

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026

Start Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: **Department of Consumer Affairs**
1747 North Market Blvd.
Hearing Room (Suite 186)
Sacramento, CA 95834

The Board of Registered Nursing held a public meeting in person and via a teleconference platform.

9:00 a.m. **1.0** **Call to order, roll call, and establishment of a quorum**

Board President Dolores Trujillo called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was established at 9:02 a.m. All members were present.

Board Members: Dolores Trujillo, RN – President
Nilu Patel, DNAP, CRNA, FAANA – Vice President
Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN
Patricia “Tricia” Wynne, Esq.
Roi David Lollar
Vicki Granowitz
Alison Cormack
Katie Nair, MSN, MBA/HCM, RN

BRN Staff: Loretta (Lori) Melby, RN, MSN – Executive Officer
Reza Pejuhesh – DCA Legal Affairs Division, Attorney

9:02 a.m. **2.0** **General instructions for the format of a teleconference call**

The BRN Moderator reviewed procedures for participating in the meeting via teleconference and in person.

The moderator explained:

- Use of the Slido (Q&A) feature to request public comment
- The two-minute time limit per speaker
- That no time warnings would be provided
- That microphones would be muted once time expired
- That Board members may not respond to items not on the agenda

- That microphones would be muted when not in use to avoid background noise

The moderator also noted that in-person public comment would be solicited at BRN Headquarters when applicable.

9:04 a.m.

3.0

Public comment for items not on the agenda; items for future agendas

Public Comment for Agenda Item

3.0:

Dr. Robin Nelson, Unitek College, California Association of Colleges of Nursing Planning Committee: Thanked the Executive Officer and Nursing Education Consultants for attending the CACN spring meeting and expressed appreciation for BRN participation.

Anonymous (WebEx) submitted a written comment regarding delays in application processing for graduates of a Florida based program due to curriculum review holds.

Executive Officer Melby explained that all Florida programs remain under heightened review due to Operation Nightingale and invited the commenter to email her directly for follow-up.

9:10 a.m.

Agenda Reordered by Board President Trujillo
Item 7.2 was moved to follow Item 4.0.

9:10 a.m.

4.0

Review, discuss, and vote on whether to approve previous meeting minutes

4.1 November 19-20, 2025

Board Discussion: **Alison Cormack** noted a correction: she voted in favor of the sunset report, but the minutes incorrectly listed her as abstaining.

Motion: **Alison Cormack:** Move to approve the November 19–20, 2025, meeting minutes with the noted correction, and authorize BRN staff to make non-substantive corrections (e.g., name spellings, typographical errors).

Second: **David Lollar**

Public Comment for Agenda Item

4.0:

Jeffrey: asked to make a comment regarding items not on the agenda. Thanked the board for rolling out the 104 NP application and asked if there was any update on eligibility.

Executive Officer Melby stated the technical fix is in progress and invited the commenter to email her for assistance.

Vote:

Vote:	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed

9:15 a.m.

7.2 Discussion and possible action: Regarding public comments received on the adopted regulatory text to modify California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1444.5 and the Recommended Guidelines for Disciplinary Orders and Conditions of Probation, and further proposed revisions to regulatory text

Presenter: *Marissa Clark, Chief of Legislative Affairs*

Clark summarized the public comments received during the 45-day comment period for the regulatory package updating the Recommended Guidelines for Disciplinary Orders and Conditions of Probation. Key elements of the presentation:

- **Reason for the Rulemaking:** Updates were needed due to statutory changes expanding independent practice for certain APRNs, requiring revised probation supervision requirements.
- **Public Comments:** Several commenters objected to language prohibiting supervisors from having any prior professional relationship with a probationer, arguing it was overly restrictive.
- **Proposed Modification:** Staff recommended removing the word “professional” from the list of prohibited relationships to avoid unnecessarily limiting the pool of qualified supervisors.
- **Next Steps:** Because the text was modified, a 15-day public comment period is required under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Board Discussion: **Patricia Wynne:** Expressed appreciation that staff incorporated public feedback and stated the amendment was reasonable and appropriate. She supported moving forward even with the need for an additional 15-day comment period.

Nilu Patel stated she was pleased to see this regulatory package advancing after many years of effort. She emphasized the importance of ensuring that advanced practice registered nurses placed on probation have a viable pathway to continue practicing safely and under appropriate supervision.

There was additional discussion amongst board members, no objections were raised. Board members expressed general support for the proposed modifications and the process outlined by staff.

Motion: **Nilu Patel** moved to approve the proposed responses to public comments, approve the proposed modified text (including removal of the term “professional”), and direct staff to issue the modified text for a 15-day public comment period. Further moved to authorize the Executive Officer to make any technical or non-substantive changes necessary to complete the rulemaking process and to adopt the modified text if no relevant adverse comments are received.

