# BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF NURSING CARE INSTITUTION ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY MANAGERS

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# **Board Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting of the NCIA Board convened at 9am, Monday, Oct 21, 2024 in Boardroom C, at 1740 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona, with Ken Kidder, Vice President, presiding.

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ken Kidder, Vice-President Susan Archer, Member Kerri Felix, Member Rebecca Hill, Member James (Ritch) Steven, Member Nathan Koford, Member

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY:**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Jeffrey Cook, Member

#### **LEGAL COUNSEL:**

Seamus Monaghan, Assistant Attorney General Dena Benjamin, Assistant Attorney General

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Jack Confer, Executive Director
Donita McGlasson, Deputy Director
Phil Smyth, Investigator
Stacy Rodriguez, Project Specialist
Brian Thomas, Project Specialist
Paige Horton, Licensing Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:14am, Monday, Oct 21, 2024.

Vice President Kidder welcomed members of the audience, explained the procedure for addressing the Board, and stated the mission of the Board.

#### I. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Vice President Kidder, Member Archer, Member Felix, Member Hill, Member Koford, Member Steven

#### II. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. § 38-503

No Board Member declared conflicts of interest

# III. <u>DECLARATION OF RECUSAL(S)</u>

Member Archer recused from 2024-NCI-0105, 2024-NCI-0287, 2024-NCI-0309. Member Felix recused from 2024-NCI-0275.

#### IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one wished to speak

## V. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) (to discuss confidential information), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) (to receive legal advice). Board Review, Consideration and Action on Approval of Minutes

# A. Draft September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Member Archer • motioned, Vice President Kidder • seconded, to approve Draft September 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

#### **VOICE ROLL CALL: 6-0**

# VI. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POTENTIAL SETTLEMENT OF PENDING SUPERIOR COURT ACTION:

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) (to discuss confidential information), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) (to receive legal advice).

#### A. Loretta Rivera 2023-NCI-0209, -0372, -0475

Loretta Rivera was present and was represented by legal counsel Jennifer Wasserman for a Settlement Conference.

Assistant Attorney General Monaghan, representing the State, outlined the Settlement proposed agreement to the Board.

After a brief discussion, the Board voted on this matter.:

Vice President Kidder - motioned, Member Archer - seconded, to approve the Settlement Agreement.

**ROLL CALL VOTE (5-1)** Kidder Archer Steven **Felix** Cook **Koford** <u>Hill</u> VOTE Vice Member Member Member Member Member Member President YES **| / / /** V NO ABSTAIN RECUSED  $\square$ ABSENT VIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON **COMPLAINT CASE REVIEWS** Staff Recommendation for Disciplinary Consent Agreement(s). Action may also include Α. Summary Suspension of the license or certificate, the Issuance of a Letter of Concern, or Dismissal, in any of the following cases: 9. Elaine Grozav 2024-NCI-0302 Elaine Grozav was present. Investigator Phil Smyth outlined the case to the Board. Elaine Grozav answered several questions from the Board and gave details to the matter.: Vice President Kidder - motioned, Member Steven - seconded, to offer a Consent Agreement to be signed within 10 days or the matter will be forwarded to formal hearing for a violation of ARS 36-446.07(B)(3), conditions: Suspension of Certificate, but the Suspension as long as the terms of Probation are met; reimburse the Board \$523.88 for investigative costs; complete 3 • hours of continuing education in the areas of Personnel Requirements •, Directive Care Services, Environmental Preparedness, Food Service and Medication Management, within 3 months. **ROLL CALL VOTE (6-0)** Kidder Brimhall Archer Campbell Steven **Felix** Koford <u>Hill</u> Cook VOTE Vice President Member Member Member Member Member Member Member President YES **/ / / / / |** NO ABSTAIN RECUSED ABSENT **/ /** 

