

**Minnesota Board of Nursing
Education Committee Minutes**

January 16, 2026

TEAMS Meeting

1210 Northland Avenue #120

Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Members Present: Rhonda Johnson and Tracy Sonterre-Rieger

Members Absent: Jessica Miehle

Staff Present: Deb Schuhmacher and JaCinda Downs

Staff Absent: Melissa Wolfe

Guests Present: Ashley Ayala MSW (Nightingale)

Call to order: by Tracy Sonterre-Rieger at 1:03 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by T. Sonterre-Rieger and seconded by R. Johnson. All approved.

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the December 8, 2025, meeting minutes: Motion by R. Johnson and T. Sonterre-Rieger seconded. All approved.

Motion passed

CCNE Workforce Summit

- Board Survey Results—Tabled until the February 5, 2026, board meeting

Review of Washington State Action Now! Presentation—Tabled until the February 5, 2026, board meeting

New Program Review

- Capella University Pre-licensure BSN
 - On-site survey motion for initial approval
 - Take forward to the full board at the February Board meeting
- Letter of Intent Instructions—Tabled until the February Board meeting

Process for Variance

- Discussion on an internal process change for the petition for variance
- Have the director of the program come to the Ed committee to present the petition
- Receive recommendation from committee
- Education Committee board members are able to speak to the full board about the petition

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- CCNE Workforce Summit
- Review of Washington State Action Now! Presentation
- Letter of Intent Instructions

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m. by R. Johnson and seconded by T. Sonterre-Rieger.

Next meeting: February 5, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

Recorder: J. Downs