

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
EDUCATION/LICENSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: January 22, 2025

9:50 a.m.

Start Time: 9:50 a.m.

Location: **NOTE:** Pursuant to the provisions of Government Code section 11133 a physical meeting location was not being provided.

The Board of Registered Nursing held a public meeting via a teleconference platform.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 - 9:50 a.m. BRN Education/Licensing Committee Meeting

9:50 a.m.

8.0

Call to order/roll call/establishment of a quorum.

Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at: 9:50 a.m. All members present. Quorum was established at 9:51 a.m.

Committee Members: Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN-Chair
Patricia "Tricia" Wynne, Esq.
Dolores Trujillo, RN

BRN Staff: Loretta (Lori) Melby, RN, MSN – Executive Officer
Reza Pejuhesh – DCA Legal Attorney

9:53 a.m.

8.1 Public comment for items not on the agenda; items for future agendas

Public Comment for

Agenda Item 8.1: A written comment was made in Webex asking if the Enforcement and Intervention agenda will be discussed today. Loretta Melby said this is the Education and Licensing Committee and when it concludes the Enforcement, Intervention, and Investigations Committee (EIIC) will take place later in the afternoon.

Another written comment asked when probationer and intervention comments should be made. Loretta Melby said they could be made later at the EIIC meeting or at the next board meeting.

Reza Pejuhesh said public comments may or may not be answered at the time a comment is made or not depending on the question asked.

No public comments at the Sacramento location.

**10:01
a.m.**

8.2 Review and vote on whether to approve previous meeting minutes

8.2.1 October 17, 2024

Committee

Discussion: No comments or questions.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez:** Motion to Accept ELC Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2024 and allow BRN Staff to make non-substantive changes to correct name misspellings and/or typos that may be discovered in the document.

Second: **Dolores Trujillo**

Public Comment for

Agenda Item 8.2.1: No public comments from any location.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

**10:04
a.m.**

8.3

Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend ratification of minor curriculum revisions and acknowledge receipt of program progress reports (16 CCR § 1426), and whether to recommend ratification of clinical facility approval or other action (16 CCR § 1427) (consent) (schools under consideration are identified in the meeting materials)

Committee

Discussion: No comments or questions.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez:** Recommend ratification of curriculum revisions, clinical agency, or facility approvals, and acknowledge receipt of program progress reports.

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

Public Comment for

Agenda Item 8.3: No public comments in any location.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

10:07
a.m.

8.4

Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend approval, acceptance, or other action for approved nursing programs (consent)

Continuing approval of prelicensure nursing programs (BPC § 2788; 16 CCR §§ 1423)

- 8.4.1** Azusa Pacific University Entry Level Masters and Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.2** Charles Drew University Entry Level Masters Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.3** California State University-Channel Islands Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.4** Mendocino College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.5** Solano College Associate Degree Nursing Program
- 8.4.6** Azusa Pacific University Family and Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Programs
- 8.4.7** California State University, Fresno Family Nurse Practitioner Program
- 8.4.8** Charles Drew University, Family and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Programs
- 8.4.9** University of San Diego, Family, Pediatric, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Programs

Committee

Discussion: No comments or questions after presentation.

During Motion:

Dolores Trujillo asked about Charles Drew being presented. Mary Ann McCarthy said they will be presented at 8.5. Clarification was made that 8.4.8 is the nurse practitioner program and 8.5 is the baccalaureate program.

Reza Pejuhesh asked if the motion encompasses 8.4.1 through 8.4.9. Jovita Dominguez said it is. Reza said any public person could bring out any of the items for discussion. The motion for 8.4 includes all agenda items under it.

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez:** Recommend continuing approval of prelicensure nursing programs and continuing approval of advanced practice (nurse practitioner) nursing programs.

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.4: No public comments in any location.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

10:13
a.m.