Second: **Doroles Trujillo**

**Public Comment
for Agenda Item**

7.2:

No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:

	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Vote:	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed

9:23 a.m.

5.0

Report of the Administrative Committee

5.1

Executive Officer Report

Executive Officer Loretta Melby provided updates on:

- **Meetings and Outreach:** Participation in multiple advisory committee meetings, legislative staff briefings, meeting with the Legislative Analyst’s Office, and nursing association meetings (CNMA, CANP, CACNS, CANA) and CSA; attendance at the California Association of Colleges of Nursing (CACN) spring meeting, NCSBN midyear meeting, and various interagency workgroups (e.g., Med Spa/IV Therapy Task Force, Hospice Fraud Task Force); social media metrics
- **Education and Licensing Coordination:** Ongoing collaboration with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians, and Department of Consumer Affairs to streamline school approval processes and address program oversight issues; interagency collaborations, advisory committee participation, and enforcement coordination
- **Enforcement and Investigations:** Engagement with the Division of Investigations and Attorney General’s Office to improve triage and case processing; participation in enforcement process mapping with the Medical Board to identify potential improvements
- **Social Media and Public Engagement:** Reported growth across all BRN social media platforms

(Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X); noted that increasing outreach remains a strategic plan goal

- **Vacancy and Hiring Updates:** Provided an update on BRN staffing levels, noting improvements but emphasizing the challenges of state hiring particularly for Nursing Education Consultant positions, which often require multiple recruitment cycles.

Board Discussion: **Patricia Wynne:** Expressed appreciation for the improved vacancy rates and asked what contributed to the progress.

Loretta Melby: Explained the extensive recruitment efforts for Nursing Education Consultants, the challenges of state hiring, and the multi-year duration of some vacancies despite repeated recruitment cycles.

Public Comment for Agenda Item 5.1: None

9:35 a.m.

5.2

Information and discussion only: 2026-2030 Strategic Plan and goal progression

Executive Officer Loretta Melby summarized progress on the Board's strategic plan goals, including improvements in licensing efficiency, enforcement timelines, education program oversight, and stakeholder engagement.

Board Discussion: **Alison Cormack:** Commended staff for significant progress and organizational repair work.

Loretta Melby: Acknowledged staff efforts and improvements made across programs.

Nilu Patel: Echoed appreciation for staff and leadership progress.

Vicki Granowitz: Also expressed gratitude and support for the work accomplished.

Public Comment for Agenda Item 5.2: None

9:54 a.m.

5.3

Information and discussion only: Presentation by DCA Budget Office on the Registered Nursing Fund condition

Luke Fitzgerald from the Department of Consumer Affairs Budget Office provided an update on the Registered Nursing Fund, including:

- **Revenue Trends:** A substantial increase in revenue from endorsement applications during the COVID-19 period, which temporarily strengthened the fund.

- **Fee Structure:** Explanation of recent statutory changes removing certain fee floors and allowing more flexibility in future fee adjustments.
- **Fund Health:** Current reserve levels are stable. The Budget Office recommended continued monitoring of revenue trends before considering any fee changes.

Board Discussion: **Patricia Wynne:** Asked about reserve levels and whether current fees remain appropriate.

Loretta Melby: Explained fee structures, removal of certain fee floors, and ongoing monitoring.

Matthew Yeates (BRN Board Operations Deputy Chief): Asked the Board to take note of the significant increase in endorsement revenue during COVID-19 and emphasized the importance of monitoring trends before considering fee adjustments.

**Public Comment
for Agenda Item**

5.3: No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

10:07 a.m.

5.4

Information and discussion only: Presentation by Timothy Arehart, JD, National Council of State Boards of Nursing's (NCSBN) Senior Policy Advisor, on the Board Action Pathway

Timothy Arehart presented an overview of the NCSBN Board Action Pathway, a structured model used to guide disciplinary decision-making. Key points included:

- **Purpose of the Pathway:** To ensure consistent, evidence-based, and proportionate responses to violations across jurisdictions.
- **Levels of Violations:** Explained how the severity and nature of a violation determine whether a case is resolved through remediation, non-disciplinary action, or formal discipline.
- **Fairness and Public Protection:** Emphasized balancing due process for nurses with the Board's mandate to protect the public.
- **Quality of Reporting:** Discussed how variability in employer reporting affects investigations and how the pathway accounts for incomplete or inconsistent information.

10:17 a.m.

The Board took a break to resolve ongoing audio issues

10:27 a.m.

Meeting resumed after resolution of issues. Quorum reestablished – all Board members present

Board Discussion: **Nilu Patel** asked whether issues typically arise at the board level or earlier in the investigative process

Timothy Arehart explained that the level of violation determines when matters escalate and emphasized the importance of consistent application of the Board Action Pathway.