# Consent Agreement(s) signed prior to meeting

15.	Amber Briongos	2024-NCI-0331
16.	Raymond Beebe	2024-NCI-0342
17.	Lucia Ardelean	2024-NCI-0327
18.	Ladywinnie Allison	2024-NCI-0230
19.	Dale Prentiss	2024-NCI-0234

20.	Andrea Petrus	2024-NCI-0241
21.	Virginia Siara	2024-NCI-0257
22.	Lori Fruchey	2024-NCI-0263
23.	Charlene Pruden	2024-NCI-0281
24.	John Lacanilao	2024-NCI-0299
25.	George Munguia	2024-NCI-0312
26.	Teodor Gheaburcu	2024-NCI-0423
27.	Rosanna Barretto	2024-NCI-0232
28.	Rosanna Barretto	2024-NCI-0485
29.	April Chavez	2024-NCI-0332
30.	April Chavez	2024-NCI-0452

Vice President Kidder • motioned, Member Archer • seconded, to approve the Signed Consent Agreement signed prior to the meeting.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE (6-0)**

VOTE	4	Kidder Vice President	<u>Archer</u> Member	<u>Steven</u> Member	<u>Felix</u> Member	<u>Cook</u> Member	<u>Koford</u> Member	<u>Hill</u> Member
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# 3. Angel's Caregiver Training School 2024-NCI-0269

Anca Micu, complainant was present and gave details to the matter.

Esther Atanmo was present, representing Angel's Caregiver Training School. Investigator Smyth outlined the case to the Board. Esther Atanmo answered the several questions from the Board and gave details to the matter.

After a brief discussion, the Board voted on this matter.:

Vice President Kidder • motioned, Member Archer • seconded, to offer a Consent Agreement to be signed within 10 days or the matter will be forwarded to formal hearing for a violation of ARS 36-446.07(B)(3), conditions: Suspension of Certificate, but the Suspension as long as the terms of Probation are met; reimburse the Board \$727.85 for investigative costs; Provide the board within 10 days a copy of each new student's admission agreement, Upon a student completing the manager training program, provide the board a copy of the entire student record within 10 days, The board may conduct unannounced site visits and conduct audits of the training program.

**ROLL CALL VOTE (6-0)** 

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<u>VOTE</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Kidder</u> Vice President	Archer Member	<u>Steven</u> Member	<u>Felix</u> Member	<u>Cook</u> Member	<u>Koford</u> Member	<u>Hill</u> Member
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2.	Mark Lawrence	2024-NCI-0267
5.	Carlene Ashely	2024-NCI-0291
6.	Connie Edmonds	2024-NCI-0292
7.	Aurora Flores	2024-NCI-0296
8.	Sally Abram	2024-NCI-0298
11.	Rahel Gebru	2024-NCI-0380
12.	Jhonathan Castillo	2024-NCI-0301
13.	Jhonathan Castillo	2024-NCI-0398
14.	Sidonia Groza	2024-NCI-0344

Vice President Kidder • made a motion, was seconded by Member Archer • to accept the staff recommendation for Disciplinary Consent Agreement • for 1,2, 5-8,11-14.

**ROLL CALL VOTE (6-0)** 

VOTE	i.	Kidder Vice President	Archer Member	<u>Steven</u> Member	<u>Felix</u> Member	<u>Cook</u> Member	<u>Koford</u> Member	<u>Hill</u> Member
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B. Staff Recommendation for Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern(s). Action may include rejection of the recommendation and the Offer of a Disciplinary Consent Agreement, in any of the following cases:

18. Corneliu Niculescu19. Corneliu Niculescu2024-NCI-02942024-NCI-0335

Member Steven • motioned, Vice President Kidder • seconded, to subpoena Manager Niculescu to attend a future Board meeting.