8.5 **Discussion and possible action regarding whether to recommend continuing approval or other action for approved nursing program currently on deferred status (BPC § 2788; 16 CCR §§ 1421 & 1423) (present)**

Charles Drew University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

Committee

Discussion: Patricia Wynne asked to hear from Charles Drew and wondered why there was no attrition rate data.

Sharon Cobb, School Representative, said this is a small cohort and there is attrition data. She said they updated their policies to respond to the BRN.

Mary Ann McCarthy said data is reported on an annual basis and because they do not have a full year of data it is not included in this report.

Dolores Trujillo asked about any planned remedial action to retake NCLEX due to low scores.

Sharon Cobb said they did an in-depth assessment with their NEC. They realigned their testing with faculty including clinical judgement and dosage calculations starting in the beginning of their program. This is being done in alignment with their university's mission.

Dolores Trujillo asked for a common reason or denominator as to why the NCLEX scores were low.

Sharon Cobb said they've spoken with other education institutions across the country. They offer reimbursement to students when they go to test the first time if they pass. They have a coach who texts students weekly after graduation. They are doing a more in depth contact approach with the students to get them to test within the first 30 days after graduation.

Patricia Wynne said the letter that was submitted about the faculty and working with students is helpful.

Sharon Cobb wants to make sure they do what's necessary to help students succeed. They also reach out to repeat students to help them as well.

Gail Washington, school representative, said they are making strides and taking necessary steps to help their students succeed. They've developed a plan and constantly reevaluating the data to inform their strategies to help their students. Their NEC has been very encouraging and compassionate with them as they work to improve the pass rates.

Jovita Dominguez praised the championing of the students. Every student is different, and communication should be individualized.

Sharon Cobb echoes those comments. There are socioeconomic barriers, and they look for ways to deliver success to their students.

10:32 am

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez:** Recommend defer taking action on the continuing approval status for Charles Drew University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program while they work to clear the area(s) of non-compliance and return to the Board in January/February 2026.

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

Public Comment for

Agenda Item 8.5: No public comments in any location.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

10:34
a.m.

8.6

Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of substantive changes to an approved program (16 CCR § 1432) (present)

8.6.1 California State University Fresno Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Patricia Wynne said she struggles with some of the proposals that double their enrollment, but this is a modest increase, and it is easy for her to support this proposal.

Loretta Melby said this school is in region 6 and there is another school looking to grow in the same region. It was suggested that the schools on the agenda be taken and considered by region and the agenda was modified to reflect that.

Patricia Wynne and Dolores Trujillo support this idea.

Dolores Trujillo said this is a very modest request and supports this proposal.

10:51 am

- Motion:** **Jovita Dominguez:** Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for California State University Fresno Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:
- The school has requested: 70 students, twice a year for an annual enrollment of 140 students (an increase of 20 students annually):

Second: **Dolores Trujillo**

Public Comment for

Agenda Item 8.6.1: No public comment in any location.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Agenda reordered to item 8.6.7

10:54
a.m.

**8.6.7 Career Care Institute Associate Degree Nursing Program
(enrollment increase)**

**Committee
Discussion:**

Dolores Trujillo asked the school representative if they've collaborated with other schools about clinical sites.

Ima Aliyu, school representative, said she collaborated with three schools near them. She said Antelope University had a LVN program that has recently closed. They had some clinical placements that became available after closing. They have contracts with clinical facilities. They have structural facilities and faculty to handle the increase.

Dolores Trujillo clarified the school is in region 8 and 6 and voiced concern about the increase. She said 88 seems much higher.

Patricia Wynne is concerned with the high increase in students and commented on the schools NCLEX rates in the past years. She is worried about their track record.

Ima Aliyu said it's been seven years since they opened that they are making a request to increase students. She asked the board for the opportunity to improve the program, and the NCLEX scores are now at 95%. She provided further insight and factors for the NCLEX scores. They have a template they use for their students. They have a benchmark that they cannot go below. They support their students from the time they enter the program. She spoke about their LVN program that started in 1998. She said there is a need to be able to accept their LVN students to become RNs. With one cohort they do not have consistency with their faculty and this request will allow them to do this.