Vicki Granowitz commented that BRN reports have improved in clarity and consistency.

Katie Nair asked how the pathway accounts for varying levels of employer reporting and documentation.

Arehart responded that the pathway includes mechanisms to evaluate the quality and completeness of reports and adjust investigative steps accordingly.

Alison Cormack asked how the pathway supports fairness for nurses while ensuring public protection.

Arehart explained that the model emphasizes proportionality, transparency, and evidence-based decision-making.

Public Comment for Agenda Item 5.4: **Anonymous (typed comment)** asked how the Board handles complaints that may be retaliation against a nurse.

Loretta Melby stated that retaliation concerns are considered as part of the investigative review.

Reza Pejuhesh added that the burden of proof lies with the Board, and investigations are conducted independently to ensure fairness.

11:45 a.m. 6.0 BRN future priorities and proposals for review and possible action

11:45 a.m. 6.1 Discussion and possible action: Presentation on action plan to provide notice and address issues relating to scope of practice and supervision for compounding drugs

Staff presented an action plan outlining steps to provide guidance to licensees regarding scope of practice limitations and supervision requirements related to drug compounding. The plan included development of educational materials, outreach to stakeholders, and coordination with other regulatory boards.

Board Discussion: **Nilu Patel** expressed concern that the issue will likely lead to an increase in complaints. She also raised concerns about liability

exposure for nurses when physician-ordered compounded medications contain errors.

Patricia Wynne stated the action plan is a strong first step in educating licensees. She asked whether complaints related to compounding are increasing.

Loretta Melby confirmed that complaints have increased and that BRN receives related complaints from partnering boards as well.

Katie Nair asked for clarification regarding the required number of hours of training referenced in the plan.

Loretta Melby clarified that the requirement is four hours.

Motion: **Dolores Trujillo** moved to approve the action plan to provide notice and address issues relating to scope of practice and supervision for compounding drugs.

Second: **Jovita Dominguez**

Public Comment for Agenda Item 6.1: **Melanie Rowe, California Association of Nurse Anesthesiology:** Urged the board to adopt the updated USP standards.

Olena Svletov, DNP: Asked whether there would be opportunities for further discussion on the topic.

Anonymous (typed comment) asked if compounding included adding vitamins to in-home infusions.

Loretta Melby clarified that compounding does include adding vitamins/supplements to in-home infusions

Monica Miller, California Naturopathic Doctors Association: Appreciated the discussion and described challenges encountered in prior inter-board conversations regarding compounding

Surani Kwan, President-Elect, California Association of Nurse Practitioners: Opposed the Board's proposed definition and prohibition related to compounding.

Vote:

	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Vote:	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed

12:31 p.m.

Lunch break

2:00 p.m.

Quorum reestablished – all Board members present

2:01 p.m.

7.0

Report of the Nursing Practice Committee (NPC)

2:01 p.m.

7.1

Discussion and possible action: Future roles and responsibilities of the Nursing Practice Committee

Staff summarized proposed process changes to clarify the future roles and responsibilities of the Nursing Practice Committee.

Board Discussion: None

Motion: **Vicki Granowitz** moved to approve the process change for the work of the committee to be presented to the Board as consent agenda items or information only unless the Board wants to pull out a specific item to discuss during the Board meeting.

Second: **David Lollar**

Public Comment for Agenda Item 7.1: None

Vote:

	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Vote:	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed

2:07 p.m.

7.3

Discussion and possible action regarding NPC information and recommendations to the Board on agenda items presented at the February 11, 2026, NPC meeting, including:

(Items under Agenda Item 7.3 were treated as consent agenda items.)

Advisory Committee Updates: Annual reports on progress toward goals and objectives for:

- Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee (NPAC)
- Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee (NMAC)
- Clinical Nurse Specialist Advisory Committee (CNSAC)
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee (CRNAAC)

- Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee (NEWAC)

Possible Action: Approval of NPC's nomination of Matthew Hubbs, EdD, to serve as a public member of NEWAC.
NPC Committee Vote: Patel, Yes; Dominguez, Yes; Granowitz, Yes

Overview of Nurse Practitioner Practice under Business and Professions Code § 2837.104

Presentation on the NCSBN National Nursing Education Database

Board

Discussion: There was no Board discussion regarding this issue.

Motion: **David Lollar** moved to accept the NPC recommendations, including approval of the nomination of Matthew Hubbs, EdD, as a public member of NEWAC.

Second: **Vicki Granowitz**

Public Comment for Agenda Item

7.3:

No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:

DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Key: Yes: Y | No: N | Abstain: A | Absent for Vote: AB

Motion Passed

2:11 p.m.

