graduated from Ivy Tech in Lawrence in Dec 2025. Positive response regarding criminal matters. In November 2008, she was charged as a Fugitive from Out of State/Felony. In December 2008, charge for Fraud on a Financial Institution/Felony. In September 2010, charged for Battery Resulting in Bodily Injury. She was charged with Theft in December 2010. In December 2016, she was arrested for Forgery, Fraud on a Financial Institution, Identity Deception and Fraud Check. She was arrested in June 2017 for Weapon-Handgun W/O a License, Weapon Possession Firearm by Felon, Public Intoxication and Intimidation – Draws or Uses Deadly Weapon. Ms. Johnson states that is not her and she was never arrested for any violent crimes. She was arrested in April 2025 on 3 charges of Fraud on a Financial Institution and Failure to Appear. She has multiple felony offenses involving financial institutions in other states that are more than 20 years old. She is currently employed with Community Health Network; she has been there since 2019. She was a medical assistant at the cancer center. She then transferred to hospital while in nursing school. She would deposit a check she wrote into her own bank account and then request the money out of the ATM. She has four children, lost her mother and was previously abused by her father. She would do the fraudulent check deposit to help her children and stability. She started going to therapy in 2015. The person she was with filed charges against her. She left Evansville. She will be entering a

diversion agreement for the (3) pending criminal cases. She will also be attending behavior medication classes. She will be in a diversion agreement for 1 year. The ALJ recommendation to allow her to take NCLEX and once she passes, issue license on probation for not less than 2 years or successful completion of all criminal matters, whichever is longest. 1 year of active practice with same employer, quarterly reports, signed board orders. Keep board apprised of contact info, new arrests, terminations, etc. Aggravating: repeated and long-standing criminal history, she received large profits from the events. Mitigating: consistent employment and actively in therapy, will be attending behavior modification classes as a part of diversion agreement

15. Emily Kleffman, App# 4293103: Emily is appearing for RN application by endorsement. Positive response regarding criminal matter. In January 2025, she was charged with Driving Under the Influence in Bloomington. She has completed the court ordered alcohol education classes and is still on court supervision. She was driving home and thought someone was following her. She was driving in the middle of the road. It was a cop. She was pulled over and admitted to drinking having (4) drinks. She was on crutches at the time. BAC was 0.12. She will be done with probation in 8 months. She was deemed low risk and took alcohol classes. She has been working with Community Hospital since June 2025. She also has the interlock on her car. Her attorney told her she didn't need to tell her employer. IL issued her license free and clear in August 2025. Her last drink was a month ago at a family game night. The ALJ recommendation to issue license on probation for 6 months or the successful completion of her criminal matter, whichever is longest. 6 months active practice, quarterly reports, signed board orders. Keep board apprised of contact info, new arrests, terminations, etc. Mitigating: transparency with board, no prior criminal record, no harm to any victims.

II. Probation Withdrawals (10:00 a.m.)

1. In the Matter of the License of Morgan Burnett, 28267486A
Administrative Cause No. 2024 NB 0036
DAG: None
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

2. In the Matter of the License of Stefani Houston, 27050532A
Administrative Cause No. 2014 NB 0329
DAG: Jacy Rush
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN, Alyssa Hamilton, ISNAP

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

3. In the Matter of the License of Heather Parks, 28259362A
Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0101
DAG:
Petitioner:
Exhibit(s):
Witness(es):

The petitioner did not appear. Will reschedule.

4. In the Matter of the License of Megan Parsanko, 28126349A
Administrative Cause No. 2013 NB 594
DAG: August Petrunaro
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN, Alyssa Hamilton, ISNAP

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

5. In the Matter of the License of Ana Maria Ramirez, 28289360A
Administrative Cause No. 2024 NB 0056
DAG: None
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

6. In the Matter of the License of Lparish Wilson, 28260510A/C
Administrative Cause No. 202407-NUR-0129
DAG: Autumn Murphy
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding
Exhibit(s): State Ex. 1, State Ex. 2
Witness(es): Petitioner

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

7. In the Matter of the License of Rebecca Darling, 28277287A
Administrative Cause No. 2022 NB 0093
DAG: None
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN, Alyssa Hamilton, ISNAP

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

8. In the Matter of the License of Shannon Miller, 28258313A
Administrative Cause No. 202405-NUR-0089
DAG: August Petrunaro
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding
Exhibit(s): State Ex. 1
Witness(es): Petitioner

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

9. In the Matter of the License of Tracy Stapp, 28144575A
Administrative Cause No. 2020 NB 0045
DAG: None
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding

Exhibit(s): None

Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN, Alyssa Hamilton, ISNAP

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

10. In the Matter of the License of Cory Warnock, 27066569A

Administrative Cause No. 2016 NB 0402

DAG: Jacy Rush

Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding

Exhibit(s): None

Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN, Alyssa Hamilton, ISNAP

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

11. In the Matter of the License of Melissa Williams, 27080774A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0124

DAG: None

Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding

Exhibit(s): None

Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

12. In the Matter of the License of Lori Dent, 27056125A- **CONTINUED**

Administrative Cause No. 2018 NB 0130

13. In the Matter of the License of Kristopher Shipman, 28259432A

Administrative Cause No. 2023 NB 0180

DAG: None

Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding

Exhibit(s): None

Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN, Alyssa Hamilton, ISNAP

The ALJ recommends withdrawing the probation.

III. Reinstatements (10:00 a.m.)

1. In the Matter of the License of Toresha Lewis, 27072635A

Administrative Cause No. 2018 NB 0131

DAG: Jerry Smith

Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding

Exhibit(s): Petitioner Ex. A, Petitioner Ex. B

Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN

The ALJ recommends reinstating the license on probation for not less than 1 year or the length of RMA, whichever is longest. Prior to practicing, must complete the state board approved refresher course with clinical component or refresher program approved by education compliance officer since Petitioner is living in Michigan, engage with ISNAP, intake evaluation, enter into RMA if required, MMPI-2 of equivalent and follow all recommendations, MMPI-2 must be completed

within 1 year of petitioning to come off probation. One year of active practice with same employer. No unsupervised roles including home health, hospice, or school nurse. Quarterly reports signed board orders. Keep board apprised of contact info, new arrests, terminations, etc.

2. In the Matter of the License of Jennifer Mitchell, 27066099A
Administrative Cause No. 2018 NB 0152
DAG: Jacy Rush
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding
Exhibit(s): Petitioner Ex. A-E
Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN

The ALJ recommends reinstating the license on probation for not less than 1 year. Prior to practicing, must complete state board approved refresher course with clinical component or refresher program approved by education compliance officer since Petitioner is living in Alabama, one year of active nursing practice, quarterly reports, signed board orders. Keep board apprised of contact info, new arrests, terminations, etc.

3. In the Matter of the License of Gabrielle Shea, 28236752A
Administrative Cause No. 2019 NB 0208
DAG: Katy Kramer
Petitioner: present and comfortable proceeding
Exhibit(s): None
Witness(es): Petitioner, Audrea Racine, ISBN, Alyssa Hamilton

The ALJ recommendation is to reinstate the license on probation for the length of her RMA or until criminal matter is completed, whichever is longest, 1 year of active practice, quarterly reports, signed board orders. Compliance with her RMA Provide successful completion of criminal matter. Keep board apprised of contact info, new arrests, terminations, etc.