Evelyn Orellana, President, Career Care, said they've employed the faculty full time to be able to support the increase request. They only graduate one cohort per year. They have an 85% pass rate. They are working with the students who do not pass the NCLEX on their first attempt. They have faculty conducting 1:1 support for their students. They have prepared the resources to accommodate the request.

Ima Aliyu said they had a curriculum change in fall 2023. They found this to be a contributing factor in their NCLEX scores. They have students who have

completed all general education requirements and are unable to join in term 3. More than five clinical facilities have placements for their students.

Dolores Trujillo asked what hospitals are used for their clinicals. Ima Aliyu said Antelope Valley, Palmdale Regional, Los Angeles Correctional Facility, Los Angeles Department of Health, and Dignity Health, which they have not used yet. If the increase is approved, they will use these facilities.

Dolores Trujillo appreciated the detailed explanation voiced that she would feel more comfortable approving a smaller number such as 64 or 66. Then the program could come back and make another request.

Patricia Wynne echoed Dolores Trujillo's sentiments and thinks the request is too ambitious.

Evelyn Orellana asked for a clarification on the request since they are asking for three cohorts of 40 and they have one for 32. Could the request be three cohorts of 32 for their faculty?

Loretta Melby spoke about the enrollment pattern, faculty load, and facilities.

Evelyn Orellana said they originally requested one cohort of 32 students.

Patricia Wynne, Mary Ann McCarthy and Dolores Trujillo discussed the numbers of students and cohorts.

Dolores Trujillo recommended an increase of 64 instead of 88.

Evelyn Orellana would accept this increase.

Patricia Wynne and Jovita Dominguez support this.

Mary Ann McCarthy clarified the request would be three cohorts for 32 students for a total of 96 students.

Jovita Dominguez asked if the school is in the consortium and if they would consider it.

Ima Aliya said they use the system that the facilities and schools' use.

Jovita Dominguez thinks the school should join the consortium.

Loretta Melby gave an explanation about consortiums but said if the facilities being used by this program are not in the consortium that would not help them obtain clinical placements. If the facilities participate, schools are encouraged to become part of the consortium.

11:19 am

Motion:

Dolores Trujillo: Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Career Care Institute Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:

The school has requested: **32** students, three (3) times a year for an annual enrollment of **96** students (an increase of **64** students annually by increasing admissions from once (1) a year to three (3) times a year.

Second:

Patricia Wynne

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.7:**

Judy Cornell (typed comment) supports the request with no comments or concerns.

No public comments in Sacramento.

Vote:

Vote:	JD	DT	PW
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	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

BREAK: 11:23-11:30 a.m.

Agenda reordered to 8.6.2

**11:32
a.m.**

**Quorum re-
established
Committee**

Discussion:

8.6.2 Chamberlain University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
(enrollment increase)

Dolores Trujillo wonders about the enrollment pattern increasing from three to six times per year and asked for an explanation.

Diane Morey, school representative, said the change is from 40 students, 3 times per year into 30 students per session which would improve clinical site usage. It would be a planned incremental increase.

Loretta Melby spoke about the clinical agencies and the students coming in.

Diane Morey said they have the clinical rotations and would maximize the 500 clinical hours.

Loretta Melby spoke about the breakdown in regulations of clinical hours by care type.

Dolores Trujillo asked for clarification on the enrollment pattern. Diane Morey said 60 students in the first year and 60 more in the second year.

Dolores Trujillo asked about the region this school is located in and thinks this is too ambitious.

Patricia Wynne is concerned and would feel more comfortable with a smaller number. She thought 30 students, 6 times per year versus 40 students, 6 times per year would be more reasonable.

Dolores Trujillo agreed and proposed a smaller number.

Jovita Dominguez asked if this affects faculty.