8.0

Report of the Education/Licensing Committee (ELC)

Supervising Nursing Education Consultant Dr. Mary Ann McCarthy summarized the ELC consent agenda items and noted that the full list of schools and motions appears on pages 6–11 of the meeting materials.

Note:

Items covered under Agenda Item 8.1 were treated as consent agenda items.

2:12 p.m.

8.1

Discussion and possible action regarding ELC recommendations to the Board on agenda items presented at the February 11, 2026, ELC meeting, including:

Approval of the proposed curriculum revisions and clinical facilities and acknowledgment of receipt of program progress reports

Prelicensure curriculum changes requested by:

Colleges: Carrington, Chabot, Gavilan, Hartnell, Los Angeles Trade Tech, Long Beach City, Los Angeles Southwest, Riverside City, Sacramento City, Solano Community, Ventura, Victor Valley and Westmont

Universities: California State University Fresno and Loma Linda

Clinical Facility approvals requested by:

Colleges: Gurnick, and Marsha Fuerst School of Nursing

Universities: Angeles, Azusa Pacific, California State University East Bay, Concordia, Samuel Merritt, San Diego State, Sonoma State, Stanbridge, West Coast, and Westcliff

Progress Reports regarding:

Colleges: Cabrillo, College of the Siskiyous, Copper Mountain, Gavilan, Imperial Valley, Los Angeles City, Los Angeles Trade Tech, National Career, Pacific Union, Solano and Unitek

Universities: California State University Monterey Bay, Fresno Pacific, Loma Linda, Samuel Merritt and United States

Continuing approval of approved nursing programs:

Prelicensure nursing programs:

- California State University Stanislaus Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- American Career College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- College of the Redwoods Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Fresno City College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- Modesto Junior College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- California State University Sacramento Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

Advanced practice nurse practitioner nursing programs:

- California State University Fresno Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) Program

- California State University Stanislaus Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and PMHNP Programs
- Fresno Pacific University FNP Program
- American University of Health Sciences FNP Program (initial approval)

Board

Discussion: There was no Board discussion on this issue.

2:12 p.m.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez** moved to accept the ELC recommendations for all items contained in 8.1.

Second: **Dolores Trujillo**

Public Comment for Agenda Item

8.1:

No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

2:15 p.m.

Vote:

	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Vote:	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed

Items for consideration below were presented to the Board members for discussion and were voted upon individually

2:15 p.m.

8.2

Discussion and possible action regarding a request to grant acceptance of a feasibility study for a new prelicensure nursing program

Dr. McCarthy presented the feasibility study and summarized the ELC's prior deferral. She noted that Unitek updated its clinical placement documentation, removed Totally Kids from its proposed clinical sites in response to public comment, and revised its executive summary to correct previously misinterpreted BRN data.

REGION 7 Inland Empire

Unitek College, Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (secondary site, Ontario)

Board Discussion: **Patricia Wynne** acknowledged the difficulty of the proposal and expressed appreciation for Unitek's responsiveness, particularly the removal of clinical sites that could displace existing programs. She praised the usefulness of the academic collaboration form.

Executive Officer Melby confirmed that Unitek updated its data and executive summary following committee feedback.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez** moved to accept the feasibility study for Unitek College's proposed Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (Ontario), with an enrollment pattern of 40 students three times per year (120 annually).

Second: **Nilu Patel**

Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.2: **Sherri Henderson, Carrington College** expressed concern about severe clinical site impaction in the Inland Empire, noting recent displacement of existing programs to night and weekend shifts.

Executive Officer Melby responded at length, explaining that the Board cannot impose moratoriums on program growth. The Board evaluates collaboration efforts, resource availability, and potential displacement. Explained that public comment is essential to identifying regional impacts and schools seeking expansion should review prior Board decisions to avoid repeating proposals that have been denied due to impaction.

During later public comment (Agenda Item 8.5), a member of the public reported that they and several others experienced technical difficulties and were unable to provide comment during Agenda Item 8.2.

A commenter expressed concern regarding the location of the proposed Unitek campus, noting that they previously attended a program in the same area and that five private nursing colleges already operate within a few blocks. The commenter then stated there are "too many" programs clustered in that region and urged the Board to consider program saturation when evaluating approvals.

The Board discussed whether this comment warranted reopening Item 8.2.

Board Counsel advised that the Board could reopen the item if the comment materially affected the Board's action.

Board members did not request to reopen the item.

Staff noted that additional comments were received via email and alternative methods, and those comments were shared with Board members.

One commenter who believed they were unable to speak was confirmed to have successfully provided oral comment earlier.

No further WebEx or in-person comments were received.

