



Arkansas Department of Health

Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee
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Governor Asa Hutchinson
José R. Romero, MD, Secretary of Health

**CALLED MEETING OF THE
FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE
APRIL 21, 2022
Arkansas State Board of Nursing, Ste. 312 and via Zoom**

The meeting of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee was called to order by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN, Chairperson of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee at 9:03 a.m.

Members present:

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN, Chair
Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN, Vice-Chair
Mark Foster, DNP, APRN
Mitzi Scotten, M.D.
Donna Shipley, M.D.
William Hawkins, M.D.
Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN
Amy Embry, Executive Director ASMB
Sue Tedford, Executive Director ASBN

Members absent: Purushottam Thapa, M.D.

Also attending this meeting:

David Dawson, Counsel for ASBN
Lacie Kirchner, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for the FIPCC
Joe West, Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for the FIPCC
Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN, ASBN Assistant Director
Mary Rogers
Austin Grinder

Additions to the agenda – There were no additions to the agenda.

Approval of the agenda

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to accept the agenda and William Hawkins, M.D. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Update of the proposed rules

Sue Tedford provided an update of the Rules Subcommittee meeting. There was a concern from some committee members that the requirement for letters of

recommendation went beyond the scope of the legislation and that out-of-state NP's were being treated differently from those in-state. Discussion was held as to the possibility of the applicants completing an affidavit verifying they have the required hours to be considered for independent practice and reducing the number of letters of recommendation from three to one.

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to amend the rules to require applicants to complete an affidavit attesting that the 6,240 hours requirement has been met. Mark Foster seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Mitzi Scotten, M.D. moved that the rules be amended to allow for one letter of recommendation instead of three. The motion was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. There were three votes in favor and two votes against. The motion passed.

Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to accept the amendments to item five under the qualifications section of the rule. Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to accept the deletions in the proposed rule. William Hawkins, M.D. seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Williams Hawkins, M.D. moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.



Leonie DeClerk, Chair



Amy Embry, Recording Secretary