Loretta Melby and Diane Morey said it works with what they have.

Mary Ann McCarthy suggested taking public comment before making a motion. Dolores Trujillo agreed with Mary Ann McCarthy.

11:33 am

Motion: **Dolores Trujillo:** Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Chamberlain University Irwindale Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:

- **Beginning May 2025, 30** students, six (6) times per year for an annual enrollment of **180** students (an increase of 120 students annually).

Second: **Jovita Dominguez**

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.2:**

Judy Cornell has concern with clinical rotation sites and the challenge in that area regarding clinical placements. She agrees a modest increase may not make a big difference but if they want a larger increase in the future that could be an issue and should be considered by the members.

No public comment in Sacramento.

Vote:

Vote:	JD	DT	PW
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	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Agenda reordered to 8.6.4

**11:44
a.m.**

8.6.4 Stanbridge University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
(enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Patricia Wynne asked what has changed to Orange County in the past 2 years.

Mary Ann McCarthy said West Coast has been brought into compliance and reduced their enrollments which have brought some more openings. She also said schools are reducing direct patient care hours to 500 and that is opening more slots.

Patricia Wynne said she agreed that the West Coast reduction contributes to clinical placements in that area and is inclined to support this request.

Dolores Trujillo agrees with Patricia Wynne's comments and sees this as a modest request.

Loretta Melby spoke about the reduction of West Coast by 160 students in this area. She said they made the reductions in 2023 and reported out at the November 2024 meeting that they are now in compliance.

Dolores Trujillo read from the data for Region 9. She thinks 40 is okay with her. She asked for public comment prior to a motion.

11:56 am

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez:** Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for

Stanbridge University Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program, Orange County campus, with an enrollment pattern of:

- The school has requested: 40 students, four (4) times a year for an annual enrollment of 160 students (an increase of 40 students annually).

Second: Dolores Trujillo

Public Comment for

Agenda Item 8.6.4: Phillip Wolfe, CEO, Kindred Hospital Westminster/Santa Ana/La Mirada – Said Stanbridge is one of the most professional schools. They will welcome more of their students and will not result in any displacement.

Lisa Hahn, CEO, Anaheim Regional Medical Center – Said they have a long-standing relationship with Stanbridge. They have more than enough space at their hospital to accommodate their students. They hire Stanbridge students. This increase will not displace any other schools they work with.

Judy Corliss – Said she worked with Stanbridge when they started their program years ago. She hasn't seen or heard of any displacement by them. They've been using these clinical sites for many years.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

**11:57
a.m.**

8.6.6 Westmont College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program
(enrollment increase)

**Committee
Discussion:**

Dolores Trujillo said there aren't a whole lot of nursing schools in the area. Jovita Dominguez agreed.

Patricia Wynne read off a list of colleges.

Jovita Dominguez spoke about a program near her and another program in the San Luis Obispo area.

Dolores Trujillo asked to hear from Westmont.

Dianthe Hoffman, school representative, said the request is to go from two to three cohorts and increase the enrollments per cohort. She spoke about the clinical placements. She said they meet with the other programs to go over placements because there is no consortium. She said Cottage Hospital said they could support the 60-student increase. They are also being creative with their placements.

Dolores Trujillo commended the school on their collaborative efforts with the other programs.

Patricia Wynne agreed with Dolores Trujillo as did Jovita Dominguez.

Dolores Trujillo asked for public comment prior to a motion.

12:04 pm

Motion: **Jovita Dominguez:** Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Westmont College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:

- The school has requested: 36 students, three (3) times a year for an annual enrollment of 108 students (an increase of 60 students annually by adding a summer cohort).

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

Public Comment for

Agenda Item 8.6.6: No public comments in any location.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

LUNCH 12:07 – 12:45 p.m.

Agenda reordered to 8.6.9

**12:45
p.m.**

**Quorum re-
established**

8.6.9 Xavier College Associate Degree Nursing Program
(enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Dolores Trujillo is in favor of the increase in this area because it is only 10.