Vote:	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Key: Yes: Y | No: N | Abstain: A | Absent for Vote: AB

Motion Passed

2:27 p.m.

8.3

Discussion and possible action: Regarding whether to recommend approval of clinical practice experience required for nurse practitioner students enrolled in non-California based nurse practitioner education programs (16 CCR § 1486)

Dr. McCarthy summarized the item and noted that the ELC deferred these approvals in 2025 to allow staff to gather additional data. All programs listed met regulatory requirements for California RNs enrolled in out-of-state NP programs seeking to complete clinical hours in California.

Loretta Melby delivered an extensive overview explaining:

- Growth and imbalance: Out-of-state NP programs now outnumber in-state programs (50 vs. 35 after approval). Out-of-state NP students completing clinicals in California exceed in-state NP students in several specialties.
- Clinical site strain: Both in-state and out-of-state NP students increasingly pay for clinical placements due to shortages.
- Regulatory limitations:
 - Prelicensure out-of-state programs are prohibited from placing students in California.
 - NP programs may do so if they meet 16 CCR § 1486 requirements.
 - The Board may withdraw authorization at any time.
- Data challenges:
 - The Board lacks a comprehensive system to track NP clinical placements.
 - Staff will begin using data from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education's Student Tuition Reimbursement Fund to better understand enrollment and placement patterns.
- Student impact:
 - Many programs requesting approval already have California students enrolled and completing clinicals; denial would harm those students.

8.3.1 ASC Post University, Waterbury, CT

8.3.2 University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

8.3.3 Chaminade University of Honolulu, Hawaii

- 8.3.4 Chamberlain University, Chicago, IL
- 8.3.5 University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 8.3.6 Graceland University, Independence, MO
- 8.3.7 University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
- 8.3.8 Ursuline College, Pike, OH
- 8.3.9 Capella University, Minneapolis, MN
- 8.3.10 University of Saint Mary's, Leavenworth, KS
- 8.3.11 The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 8.3.12 Yale University, West Haven, CT
- 8.3.13 Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

Board Discussion: **David Lollar** asked why approval matters if students are California RNs who will remain in California.

Loretta Melby explained the tension: the Board must balance provider shortages with clinical site capacity and fairness to in-state programs.

Alison Cormack asked why California students choose out-of-state programs.

Melby cited supply/demand, online flexibility, and tuition.

Patricia Wynne raised concerns about paid clinical placements and asked whether motions could limit numbers.

Melby confirmed the Board has authority to impose limits.

Vicki Granowitz expressed concern about the rapid growth of out-of-state programs and the burden on students.

Melby noted the process began in 2020 and data is still emerging.

Wynne asked whether the item could be deferred.

Melby requested that it not be deferred again, as it has been pending since summer 2025.

Katie Nair asked whether the goal is to gather data to inform future decisions.

Melby confirmed.

3:53 p.m.

Motion: **David Lollar** moved to approve the Non-California based Nurse Practitioner education programs requesting clinical placements for students in clinical practice settings in California for the tracks and enrollment numbers listed in the corresponding table for this agenda item with the exception of ASC which has been removed and is not going forward for approval.

Second: Alison Cormack

Public Comment for Agenda Items 8.3.1 – 8.3.13: **Dawn Damm, NP, Clinical Placement Coordinator, University of San Diego** spoke in opposition of clinical placement for out of state schools.

Kimberly Nerud, American Sentinel and Post University spoke in favor and assured that they do not pay for preceptors. Asked that the board does not turn away California nurses in completing their careers in advanced practice.

Rekarda Devere, Clinical Placement Coordinator, University of San Diego spoke in opposition of out-of-state NP programs seeking clinical training placements in California.

Karen McCauley, Director, San Diego State University spoke in opposition of out-of-state NP programs seeking clinical training placements in California.

DeeDee Stark, clinical coordinator at a community hospital commented on the concern that if the board does not approve, challenges will arise for those students in not getting their clinical hours.

Mandy Nester spoke about the challenges in her state in finding clinical placements.

Indiana McClellan spoke that the students are paying directly for clinicals, and in opposition to approving out-of-state schools' use of in-state clinicals.

Cathy Marsh, Associate Dean, Hahn School of Nursing, University of San Diego spoke in opposition.

Lorette, NP Student, University of Arizona, UC Health System employee spoke in support and stated that they do not pay preceptors.

Dr. Rhoda Murray, Executive Dean, & Dr. Brittany Mower, Chamberlain University spoke in support. Also clarified that they do not pay preceptors or encourage them to pay preceptors.

Thomas Johnston spoke in opposition.