**ROLL CALL VOTE (6-0)** 

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>}</u>	<u>Kidder</u> Vice President	Archer Member	<u>Steven</u> Member	<u>Felix</u> Member	<u>Cook</u> Member	<u>Koford</u> Member	<u>Hill</u> Member
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2.	Dana Blaj	2024-NCI-0231
3.	Sean Summervilles	2024-NCI-0240
4.	Michael O'Leary	2024-NCI-0255
5.	Deborah Hall	2024-NCI-0274
6.	Seth Amolo	2024-NCI-0277
7.	Ulysses Laurente	2024-NCI-0284
8.	Nancy Aguirre	2024-NCI-0285
9.	Dorreene Allen	2024-NCI-0290
10.	Mindy Melendez	2024-NCI-0295
11.	Simona Tolan	2024-NCI-0303
12.	Maria Remito	2024-NCI-0304
13.	Dominika Zajac	2024-NCI-0305
14.	Jeanette Zerilli	2024-NCI-0310
15.	Teodor Gheaburcu	2024-NCI-0315
16.	Janett Agbayani	2024-NCI-0325
17.	Andrei Popescu	2024-NCI-0330
20.	Maria Rivera	2024-NCI-0339
21.	Rahel Gebru	2024-NCI-0341
22.	Charlene Pruden	2024-NCI-0448

Vice President Kidder • motioned, Member Archer • seconded, to accept the staff recommendation for Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern • for 1-17, 20-22 and include complaint 2024-NCI-0248 against Lori Fuchey for a Non-Disciplinary Letter of Concern.

**ROLL CALL VOTE (6-0)** 

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# VII. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS, PROPOSED CONSENT AGREEMENTS, INFORMAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCES OR MOTIONS TO DEEM ALLEGATIONS ADMITTED:

The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) (to discuss confidential information), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) (to receive legal advice).

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# VIII. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON **COMPLAINT CASE REVIEWS**

C. Staff Recommendation for Dismissal(s). Action may include rejection of the recommendation and the Issuance of a Letter of Concern or Offer of a Disciplinary Consent Agreement, in any of the following cases:

#### 19. **Adam Griffiths**

# 2024-NCI-0264

Adam Griffiths was not present and was provided notice of the meeting. Investigator Smyth outlined the case to the Board.

After a brief discussion, the Board voted on this matter.:

Vice President Kidder • motioned, Member Archer • seconded, to issue a Letter of Concern against Manager Certificate Holder, Adam Griffiths, the Board's concern manager failed to maintain two valid fingerprint cards.

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1. Teresa Merritt	2024-NCI-0210
2. Misty Farnstrom	2024-NCI-0233
3. Jesse Zamudio	2024-NCI-0235
4. Nicolle Blais	2024-NCI-0236
5. Tiffany Moore	2024-NCI-0237
6. Brenda Schumacher	2024-NCI-0242
7. Kristal Nicholson	2024-NCI-0246
8. Sandra Holt	2024-NCI-0247
10. Maria Mateo	2024-NCI-0249
11. Gregory Neely	2024-NCI-0250
12. Matthew Schaub	2024-NCI-0251
13. Mark Vilar	2024-NCI-0252
14. Karry Lewis	2024-NCI-0254
15. Maria Turner	2024-NCI-0256
16. Victoria Nakazigo	2024-NCI-0259
17. Josemari Cavada	2024-NCI-0260
18. No Manager	2024-NCI-0262
20. Kevin Concannon	2024-NCI-0265
21. Clara Brummel	2024-NCI-0266
22. Angel's Caregiver Training School	2024-NCI-0268
23. Mary Salazar	2024-NCI-0273
25. Steven Curry	2024-NCI-0276
26. No Manager	2024-NCI-0278
27. Brooke Rogers	2024-NCI-0279
28. Gladys Owuor	2024-NCI-0280
29. Gary Hughes	2024-NCI-0282
30. Gretchen Bechtold	2024-NCI-0283
31. Mirabella Alexandru	2024-NCI-0286
32. Jacqueline Bujdei	2024-NCI-0288
33. Jacob Awandem	2024-NCI-0289
34. Dawn Grant	2024-NCI-0297
36. Fay Jolley-Webster	2024-NCI-0306
37. Ardith Elmore	2024-NCI-0308
39. Robin Sullivan	2024-NCI-0311
40. Esther Macias	2024-NCI-0313
41. Richard Young	2024-NCI-0314
42. Dionathan Plantado	2024-NCI-0316
43. Blanca Quiros	2024-NCI-0319
44. Tara Wallace	2024-NCI-0320
45. Marin Oancea	2024-NCI-0322
46. Letha Garcia	2024-NCI-0323
47. No Manager	2024-NCI-0324
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49. Kimberli McCurdy	2024-NCI-0328
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50. Nichelle Johnson-Ridgway	2024-NCI-0329
51. Janell Opsahl	2024-NCI-0333
52. Helen Heler	2024-NCI-0336
53. Maryjane Luhumbu	2024-NCI-0338
54. Deborah Pineda	2024-NCI-0340