Patricia Wynne said this is a very modest increase. She thinks the full-time faculty is high for the number of students entering once a year and wonders about that.

Elvira Miller, school representative, has more than enough faculty and rotates their part time into the full-time faculty positions.

Dolores Trujillo is happy to hear about the level of faculty at the school.

12:48 pm

Motion: **Dolores Trujillo:** Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Xavier College Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:

- The school has requested: 40 students, once (1) per year for an annual enrollment of 40 students (an increase of 10 students annually).

Second: Patricia Wynne

Public Comment for

Agenda Item 8.6.9: No public comment in any location.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Agenda reordered to 8.6.8

**12:50
p.m.**

8.6.8 Grossmont College Associate Degree Nursing Program
(enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Patricia Wynne said this is a modest increase. She was looking at the San Diego region approvals and asked if this region can withstand this increase.

Loretta Melby said Grossmont is in San Diego County and Imperial Valley is on the opposite side of the county and is about two hours away from each other. She gave additional context for the schools that are in the San Diego area and shared that hospitals and health care facilities have made efforts to only use the consortium for clinical placements.

Dolore Trujillo said there was a period of time that they were short on pediatric and Obstetric placements.

Loretta Melby said that this is common. She gave more context for these clinicals. She said this is an established school and would not be adding any other clinical sites or placements they would use their existing ones.

Dolores Trujillo said she would like to go to public comment.

After Public Comment:

Loretta Melby said LVN students do not need pediatric and obstetric clinical placements as part of Grossmont's curriculum.

1:00 pm

- Motion:** **Dolores Trujillo:** Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Grossmont College Associate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:
- The school has requested: 20 LVN-RN students, once (1) a year for an annual enrollment of 100 students (an increase of 20 students annually).

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.8: No public comments in any location.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
<u>Key:</u> Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Agenda reordered to 8.6.5

1:01 p.m.

8.6.5 Unitek College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Dolores Trujillo said she's on the fence about this request. She said there have been four enrollment increases at other campuses. She asked if this is Contra Costa and what is going on here.

Loretta Melby said there has been a lot of talk about graduates not being able to find jobs versus clinical impact. She looked at the previous requests in the charts and schools talking about clinical issues.

Dolores Trujillo said she's receiving a lot of communication from students not being able to find jobs and going to other states to gain experience. She has concern about an extra cohort considering the other increase requests.

Loretta Melby spoke about the information shared regarding new grads obtaining jobs and the limited opportunities available at the beginning of December.

Reza Pejuhesh said the discussion about job availability is useful information but not a factor listed in statute regarding enrollment decisions.

Patricia Wynne said in this region they've approved 577 new students in the last five years. Feasibility studies have been approved for almost 300 students. She's worried they may be flooding the region with new students.

Abdel Yosef, school representative, said they are required to report their job placement numbers to the board which the most recent was 100%. They help students with resumes and interviews and whether there is successful placement. He said they reduced their clinical hours by 249 hours to 519 hours that increases clinical availability. They've added 67 clinical affiliation agreements. They've collaborated and reached out to schools in over a 50-mile radius to them. They presented their request to the HealthImpact meeting. They collaborated with the schools in their region requesting increases today. He discussed the breakdown of cohorts. He said 75% of VN graduates attend their

RN program. He said collaborating with the other programs helps to reduce any placement issues. He said the one cohort is to help meet the demand.

Loretta Melby again explained the reduction in clinical hours as it relates to clinical placements.

Dolores Trujillo said she would like to hear public comment.

Patricia Wynne and Jovita Dominguez agree.

After Public Comment:

Dolores Trujillo appreciates the information in the packet showing collaboration.

Loretta Melby said there is no requirement for 100% reach out or response from other programs regarding clinical placements.