Vote:

	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Vote:	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed

3:58 p.m.	8.4	Information and discussion only: NCLEX update The Board received an informational update on NCLEX activity. Board Discussion: There was no Board discussion on this issue. Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.4: No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.
3:59 p.m.	8.5	Information and discussion only: Licensing update The Board received an informational update on licensing operations. Board Discussion: There was no Board discussion on this issue. Public Comment for Agenda Item 8.5: <i>During public comment for agenda item 8.5, several individuals indicated they were unable to provide comments due to technical difficulties. For information regarding those comments, please refer to the public comment section for agenda item 8.2.</i>
3:59 p.m.	9.0	Report of the Enforcement, Investigations, and Intervention Committee (EIIC)
4:00 p.m.	9.1	Discussion and possible action: Future roles and responsibilities of the Enforcement, Investigations, and Intervention Committee Committee Chair Wynne introduced the item and noted that this was the same process discussion previously held in the other two committee meetings. Executive Officer Melby explained that the intent is for the EIIC to complete its work at the committee level and have those items forwarded to the full Board as consent agenda items, unless a Board member requests an item be pulled for discussion. Board Discussion: There was no Board discussion on this issue. Motion: David Lollar moved to approve the process change for the wrk of the committee to be presented to the Board as consent agenda items or information only, unless a Board member wants to pull out a specific item to discuss during the Board meeting. Second: Alison Cormack

Public Comment**for Agenda Item****9.1:**

No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:

	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed**4:06 p.m.****9.2**

Discussion and possible action: Appointments and reappointments of Intervention Evaluation Committee (IEC) members

Intervention Program Manager **Jaspreet Pabla** presented the item. Three new candidates were reviewed by staff and interviewed by the subcommittee and were recommended for appointment to the IECs. **Ms. Pabla** also reported that 13 total reappointments were being recommended. Nine individuals were eligible for reappointment, and six members were proposed for transfer due to vacancies, geographic alignment, or workload distribution. Four members of IEC 1 were also recommended for transfer to meet current program needs, including managing approximately 140 active participants.

Name	Member Type	IEC	Appointment Type	Term Expiration
LaQuicha Westervelt	Nurse	1	Appointment	3/27/2030
Morgan Baldwin	Nurse	5	Appointment	3/27/2030
Rayven Battles	Nurse	5	Appointment	3/27/2030
Colleen Burks	Nurse	3	Reappointment	6/30/2030
Laura Thomas	Nurse	3	Reappointment	6/30/2030
Gia Gittleson	Nurse	4	Reappointment	6/30/2030
Alexys Watson	Nurse	4	Reappointment	6/30/2030
Heather Hallmark	Nurse	5	Reappointment	6/30/2030
Humphrey Ogg	Nurse	3	Reappointment	6/30/2027
Carol Stanford	Nurse	7	Reappointment	6/30/2030
David Liu	Physician	9	Reappointment	6/30/2030

Jospeh Ortiz	Public	9	Reappointment	6/30/2030
Dean Rishel	Public	10	Reappointment	6/30/2030
Michelle Cocoran	Nurse	12	Reappointment	9/30/2027
Salma Khan	Physician	12	Reappointment	6/30/2028
Valerie Milner	Public	12	Reappointment	6/30/2030

Board Discussion: **ELIC Chair Patricia Wynne** noted that she and Vice President Patel interviewed the three new candidates and found them highly qualified and well-suited for IEC service.

Alison Cormack thanked the subcommittee and expressed appreciation for the willingness of members to serve.

Motion: **Alison Cormack** moved to approve the IEC appointments and reappointments as presented in the Board's agenda and materials.

Second: **David Lollar**

Public Comment for Agenda Item 9.2:

No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:

	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Vote	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed

4:13 p.m.

9.3

Discussion and possible action regarding ELIC information and recommendations to the Board on agenda items presented at the February 11, 2026, ELIC meeting, including:

- Information on Enforcement Division updates
- Information on Investigations Division updates
- Information on Intervention Program (IP) updates
- Presentation by the Executive Officer on education provided to the IECs and report out on any feedback received from Board staff, IP vendor, and stakeholders.

Board Discussion: There was no Board discussion on this issue.

Motion: David Lollar moved to accept the recommendations of the EIC.

Second: Nilu Patel

**Public Comment
for Agenda Item**

9.3: No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:

DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB							

Motion Passed

4:19 p.m.

10.0

Closed Session

10.1

Disciplinary Matters

The Board convened in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126, subdivision (c)(3) to deliberate on disciplinary matters, including stipulations and proposed decisions.

10.2

Pending Litigation

The Board convened in closed session pursuant to Government Code section 11126, subdivision (e), to discuss pending litigation:

- *Selase Mensa Foster v. Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs, Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, Case No. 25WM000016*

4:21 p.m.