Vice President Kidder • made a motion, was seconded by Member Archer • to accept the staff recommendation for Dismissal • for 1-8, 10-18, 20-23, 25-34 36,37, 39-54.

# **ROLL CALL VOTE (5-1)**

VOTE		<u>Kidder</u> Vice President	Archer Member	<u>Steven</u> Member	<u>Felix</u> Member	<u>Cook</u> Member	<u>Koford</u> Member	<u>Hill</u> Member
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A. Staff Recommendation for Disciplinary Consent Agreement(s). Action may also include Summary Suspension of the license or certificate, the Issuance of a Letter of Concern, or Dismissal, in any of the following cases:

4. Elena Sik
 10. Pamela Wright
 2024-NCI-0287 POSTPONED
 2024-NCI-0334 POSTPONED

C. Staff Recommendation for Dismissal(s). Action may include rejection of the recommendation and the Issuance of a Letter Concern or Offer of a Disciplinary Consent Agreement, in any of the following cases:

24. Laura Olson 2024-NCI-0275 **POSTPONED**38. Susan Archer 2024-NCI-0309 **POSTPONED** 

## X. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Confer gave details to the following items:

- A. Budget Update, Licensing, Probation & Investigation Statistics (Possible Discussion & Consideration)
- B. 2025 Legislative-Statutory Change Request(s) (Possible Discussion & Vote)
- C. DHS & NCIA Memorandum of Understanding, DSA2025-009 (Possible Discussion & Vote) After a brief discussion, the Board voted on this matter.:

Vice President Kidder • motioned, Member Hill • seconded, to allow Executive Director Confer to sign DHS & NCIA Memorandum of Understanding.

**ROLL CALL VOTE (6-0)** 

VOTE		Kidder Vice President	<u>Archer</u> Member	<u>Steven</u> Member	<u>Felix</u> Member	<u>Cook</u> Member	<u>Koford</u> Member	<u>Hill</u> Member
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# D. RBA & NCIA Interagency Service Agreement (Possible Consideration, Discussion & Vote)

After a brief discussion, the Board voted on this matter.:

Vice President Kidder • motioned, Member Archer • seconded, to approve the RBA & NCIA Interagency Service Agreement.

**ROLL CALL VOTE (6-0)** 

<u>VOTE</u>		<u>Kidder</u> Vice President	Archer Member	<u>Steven</u> Member	<u>Felix</u> Member	<u>Cook</u> Member	<u>Koford</u> Member	<u>Hill</u> Member
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- E. Arizona Leaders Connect, SALC Cohort 5, Donita McGlasson
- F. 2025 Vulnerable Adult System Study Committee Composition

## IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Kidder had nothing to report.

## XI. FUTURE ITEMS AND MEETING DATES

November 18, 2024, December 9, 2024, January 13, 2025

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned on Oct 21, 2024 12:45 PM.



Jack Confer, Executive Director