Patricia Wynne has the same concerns as Dolores Trujillo due to the high numbers of approvals in this region. She thinks Unitek has done everything right to reach out, reduce clinical hours, and working as good corporate citizens and is supportive of this increase.

Jovita Dominguez asked if the members would want to consider a smaller increase.

Dolores Trujillo said the other cohorts Unitek has are 40 students.

Abdel Yosef said all their cohorts are 40 and it would be difficult if it was less.

Dolores Trujillo said she's willing to do the 40 but wants to keep in mind that there have been increased campuses and enrollment increases approved.

Abdel Yosef said the annual pass rate is 88% and has been going up. They focus on quality and support their students to successful graduation.

Dolores Trujillo asked if the school tracks graduates through employment.

Abdel Yosef said they report that information and track it. They meet with employers for quality improvement.

1:26 pm

Motion: **Dolores Trujillo:** Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Unitek College Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program, Concord campus, with an enrollment pattern of:

- The school has requested: 40 students, three (3) times a year for an annual enrollment of 160 students (an increase of 40 students annually).

Second: **Patricia Wynne**

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.5:**

No public comments on Webex.

Robin Nelson, Northstate University – Said she appreciates Dr. Yusef's comments. She said the cost of the program is reasonable for a private program and helps with VNs becoming RNs.

Joellen Sutterfield, school representative – Appreciates Dr. Nelson's comments. They work with many programs in the regions. She reached out to 28 programs, heard from 14-16, no concerns, some were collaborative, had 6 further meetings to collaborate. They added 66 new clinical facilities to avoid conflict. They are working with Kaiser to hire their students and others. They will continue to collaborate with their neighbor schools. She hopes to assure the members of their work to alleviate any displacement.

Vote:

Vote:	JD	DT	PW
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Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Agenda reordered to 8.6.3

1:27 p.m.

8.6.3 Samuel Merritt University Entry Level Masters and Baccalaureate Degree Program (enrollment increase)

Committee

Discussion: Dolores Trujillo said there is an increase of 72 students for Sacramento (BSN and ABSN). She asked for the school representative to speak about this.

Steven Rush, school representative, said the ELM is the entry level program and the ABSN program is the advanced baccalaureate program. They are very collaborative with the two consortiums in Sacramento and Oakland/Bay Area. They reached out to all the schools as well.

Dolores Trujillo spoke about the ELM current enrollment and where the increase is.

Steven Rush said it is an increase of 24 in the fall.

Dolores Trujillo asked about the ABSN.

Steven Rush said it is an additional cohort in the summer. They have five-week terms and start during spring and fall.

Patricia Wynne said in the last six years the board has approved 1,600 new students in the Sacramento region. In May, they deferred on a school requesting 135 students. From a fairness perspective they've told a program there are too many students and she wants to figure a way to do this fairly.

Steven Rush said they've reached out, obtained clinical affiliation agreements to meet all Med/Surg 1 and 2 placements. They have faculty that was approved in their recent budget. They haven't had an enrollment increase in these two regions except for Holy Names closing. This program has been around for 40 years, and they have long term relationships with the clinical partners and other schools.

Dolores Trujillo said each cohort are 48 students.

Steven Rush said ABSN yes, ELM is 24. She has a lot of concern with this increase in the Sacramento area. They've looked closely at these requests with one being denied recently. She would like to go to public comment.

After Public Comment:

Dolores Trujillo said she's inclined to deny the Sacramento request but would like other comments from the other members.

Steven Rush asked if he could add more information, but Dolores Trujillo said she would like to hear from the members first.

Patricia Wynne said she doesn't know how to rationalize the approval when they just denied another request for Sacramento. She's more open to the Oakland request.

Loretta Melby said the other program that was denied asked for a brand-new school site. Samuel Merritt is already in place. The other request was 135 slots, and this request is not for that number. She's interested to learn more about the contract for the Med/Surg 1 and 2 placements as that is a new concept.

