



NORTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Meeting Minutes – *Approved October 30, 2025*

September 29, 2025

919 S 7th St, STE 504, Bismarck, ND and Virtual

All motions taken by roll call.

Roll Call & Conflict of Interest Statement: President Seamands called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CT.

NDBON Members Present: Kyla Armstrong, Dr. John Carroll, Brooke Giannonatti, Melodi Krank, Samantha Richter, Maggie Seamands, Joseph Vetter (*Absent:* Dr. Seth Fisher, Sarah Friestad).

NDBON Staff Present: Dr. Stacey Pfenning, Maureen Bentz, Melissa Hanson, Kyle Martin, Corrie Lund, Sam Breen, SAAG Simonson, SAAG Bergeson.

Guests Present: Leo Wilking, Legal Counsel for Respondents: Susan Buchholz, Brianna Lang, Sydney Telehey; Amanda Schmidt (witness).

1) Investigative Case Presentations: *NDBON deliberated on three Investigative Case Presentations. SAAG Bergeson and Hanson presented the CAC Stipulation on behalf of the CAC, including review of redacted patient medical records. Leo Wilking, legal counsel for each of the respondents and each respondent presented in support of a letter of concern, including review of redacted medical records.*

- a) Susan Buchholz, RN: Vetter motioned to accept the CAC Stipulation for Susan Buchholz, RN and enter its order to: Issue a Reprimand; assess \$700 penalty fee; assess costs and disbursements; and impose other terms as set out in the CAC Stipulation. The intent of this Motion is to reject the Susan Buchholz LOC which would impose a Letter of Concern, and to have that Letter of Concern shredded, and of no effect, as agreed by Ms. Buchholz in the Agreement to Resolve Disciplinary Action with Case Presentation to the Board. Giannonatti seconded. Motion carried.

Armstrong	Yes	Carroll	Yes	Fisher	Absent	Friestad	Absent
Giannonatti	Yes	Krank	Yes	Richter	Yes	Seamands	Yes
Vetter	Yes	7 Yes; 0 o; 2 Absent; 0 Abstain; 0 Recuse					

- b) Brianne Lang, APRN: Vetter motioned to accept the CAC Stipulation for Brianne Lang, APRN and enter its order to: Issue a Reprimand; assess \$800 penalty fee; assess costs and disbursements; and impose other terms as set out in the CAC Stipulation. The intent of this Motion is to reject the Brianne Lang LOC which would impose a Letter of Concern, and to have that Letter of Concern shredded, and of no effect, as agreed by Ms. Lang in the Agreement to Resolve Disciplinary Action with Case Presentation to the Board. Krank seconded. Motion carried.

Armstrong	Yes	Carroll	Yes	Fisher	Absent	Friestad	Absent
Giannonatti	Yes	Krank	Yes	Richter	Yes	Seamands	Yes
Vetter	Yes	7 Yes; 0 No; 2 Absent; 0 Abstain; 0 Recuse					

- c) Sydney Telehey, RN: Richter motioned to accept the CAC Stipulation for Sydney Telehey, RN and enter its order to: Issue a Reprimand; assess \$700 penalty fee; assess costs and disbursements; and impose other terms as set out in the CAC Stipulation. The intent of this Motion is to reject the Sydney Telehey LOC which would impose a Letter of Concern, and to have that Letter of Concern shredded, and of no effect, as agreed by Ms. Telehey in the Agreement to Resolve Disciplinary Action with Case Presentation to the Board. Seamands seconded. Motion carried.

Armstrong	No	Carroll	Yes	Fisher	Absent	Friestad	Absent
Giannonatti	Yes	Krank	No	Richter	Yes	Seamands	Yes
Vetter	Yes	5 Yes; 2 No; 2 Absent; 0 Abstain; 0 Recuse					

2) Stipulations for Settlements. None

3) Administrative Hearing: *NDBON reviewed the Administrative Law Judge's recommendations issued in the August 14, 2025 matter of the State of North Dakota and the Board of Nursing of the State of North Dakota v.*

Vanessa Ngam, RN, Respondent. Vetter motioned to accept the recommended findings of fact, conclusions of law, and default order concerning Vanessa Ngam, RN. Krank seconded. Motion Carried.

Armstrong	Yes	Carroll	Yes	Fisher	Absent	Friestad	Absent
Giannonatti	Yes	Krank	Yes	Richter	Yes	Seamands	Yes
Vetter	Yes	7 Yes; 0 no; 2 Absent; 0 Abstain: 0; Recuse					

- 4) Next Steps: ND Medi-Spas/Aesthetic Practices:** *SAAG Simonson and Pfenning provided an update on Medi-Spas/aesthetic practices in ND and the continued public concerns being brought to the NDBON via letters, emails, and formal complaints.* Vetter motioned to direct the NDBON SAAGs and Directors to: 1) Pursue discussion with the North Dakota Attorney General’s Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division or other applicable state parties to evaluate the potential need for oversight of Medi-Spas and aesthetic practices in North Dakota; and 2) Include a dedicated agenda item at the October Regular Board Meeting to provide a public forum addressing Medi-Spas and aesthetic practices; and include a summary of public comments received by the NDBON on the draft practice guidance on aesthetic practices. Armstrong seconded. Motion carried.

Armstrong	Yes	Carroll	Yes	Fisher	Absent	Friestad	Absent
Giannonatti	Yes	Krank	Yes	Richter	Yes	Seamands	Yes
Vetter	Yes	7 Yes; 0 no; 2 Absent; 0 Abstain: 0; Recuse					

- 13. Adjournment** – Carroll motioned to adjourn. Armstrong seconded. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. CT.