11.0

****Recess****

Public meeting recessed, Board went into Closed Session and planned to reconvene the open meeting on March 27, 2026, at 11:00 am

Friday, March 27, 2026 – 11:00 am Board Meeting

11:00 a.m.

1.0

Call to order, roll call, and establishment of a quorum

Board President Dolores Trujillo, RN, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

A quorum was established at 11:02 a.m.

Board Members

Dolores Trujillo, RN – President

Present:

Nilu Patel, DNAP, CRNA, FAANA – Vice President

Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN
Patricia “Tricia” Wynne, Esq.
Roi David Lollar
Vicki Granowitz
Alison Cormack
Katie Nair, MSN, MBA/HCM, RN

BRN Staff Loretta (Lori) Melby, RN, MSN – Executive Officer
Present: Ann Salisbury – DCA Legal Affairs Division, Assistant Chief Counsel

11:02 a.m. 2.0 General instructions for the format of a teleconference call

The BRN Moderator provided instructions for public participation via WebEx/Slido, including:

- Use of the Q&A feature to indicate intent to provide public comment
- Process for unmuting and speaking
- Reminder that board members cannot discuss items not on the agenda
- Instructions for muting microphones to reduce background noise

11:06 a.m. 4.0 Report on Legislation

11:06 a.m. 4.1 Discussion and possible action: Future roles and responsibilities of the Legislative Committee

Legislative Affairs Chief Marissa Clark summarized the proposed process change for the Legislative Committee, aligning it with the approach discussed in the Nurse Practice Committee and Enforcement, Investigations, and Intervention Committee meetings held the previous day.

The proposal included:

- Legislative Committee reviews bills and votes on recommendations
- Recommendations, rationale, and member votes documented
- Items presented to the full Board as consent agenda items
- Any Board member may pull an item for separate discussion
- If a bill changes or new bills are added, they return as full agenda items

Board Discussion: **Patricia Wynne** expressed support, noting legislative bills are highly dynamic and appreciated staff's commitment to flag changes for the Board.

Motion: **Dolores Trujillo** moved to approve the process change for the work of the committee to be presented to the Board as consent agenda item or information only unless the Board wants to pull out a specific item to discuss during the Board meeting.

Second: **David Lollar**

**Public Comment
for Agenda Item**

4.1: No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:

	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Vote:	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Key: Yes: Y | No: N | Abstain: A | Absent for Vote: AB

Motion Passed

11:11 a.m.

4.2

Discussion and possible action: To take a position or take other action regarding legislative bills impacting the BRN

Legislative Affairs Chief Marissa Clark reported that AB 2622 (Pellerin) would not be moving forward and would not require discussion.

AB 1558 (Arambula) Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act

Clark provided an extensive overview of the bill, including:

- Interaction with existing emergency response systems (EMSA, EMAC, DHV)
- Creation of approved volunteer health practitioner registration systems
- Requirements for verifying licensure and good standing
- Scope-of-practice limitations for out-of-state volunteers
- BRN authority to impose administrative sanctions
- EMSA authority to regulate deployment, duration, and geographic practice
- Implications for California's emergency response infrastructure

Board Discussion: **Patricia Wynne** supported the concept and asked whether BRN is equipped to assume responsibilities outlined in the bill.

Executive Officer Melby explained that during the COVID-19 state of emergency, EMSA handled deployment of out-of-state practitioners, not BRN. BRN received lists of deployed practitioners and handled complaints and post-deployment licensing issues. The proposed bill differs because volunteers may not be tied to a specific facility, creating challenges in tracking and oversight. California already has multiple pathways for rapid deployment (temporary licenses, military spouse provisions, large pool of inactive but licensed nurses).

David Lollar asked whether BRN has authority to grant emergency licensure.

EO Melby clarified EMSA handles emergency deployment independently of BRN.

Nilu Patel asked about post-emergency status of “guest RNs.”

Marissa Clark noted the bill does not currently address this.

Katie Nair asked how many volunteer programs exist

Clark explained the bill would authorize their creation.

Additional discussion covered coordination with EMSA, historical challenges during COVID-19, and potential regulatory gaps.

Motion: **Nilu Patel** moved to support the bill with amendments that practitioners are tied to a specific facility.

Second: **David Lollar**

Public Comment

for AB 1558: No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed

SB 903 (Padilla) Mental health professionals: artificial intelligence

Clark provided context that the bill adds language affecting mental-health-related consumer protections involving artificial intelligence. She confirmed that the added language does relate to BRN licensees, and she explained how the bill's provisions could intersect with nursing practice and regulatory oversight. Her comments focused on ensuring the Board understands the potential licensing implications.

Board

Discussion: There was no Board discussion on this issue.

Motion: **Dolores Trujillo** moved to support the bill as currently written.

