

# Arizona State Board of Nursing

Doug Ducey  
Governor

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Executive Director



## Special Board Meeting Minutes

The special meeting of the Arizona State Board of Nursing convened at 4:21pm, Friday, September 25, 2020 in Board Room A, at the Board of Nursing office, 1740 W. Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona, with Dr. Carmen Hill-Mekoba, DNP, APRN-BC, President, presiding.

### BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Carmen Hill-Mekoba, DNP, APRN-BC, President (Virtual)  
Cecelia Andersen BSN, RN, Secretary  
Theresa (Terri) Berrigan, LPN, C-AL, Member  
Elizabeth Boyer, RN, Member  
Lori Gutierrez, MSN, RN-C, Member (Virtual)  
Carolyn McCormies, RN, MS, FNP-BC, Member

### BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Angela Fountain, RN, MSN, CRNA, Member  
Dr. Lisa Smith, PhD, RN, CNE, Member

### LEGAL COUNSEL:

Elizabeth Campbell, Assistant Attorney General

### STAFF DIRECTORS:

Joey Ridenour, RN, MN, FAAN, Executive Director  
Janeen Dahn, PhD, RN, FNP-C, Associate Director of Operations, Hearing and Compliance  
Cindy Mand, MSN, RN, Associate Director, Complaints & Investigations  
Robert Ellis, BSIT, MBA, MPM, Associate Director of IT and Finance

### STAFF:

Anna Anderson, BA, Senior Investigator Irene Barajas, Senior Investigator Shawna Bonner, MSN, RN, Program Administrator Susan Bushong, B.A., Senior Investigator Diane Caruso, MSN, FNP-C, CRRN, Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant Stephanie Chambers, MN, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant Stephanie Cruz, Senior Investigator David Elson, Senior Investigator Tiffany Fotinos, MSN, FNP-C, Advanced Practice Nurse Consultant Cindy George, BSN, RN, Education Program Administrator Kathleen Harrington, MSN-INF, RN, Program Administrator Amy Heistand, BSN, RN, PCCN, Nurse Practice Consultant David Hrabe, PhD, RN, NC-BC, Education Program Administrator	Dolores Hurtado, Senior Investigator Ruth Kish, MN, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant Lyn Ledbetter, Administrative Assistant II Emma Mamaluy, JD, Chief Counsel Pam Millben, BAS, Senior Investigator Michelle Morton, Senior Investigator Naira Kutnerian, Legal Secretary II, Investigator Kirk Olson, Program Manager Loral Anne Pultz, BSN, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant Kevin Rapkoch, BSN, RN, Nurse Practice Consultant Bonnie Richter, MSW, Senior Investigator Kathy Scott, PhD, MPA, BSN, RN, Education Program Administrator Brent Sutter, Senior Investigator
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**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at at 4:20pm, Friday, September 25, 2020.  
 The following Board members were physically present: Andersen, Berrigan, Boyer and McCormies.  
 The following Board members were virtually present: Gutierrez, and Hill-Mekoba.  
 Hill-Mekoba presided.  
 Hill-Mekoba welcomed members of the audience, explained the procedure for addressing the Board, and stated the mission of the Board.

**II.A. CONSENT AGENDA: Board Staff’s Request to Approve Alternative to Discipline Stipulated Agreements and Consent Agreements**

**II.A 1. 201905266**

McCormies moved, Berrigan seconded, and it was unanimously carried, based on the information presented at this meeting and contained in the investigative report and upon meeting all licensure requirements grant license and accept the recommendation of Board staff.

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>Berrigan</u> Member	<u>McCormies</u> Member	<u>Andersen</u> Secretary	<u>Hill- Mekoba</u> President	<u>Boyer</u> Member	<u>Gutierrez</u> Member	<u>Fountain</u> Member	<u>Smith</u> Member
YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABSTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
RECUSED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**III. Call to the Public**

A public body may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, place and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address the public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. The Board may ask staff to review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. Members of the public body shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H).

No members of the public requested to speak

**IV. Adjournment**

Andersen moved, Gutierrez seconded, and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24pm. Friday, September 25, 2020.

  
 Carmen Hill-Mekoba (Nov 17, 2020 10:19 MST)

Nov 17, 2020

Dr. Carmen Hill-Mekoba, DNP, APRN-BC, President | Date

*Submitted by: Lyn Ledbetter  
 Administrative Assistant*