Steven Rush spoke about the four facilities with 1,300 beds would be for Med/Surg 1, 2 and Psych Mental Health. He said they have long-standing existing clinical placements since they've been in the community for a long time.

He said they've been able to recruit and hire faculty but does have concern as he is aware of the difficulty others have had. They have brand new clinical partnerships as well as existing and has faculty hiring plans. They have 95-100% job placement for new grads. Their students are well prepared and professional.

Dolores Trujillo asked about the Med/Surg placements based on the public comment. She thought it sounded like more of a nursing home.

Steven Rush said the care ranges from independent living to highly skilled nursing. The medical needs for those individuals could fulfill learning opportunities especially when considering preparation for the aging population. It's a great way to achieve clinical rotations and learn a lot. To meet the growing need for nursing, the schools need to look for different ways outside of in-patient hospital experience.

Loretta Melby said the members could look at pass rates that seem stable. She read the law as it applies. She said the other public commenter brought up some concerns and asked how Samuel Merritt was working with them.

Steven Rush said that is one of two schools that do not support this request, but that Loretta Melby previously said there is no requirement for 100% support for a request. He said there are different types of health care facilities to meet the course learning objectives (CLO). He visited the facilities and toured the units to determine if the CLOs could be met. They have the facilities, faculty, placements, test scores, and job placement.

Loretta Melby said when Northstate came to the board they said they are building their own hospital which can take a while. She thinks they requested a delayed start. She said it sounds like Oakland is positive and a decision needs to be made for Sacramento. She gave the options for making a recommendation for this program.

Mary Ann McCarthy said California Northstate's program is up and running.

Dolores Trujillo is inclined to deny the Sacramento campus.

Loretta Melby asked if this is a recommendation of denial to the board or deferral to board for further discussion.

Dolores Trujillo said she would like to have more discussion at the board meeting.

Patricia Wynne is more comfortable with that, and this item would have to be discussed at board too. She would like to consider the other program's request today before making a decision.

After Motion for Sacramento:

Dolores Trujillo asked if there is anyone in public comment for Oakland.

Motion: Dolores Trujillo: Defer decision for the Sacramento location to the February Board meeting

Second: Patricia Wynne

Second Motion: Dolores Trujillo: Recommend acceptance of the substantive change(s) requested by an approved program and approve the enrollment increase for Samuel Merritt University Entry Level Masters and Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program with an enrollment pattern of:

- The school has requested:
 - For the BSN program at their Oakland Campus: 76 students, twice (2) a year for an annual enrollment of 152 students (an increase of 24 students annually).
 - For the ABSN program at their Oakland Campus: 48 students, twice (2) a year for an annual enrollment of 96 students (an

increase of 48 students annually). (Total Oakland Campus enrollment increase of 72 students annually).

Second: Patricia Wynne

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.6.3:**

Calvin Grenoway, Vice President of Sequoia Living – Said they have four campuses locally. They can easily accommodate Med/Surg 1 and 2 for their clinicals. Each campus has 250 and 350 residents. They have various levels of care, dementia and cognitive residents. This area has exploded since Covid and gives students the opportunity to help these residents. He is very supportive of this request and his goal is to get more students involved with geriatrics.

Kristine, on behalf of the faculty of Sacramento State nursing program – She is registering an objection to this request. They believe the clinical sites and faculty do not exist in region 1, Sacramento. Region 1 is not a nursing shortage area. She said students apply to multiple programs, so applications do not match the number of students. She read data from the UCSF survey saying there are nursing surpluses in the Sacramento and LA areas. She said clinical sites are at a premium and shifts are in use already for students. She does not know where the Northstate and University of the Pacific students recently approved will be placed. Their clinical placements are being approved in smaller groups than ever before. She spoke about the faculty hiring of 30 positions and that UC Davis recently received a grant to hire new faculty.

No public comments in Sacramento.

Second Public Comment after first Motion:

No public comments in any location.

