

**Minnesota Board of Nursing
Education Committee Minutes**
June 4, 2026, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
Hybrid Meeting
1210 Northland Avenue #120
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Members Present: Rhonda Johnson, Jessica Miehe, Tracy Sonterre-Rieger, and Jennifer Knaack (new member)

Members Absent: Sandie Anderson

Staff Present: Deb Schuhmacher, JaCinda Downs, Melissa Wolfe

Call to order: by T. Sonterre-Rieger at 12:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by J. Miehe and seconded by R. Johnson. All approved.

Motion passed

Approval of Minutes

Approval of May 28, 2026, meeting minutes: Motion by T. Sonterre-Rieger and seconded by J. Miehe. All approved.

Motion passed

Agenda

LOI Instructions Draft—Tabled until July meeting

Letter Review: Deb provided a summary of the proposed letter's intent to provide support to nursing program directors. Tracy shared feedback received from a program dean regarding contacting senior leadership for support. Proposed letter will be reassessed with alignment for strategic workplan to support nursing program leadership and how intent for this is best pursued.

Committee Meeting Schedule: Members agree to continue Friday meeting schedule for the remainder of 2026, will reassess 2027 meeting schedule at the December meeting.

Chamberlain: Members chose a site visit date of September 10, 2026, for a potential new program at Chamberlain University. J. Miehe and J. Knaack have agreed to conduct visit with board staff; R. Johnson will check availability for that day.

April 22nd BON Education Forum Reflection: Suggestion considerations were made for the next forum: How the Board can collaborate with programs for change; discuss processes to make changes in statutes or rules; discuss the Rule Variances, purpose of the variances. Discussion to be continued at next meeting.

HRSA New Scores for English Proficiency – Tabled until July meeting

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm by T. Sonterre-Rieger and seconded by R. Johnson.

Next meeting: July 17, 2026, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Recorder: J. Downs