Second: **Nilu Patel**

Public Comment

for SB 903: No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:

	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
Vote:	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								

Motion Passed

SB 975 (Ochoa-Bogh) Nursing schools and programs: faculty members, directors, and assistant directors

Marissa Clark explained that the bill is driven by concerns from rural community colleges about difficulty recruiting program directors and assistant directors. The bill updates how the BRN approves nursing faculty, directors, and assistant directors by requiring approval when applicants meet established requirements and, if necessary, submit an approved remediation plan. It narrows the use of remediation plans to California Community Colleges and clarifies that faculty may teach under supervised mentorship, while directors and assistant directors may serve under a board-approved mentor. These changes expand BRN's regulatory responsibilities and enforcement scope under the Nursing Practice Act.

Clark also outlined the Board's available position options (support, oppose, watch, oppose unless amended, etc.) and confirmed that the Board could work with the author if desired.

Loretta Melby clarified that the bill is not about faculty preparation, which already has established pathways, but instead targets administrative leadership roles in nursing

programs. She noted that some issues raised in the bill could be addressed through regulatory changes rather than legislation.

Board Discussion: **Nilu Patel** expressed interest in the proposal but raised concerns about existing educator pathways and how to support development of new educators.

Executive Officer Melby clarified that the bill focuses on program directors and assistant directors rather than faculty, noting existing pathways already address faculty preparation.

David Lollar supported the concept but questioned whether a universal statutory change was necessary.

Marissa Clark noted the sponsor of the bill is a rural community college district and provided context for the bill's intent.

Alison Cormack questioned whether statutory changes were needed or whether regulatory pathways could be modified instead.

Clark confirmed regulatory processes could address some issues, but also wanted the Board to discuss how they feel about the concept of this bill.

Cormack continued to ask about a regulatory pathway and asked EO Melby for additional clarification.

Melby provided additional information regarding a desired idea for approval process of the bill.

Cormack stated she would be more inclined to oppose unless amended, asking for a remediation pathway and expanding beyond the limited pathways for only California Community Colleges. She explained that she is nervous about the changes and the unintended consequences.

Patricia Wynne agreed with Cormack and emphasized the Board's expertise in addressing the underlying issues.

Lollar asked whether the Board could take a "watch" position while working with the author.

Clark confirmed that was an available option and explained the range of positions.

Motion: **Alison Cormack** moved to oppose unless amended and give staff the ability to identify the needed amendments.

Second: **David Lollar**

Public Comment

for SB 975: No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
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<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								
Motion Passed								

SB 1146 (Gonzalez) Health-related consumer products and services: artificial intelligence

Clark confirmed that the bill's new language would impact BRN licensees, particularly in how AI-related consumer health tools intersect with regulated nursing practice. She provided additional context to help the Board understand how the bill's provisions could affect nurses and the Board's oversight responsibilities.

Board Discussion: **Alison Cormack** asked whether the bill's added language would affect nurse licensing.

Marissa Clark confirmed it would and provided additional context regarding potential impacts on licensees.

Motion: **Dolores Trujillo** moved to support the bill as currently written.

Second: **David Lollar**

12:31 p.m. Public Comment

for SB 1142: No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

Vote:	DT	NP	JD	PW	RL	VG	AC	KN
	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB								
Motion Passed								

12:33 p.m.

SB 1302 (Wahab) Nursing: list of approved schools (BRN Sunset Bill)

Marissa Clark provided general context for the bill as part of the BRN's sunset review process. When asked whether any of the questions or provisions were unexpected or unusual, she stated none were. Her comments indicated that the bill aligns with standard sunset review expectations and did not raise concerns from staff.

Loretta Melby noted that the Board did not need to take a position on this bill at this time, as it is not in its completed version.

Board Discussion: **Patricia Wynne** asked whether any of the questions raised in the bill were unexpected.

Executive Officer Melby responded that none were.

The Board treated this as informational and did not take a position at this time.

12:36 p.m.

**Public
Comment:**

No public comments were received via teleconference or in person.

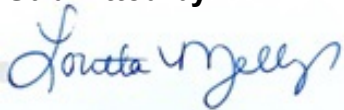
12:38 p.m.

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Adjournment

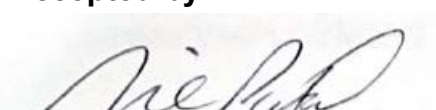
➤ **Board President Dolores Trujillo** adjourned the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Submitted by:



Loretta Melby, MSN, RN
Executive Officer
California Board of Registered Nursing

Accepted by:



Nilu Patel, DNAP, CRNA, FAANA
Vice President
California Board of Registered Nursing

Please Note: BRN staff prepared these meeting minutes with the assistance of artificial intelligence and conducted a full review to ensure completeness and accuracy.