**Vote for both
Motions:**

Vote:	JD	DT	PW
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	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

Motion Passed

Agenda reordered to 8.7

2:08 p.m.

8.7

Discussion and possible action regarding a feasibility study for new prelicensure nursing programs (16 CCR §§ 1421, 1432) (present)

Gurnick Medical Arts Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program (secondary site San Jose)

Committee

Discussion:

Patricia Wynne said they've approved quite a few new students in this region recently. She wonders how many can be added before it is too many.

Loretta Melby explained the feasibility request process. She read off the recent school approvals from the meeting materials. She said this is a satellite or alternate campus because they already have an established program.

Patricia Wynne feels this would be adding to the problem as does Dolores Trujillo.

Mary Ann McCarthy said another option is to have them look in another region.

Dolores Trujillo said Gurnick is already in Concord.

Loretta Melby said that an option could be to defer this program to the board meeting for additional discussion or have them look at another area. She said some programs have come back and said they cannot do it in another location due to the cost and investment. She spoke about the fees charged to the programs based on the type of request.

Dolores Trujillo is in favor of the program looking at other areas.

Loretta Melby said this could be deferred to the board in February for discussion or a motion to have this program look in another area.

Samantha Sanchez, school representative, said they are not new to San Jose they are here already and have been in region 1 since 2005. They were in San Mateo but moved in 2023. They've been collaborative with the programs and in the consortiums in the central valley and bay area. There is no record or no complaints from any programs regarding displacement. They have 39 clinical affiliation agreements. The documentation shows how many places are available. They look at various health care options for clinical placements for OB and peds. They reached out to 13 schools and had meetings. They've seen many schools approved but would like to be considered as they've been around since 2005. They want to provide mobility to their LVNs to move up to advanced placement and BSN. Their pass rates in the VN program have been steady. They did a Continuing Approval Visit and had no violations last year. They've had no difficulty with their faculty. They would like the opportunity and have been respectful of other programs and Gurnick has not requested additional cohorts. They sent letters since 2021 to get on the agenda. They have a big campus. Their students have not had difficulty getting jobs. They've been innovative in finding placements. They helped other programs with suggested clinical sites.

Loretta Melby asked for clarification if there were previous issues getting on the agenda.

Samantha Sanchez said they requested in 2021 for San Mateo and had no response, but they have a new NEC now, Ms. Dorothy.

Loretta Melby said there was a request for Fresno in 2018 and San Mateo in 2019. This is the third request but not since 2019. She tried to clarify that there were no requests not brought to the board.

Samantha Sanchez said they've been mindful of their requests. Their graduates do not have difficulty finding jobs. They've kept enrollment at 112. They have an established site in San Jose.

Loretta Melby said 112 is the enrollment for the other two campuses. She said if there are statements made that a school was not allowed or blocked it would require additional contact to clarify.

Dolores Trujillo went over the request to clarify it would match the other locations.

Patricia Wynne appreciated the explanation but said the board has approved several hundred and is comfortable deferring this to the board for further conversation.

Dolores Trujillo agrees and would like to have public comment.

2:32 p.m. **Motion: Dolores Trujillo:** Defer the decision on Gurnick Academy on the feasibility study to the full board in February 2025.

Second: Patricia Wynne

**Public Comment for
Agenda Item 8.7:** No public comments in any location.

Vote:

	JD	DT	PW
Vote:	Y	Y	Y
Key: Yes: Y No: N Abstain: A Absent for Vote: AB			

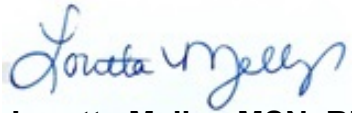
Motion Passed

2:34 p.m.

8.8 Adjournment

- **Jovita Dominguez, Chairperson, adjourned the meeting.**

Submitted by:



Loretta Melby, MSN, RN

Executive Officer

California Board of Registered Nursing

Accepted by:



Jovita Dominguez, BSN, RN

President

California Board of Registered Nursing