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Board Meeting Minutes of 04/22/2026

Board Members Present:	Deena Rauch, DNP, RN – Chair Kara Mahannah, LPN Michelle Anderson, DNP, APRN Kristi Hofhine, RN Sara Gibbons, PhD, RN Troy Allbright, RN Gus Powell, APRN Megan Reichle, RN Katy Rawlins, LM Andrea Roltgen, LM Valentin Garcia, Public Member	Division Staff:	Nicki Chopski, Executive Officer Janice Beller, General Counsel Skip Liddle, Investigations Program Manager Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisor Candace Villarreal, Board Support Specialist
		Others Present:	Joan Callahan, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Dr. Deena Rauch.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 01/28/2026 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Board Training-Respectful Workplace: The Board watched a video presentation from the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

Financial Update: Dr. Chopski presented the financial report for the third quarter of fiscal year 2026 and encouraged questions from the Board members.

Legislative Update: Dr. Chopski presented the legislative tracker to the Board, providing a summary of the legislative status through sine die, including updates on Rules, Executive Agency Legislation (EAL), and bills affecting DOPL. The overview covered updates to 24.26.01 Rules of Midwifery, 24.34.01 Rules of the Idaho Board of Nursing, HB703 concerning Universal Discipline, HB777 related to Uniform Controlled Substances Act, HB935 regarding the merger of Dentistry into the Board of Dentistry, and HB787 concerning the integration of Board of Podiatry into the Board of Medicine. Following the presentation, she addressed questions and comments from Board members.

BOARD BUSINESS

Nurse Intern Pilot Discussion (NIP): Dr. Rauch framed this discussion and asked Dr. Chopski to review. Dr. Chopski reaffirmed that the Nurse Intern Pilot Program Survey (NIP) is currently scheduled to conclude this month. She noted that the Board previously agreed to transition the program to a biannual schedule, with surveys administered two (2) to three (3) months after

graduation. The Board reviewed the facility surveys for fall 2024 and spring 2025 cohorts, as well as a report of the opportunities, outcomes, and mitigation strategies. Additionally, the Board examined correspondence from stakeholders. Dr. Rauch then invited comments from the public.

Megan Boston, Manager of Student Services at St. Alphonsus Medical Center, expressed her support for the continuation of the program and highlighted ongoing improvements in collaboration and team camaraderie when supporting students within this learning environment. She emphasized that providing students with opportunities to ask questions and receive guidance enhances patient safety. Additionally, she noted that preceptors volunteer for these roles willingly and take pride in their contributions, with the option to withdraw from their volunteer responsibilities if necessary.

Danielle Richards, RN Clinical Educator at Portneuf Medical Center, stated she supports continuation of the program and volunteer preceptors. She mentioned that the program enhances soft skills and promotes advanced communication among peers, which benefits future nurses. She requested expanding the scope to include non-titratable IV medications and concurred with the Board's discussion regarding incorporating antibiotics and infusions at set rates. She also recommended updating the draft language from "set rate" to "set dose."

Maura Cash, Manager of Transition to Practice at Kootenai Health, provided comments regarding the importance of excluding specifically central lines from scope protocols.

Board discussion was held regarding the future expansion of the current program, which is currently focused on acute care settings, to possibly include long-term care and rehabilitation facilities. Division staff were instructed to engage with interested stakeholders regarding the addition of these facility types to encourage participation in upcoming meetings to discuss plans and opportunities for collaboration with the Board. Additionally, there was a brief discussion about the possibility of developing a future program which could include Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN), noting that such programs, if implemented, would require the presence of a Licensed Registered Nurse (RN) and that IV push meds are not included within the LPN scope of practice. The conversation also addressed concerns about burnout among preceptors, with facility representatives indicating that preceptors serve as volunteers, that there are waiting lists for these roles, and that volunteers have the option to request reductions or discontinuation of preceptor duties. Lastly, there was discussion regarding IV medication administration, including competencies regarding standard rates and doses, push rates, distinctions between titratable and non-titratable IV medications, and that narcotics, insulin, and titratable medications would remain out of the scope of this program. The Board also discussed revising the pilot questionnaire, instructing DOPL staff to update the survey. A motion was made and seconded to extend the program through July 1, 2027, and include updated language as directed by the Board. The motion carried.

Rule Making Discussion-Renewal Clean-up and Nurse Intern: Ms. Beller presented drafted language concerning Rule 400, Initial License, Renewal, and Reinstatement with proposed amendments to fee regulations related to biennial birth date renewals and, draft language regarding IDAPA 24.34.01, specifically pertaining to Nurse Interns and Apprentices. Dr. Chopski noted that any drafted rule changes will require consultation with the Division of Financial Management (DFM), approval from the Governor's Office, and adherence to public notice, posting, and hearing procedures. A quorum was established for June 29, 2026, special

meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the language as drafted with the directed updates. The motion carried.

Conference Attendance and Updates: The Board discussed participation in upcoming conferences. A motion was made and seconded to support upcoming travel as presented. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Codes § 74-206(1)(d) and § 74-106(9) to consider records related to a licensee's ability to obtain or retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure. The vote was: Ms. Mahannah, aye; Dr. Anderson, aye; Ms. Hofhine, aye; Dr. Gibbons, aye; Mr. Allbright, aye; Mr. Powell, aye; Ms. Reichle, aye; Ms. Rawlins, aye; Ms. Roltgen, aye; Mr. Garcia, aye; and Dr. Rauch, aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried.

APPLICATIONS:

Recusals:

Dr. Rauch recused herself from application number: 1858119.

A motion was made and seconded to request additional information from the applicant with the terms discussed in executive session to show fitness to retain a license regarding application number: 1858119. The motion carried.

IMPACT OF CRIMINAL CONVICTION:

A motion was made and seconded for staff to send a letter with the terms discussed in executive session regarding case number: 2023498. The motion carried.

APRN-AC RECOMMENDATIONS:

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Committee recommendations which encompassed the following actions:

- To close case number: 1917127. The motion carried.
- To close with a Letter of Concern case number: 1971109. The motion carried.

BOARD DISCIPLINE:

A motion was made and seconded to close case number: 1976571. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to close with a Letter of Concern case numbers: 1943601; and 2000002. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board prosecutor to negotiate an Agreement in Lieu of Discipline with the terms discussed in executive session and authorize the executive officer to approve on behalf of the Board for case numbers: 1941605; 1941667; 1951903; and 1955098. The motion carried.

A motion was made to authorize negotiation of a Stipulation and Consent Order with the terms discussed in executive session for case number: 1934231. The motion carried.

A further motion was made and seconded to allow the Board prosecutor to proceed with the filing of an Administrative Complaint should any of the negotiations fail or expire. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.

The next meeting is on 06/29/2026.

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