

Minutes

Meeting: **Illinois Nursing Workforce Center**
 Meeting Date: September 18, 2024
 Meeting convened: 11:04 am
 Meeting Adjourned: 12:42 pm
 Meeting Locations: Video Conference: Chicago, Springfield
 Guests: remote

Board Members Present: Krista L. Jones, Chairperson
 Lynda M. Bartlett, Member
 Heather Escobar, Member
 Fran LaMonica, Member
 Blanca Miller, Member
 Glenda Morris Burnett, Member
 Amanda Oliver, Member
 Karen Richey, Member
 Daisy Sherry, Member
 Diane Smith, Member

Board Members Absent: Theresa E. Towle, Vice-chairperson.

Staff Present: Michele Bromberg, Nursing Coordinator
 Linda B. Roberts, Manager

Guests: None

Topic	Action
I. Call to Order, Roll call. a. Declaration of a quorum at 11:04 a.m. b. Individual board members introduced themselves; IDFPR staff introduced themselves	K. Jones declared quorum 11: 04 am
II. Announcements, Correspondence 1. IL Nurses Foundation forty-under-forty tenth anniversary event: 9/19/2024. 2. Student Nurses of Illinois Annual meeting, Saturday September 21, 2024 , Chamberlain University, Addison, Illinois. Event date changed to October 26, 2024, same place. 3. Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) FY25 Grants a. Nursing School Grant Program: FY25 funding: \$1,500,000 same as FY24; individual grants awarded on competitive basis up to \$150,000. Deadline to submit 10/14/2024. Link: https://il.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/e8e7a550-f9e3-4eee-8139-044c6013c35f b. Nurse Educator Fellowship Program: FY25 funding \$800,000, eligible faculty from pre-licensure programs at institutions of higher education. Up to 80 awards \$10,000 each. Applications open by the end of September 2024 https://www.ibhe.org/nefp.html	
III. Review and Approval of Minutes (Action): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The June 4, 2024, Illinois Nursing Workforce Center Advisory Board meeting minutes. Motion was made/seconded: K. Richey/H. Escobar move to approve the June 4, 2024, meeting minutes. 	06/04/24 minutes approved by individual board members with A. Oliver and F. LaMonica abstain.
IV. Chairperson Time- K. Jones 1. Proposed FY26 meeting dates: general discussion on maintaining same pattern as FY25.	FY26 meeting dates approved by

<p style="text-align: center;">FY 26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 17, 2025 October 22, 2025 December 10, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February 18, 2026 April 15, 2026 June 10, 2026</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Times</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00am-1:00pm 11:00am-1:00pm 11:00am-1:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00am-1:00pm 11:00am-1:00pm 11:00am-1:00pm</p>	<p>individual board members.</p> <p>Individual board members voted for K. Jones as chair and T. Towle as vice-chair.</p>
<p>Motion was made/seconded H. Escobar/G. Morris-Burnett to approve FY26 meeting dates and times: 9/17/25, 10/22/25, 12/10/25, 2/18/26, 4/15/26, 6/10/26.</p> <p>2. Election of officers: chair and vice-chair. K. Jones requests maintain as chair; per L. B. Roberts T. Towle has requested maintain as vice-chair. Election of officers: asked by M. Bromberg: all board members in agreement with maintaining K. Jones as IL Nursing Workforce Center chair. Group asked by M. Bromberg: all board members in agreement with maintaining T. Towle as vice-chair of IL Nursing Workforce Center.</p>		
<p>IV. Board Liaison Time</p> <p>3. L.B. Roberts, IDFPR INWC Board Liaison</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief orientation: board meeting, for board member vote to count, must be at meeting in person at either Chicago or Springfield, IL office, meetings videoconference. IL Open Meetings Act: standards for conducting meetings. Travel guidelines: document useful as a resource. • Review IDFPR Mission, Division of Professional Regulation mission. IDFPR has two offices: Chicago and Springfield, primarily licensing and legislation are in Springfield, IL. Chicago has most discipline and follow-up. The DPR Director has final authority on all licensing and disciplinary matters that come before the agency. • IDFPR Nurse Practice Act Article 75: since 2007, Article 75 has been about the IL Nursing Workforce Center. In 2007 it was called the Illinois Center for Nursing; the name was changed with the NPA sunset in 2017 to include Workforce at the recommendation of the board members. • Board members and public speaking: all board members must always obtain authorization from the Director prior to speaking in public on behalf of the Division or the board. • HB1615/PA 103-0285 updates: this legislation was signed by Gov. Pritzker on 7/28/23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supply data was voluntarily collected post license renewal for RNs, APRNs and FPA-APRNs 2024 renewal cycle. For LPNs it will begin 11/1/2024 – end 1/31/2025. This has been done since 2014. - Will begin demand, employer data collection no later than 2027. Background information and budget have been developed these past few months and proposed for FY2026. - At least 2 members of the current 11-member board of directors represent a labor organization recognized by the National Labor Relations Act. • Licensing Section will do e-blasts to all RNs, APRNs and FPA-APRNs October 3 and October 17, 2024. Participants are informed responses are confidential. • LPN data collection will begin with license renewal November 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025. • National Forum MDS potential revisions – the revisions are not yet public. <p>4. M. Bromberg, IDFPR Nursing Coordinator, briefly reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military portability for service members and spouses reviewed. • Internationally Educated Nurses – there are now 5 credentialing service vendors that are approved and may be used by nurses prior to IL licensure. 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective July 24, 2024, the Division of Professional Regulation requests individuals seeking updates on licensure applications to make virtual appointments on Wednesdays instead of visiting the Springfield, Illinois office. Learn more on the IDFP’s Contact Us webpage https://idfpr.illinois.gov/contact/idfprcontact.html • The IL Board of Nursing (BON) is partnering with continental Testing Service (CTS), and 4 pre-licensure education programs on processing student post-graduation new licensure applications. • The IL Board of Nursing (BON) this year is partnering with the National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) on the annual pre-licensure nursing education school survey. Data is being currently being collected. Data collected, including annual pass rate, will be posted online. Schools are provided BON approved remediation plan/guidelines; programs are not placed on probation. HB2509/PA 103-0533 Registered Nurse Exam/Remediate was also discussed briefly, information available https://www.ilga.gov 	
<p>V. Old Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strategic Planning- the Chair, K. Jones, will send a revised document to board members for review and discussion at the October 16, 2024, board meeting. Please focus on board goals for FY25. 	
<p>VI. New Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation for Demand data collection, analysis, report and recommendations for FY26. Details were provided during LBRoberts report earlier in the meeting. 2. Working with others: PowerPoint reviewed. This was discussion at a few presentations at the June National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers (the Forum) annual meeting this past June 2024. Brief discussion of what resources are currently available that can possibly be shared for creating a safe, healthy work environment. Plan: more discussion at October 16, 2024 meeting after strategic plan edits completed. 	
<p>VII. Public Comment</p>	<p>Questions asked and answered.</p>
<p>VIII. Adjournment Motion: K. Richey/L. Bartlett moved to adjourn the board meeting.</p>	<p>There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:42 pm</p>
<p>The next INWC BOD meeting will be Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 11am. Springfield: room 376, Chicago: room 8C1</p>	

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