

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS
FOR LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES**

**MINUTES
February 12, 2026
BOARD MEETING**

PPTOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION
DATE	February 12, 2026	
MEMBERS & STAFF PRESENT	Gregory Chiartas Orpha Swiger Francine Kirby-Chittum – per phone Michelle Chapman Victoria Carter Jennifer Hubbard	
CALL TO ORDER	10:03AM	Called to order by Gregory Chiartas. Approved by Francine Kirby-Chittum. Motion carried by all.
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	See attached Guest List	
REVIEW/APPROVAL PROPOSED AGENDA		Motion was made by Francine Kirby-Chittum to accept the proposed agenda. Seconded by Orpha Swiger. Motion carried.

<p>APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 16, 2025</p>		<p>Motion was made by Francine Kirby-Chittum to accept October 16, 2025, Minutes. Seconded by Orpha Swiger. Motion carried.</p>
<p>REPORT/DISCIPLINARY REVIEW COMMITTEE</p>	<p>See Attached List. Disciplinary Actions and Consent Agreement Summary of Cases from October 16, 2025, through February 12, 2026. Verbal report of cases completed with the Disciplinary Review Committee.</p>	
<p>BUDGETARY INFORMATION</p>	<p>Expenditures – FY 2026 – 2nd Quarter. The total expenditures for the second quarter of FY 2026 were \$154,958.40. The Account balance at the end of the second quarter FY2026 was \$299,324.64.</p>	
<p>REPORT OF PURCHASING CARD EXPENDITURES</p>	<p>Per requirements of the Auditor’s Office copies of the Purchase card log for the months of October 2025 through January 2026. Staff will be happy to respond to any inquiries Board members may have regarding these expenditures.</p>	

NCLEX-PN – TESTING RESULTS – AS OF JANUARY 31, 2026

NCLEX-PN – Testing Results – as of December 31, 2025. Summary results for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, are listed. These indicate that the passing rate for the West Virginia candidates for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, was 79.12%. Records show 91 West Virginia candidates took the exam with 72 passing. The national passing average for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, was 83.54%. Once again state is below the National Average. Also, provided is a listing of individual schools passing rates in WV and one full year of test takers. Staff will be happy to respond to any inquiry's members may have regarding this concern. The full year from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, WV PN average is 87.05% compared to the overall national average of 86.59%.

NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARD OF NURSING (NCSBN)

National Council State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) Update – 2026 NLC Midyear Meeting is being held March 16, 2026, in Phoenix, AZ along with Mid-Year Meeting – March 16-19. Further details of these meetings will be addressed at a later date. ORBS update is that Renewals will go live March 1, 2026.

<p>NLC UPDATE</p>	<p>A current copy of the NLC states have enacted the Nurse Licensure Compact is provided. Currently 43 states have enacted the NLC and have implemented the compact. Currently Guam, Massachusetts and US Virgin Islands are awaiting a date for implementation. The staff will be happy to respond to the impact the compact had made on the Board staff. The 60-day licensure rule is being enforced in regard to the compact. Staff will explain. This rule has been in effect since 2024, but a lot of compact states haven't been following it. So, what it is supposed to do is if you are locating into another state and changing your primary state of residence then your suppose to endorse into your new primary state of residence within 60 days and the nurses just haven't been doing that. We get calls now from Ohio nurses now wanting to renew and we allowed it last year but we aren't allowing it anymore.</p>	
<p>LEGISLATIVE AUDIT</p>	<p>This is done by a group of auditors under the Legislation Branch, and it's supposed to be done every 12 years but it has been longer than that since it has been done with The LPN Board of</p>	

<p>NEW RIVER COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE</p>	<p>Examiners. They are looking at combining the Boards. So, that is probably something that will happen in the future. It won't happen this Legislative Session but hopefully both Board will be able to develop a bill to combine the Boards with the help from the Legislative auditors. The RN Board will enter their Legislative Audit next month. The auditors will be working with them on how to proceed with combining the two Boards. The Governor is looking into with the Boards that are similar. There are only 3 states in our county that only have 2 Boards that haven't joined and we are one of them. Our quit is going fine so at some point it should be a recommendation for the combining of the Boards.</p> <p>A site visit was conducted on October 14, 2025. The materials were well organized and prepared for the site visit. Students stated they feel they are getting the education they need to be productive in the health care setting. Students indicated they can schedule times with the instructors and do test reviews as needed. A few minor changes were needed to correct clinical hours so that half of the total hours were clinical. The advisory committee only met once in the past year, and the</p>	<p>RECOMMENDATION: New River Community and Technical College be granted full accreditation for three years through October 14, 2028. Recommendation made by Gregory Chiartas for New River Community and Technical College be granted full accreditation for three years through October 14, 2028. Approved by Francine Kirby-Chittum and 2nd by Orpha Swiger. Motion carried by all.</p>
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**BOONE CAREER AND
TECHNICAL CENTER**

rules require a total of two meetings per year. All other materials reviewed complied with the rules. The current coordinator at the time of the site visit, Joanna Perry, has since resigned to take on a new program but left the new coordinator in a great position with guidance prior to her leaving.


A site visit was conducted on October 8, 2025. At Boone Career and Technical Center. The initial visit on October 8, 2025, indicated some issues with calendar hours and the master plan, affiliate agreements and some concerns with pass rates. A conference was held with the coordinator regarding the above issues. The Board provided examples of how to fix the issues and assistance was offered if needed. The school was given 30 days to provide the corrections to the Board of the above-mentioned items. Ms. Webb, the coordinator, was compliant with the request and provided the updates. The school had been faced with employee issues which had put Ms. Webb in a position where she was not only functioning as the coordinator but also teaching a full-time load. Functioning in a dual role makes it difficult for a coordinator to keep up to date with the tasks of a coordinator.

RECOMMENDATION:
Boone Career and Technical Center be granted full state accreditation for a period of three years ending October 8, 2028.
Recommendation made by Francine Kirby-Chittum for Boone Career and Technical Center be granted full accreditation for a period of three years ending October 8, 2028. Approved by Gregory Chiartas and 2nd by Orpha Swiger. Motion carried by all.

<p>PREVIOUSLY APPROVED MEETING DATES</p>	<p>Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 10:00A.M. Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 10:00A.M.</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDATION: FUTURE MEETING DATE PROPOSED MEETING DATE</p>	<p>Thursday, February 11, 2027, at 10:00A.M.</p>	
<p>MISCELLANIOUS</p>	<p>No safety issues have been identified</p>	
<p>ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING</p>	<p>Regular meeting Adjourned at 10:33 A.M.</p>	<p>Motion by Orpha Swiger to adjourn Regular Meeting. Seconded by Gregory Chiartias.</p>

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APPROVED BY:


Gregory Chiartas, President

02/12/2026
Date

PREPARED BY:


Victoria L. Carter Adm. Services Assistant

02/12/2026
Date