

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of
Metropolitan State University Advanced
Practice Nursing Program

**REPORT TO THE BOARD WITH CONSENT OF
PROGRAM REVIEW PANEL
RECOMMENDATION OF REPRIMAND**

The Metropolitan State University Advanced Practice Nursing Program (“Program”) and the Minnesota Board of Nursing Review Panel (“Review Panel”) agree that the above-referenced matter may be resolved without trial of any issue or fact as follows:

I.

JURISDICTION

1 The Minnesota Board of Nursing (“Board”) is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 148.251 to approve nursing programs, survey approved programs to determine compliance with Board Rules and continue, or revoke approval based on the determination of compliance or non-compliance.

2 The Program is currently approved by the Board and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board with respect to the matter referred to in this Recommendation of Reprimand.

II.

BACKGROUND

3 On February 27, 2026, Dr. Kerry Johnson, DNP Program Director; Dr. Marjorie Webb, Interim Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Amy Gort, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs; and Josefina Landrieu, Vice President of Human Resources and Employee Experience, appeared on behalf of the Program at a conference with the Review Panel. The Review Panel was composed of Jessica Mieke, Board Member; Tracy Sonterre-Rieger, Board Member; and Jacqueline Cunningham, Public Board Member. JaCinda Downs, Nursing Education Specialist; Deborah Schuhmacher, Director of Education; and Melissa Wolfe, Education Program Assistant, were present for the conference. The Program met with the Review Panel to discuss allegations contained in a Notice of Conference dated January 8, 2026. Erin Farmer, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Review Panel. The Program was advised by

the Board's representatives that the Program may choose to be represented by legal counsel in this matter. The Panel knowingly waived legal representation.

III.

FACTS

4. On September 17, 2025, a representative of the Program emailed Board Education Staff to inform the Board that a recently hired nurse faculty teaching in the Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner Program (DNP-FNP) at Metropolitan State University did not hold a current registered nurse license in Minnesota.

5. On September 18, 2025, Board staff discussed the information with the Program Interim Dean. The Interim Dean confirmed that one nursing faculty member did not hold unencumbered licensure as a registered nurse with current registration in Minnesota, as required by Minnesota Rule 6301.2340, subpart 3.A.(9)(f).

6. By letter dated October 6, 2025, the Board notified the Program of a survey scheduled for December 5, 2025, related to alleged non-compliance with Minnesota Rule 6301.2340, subpart 3.A.(9)(f). In preparation for the survey, the Program was asked to submit the following: the fall 2025 Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner Program faculty assignments for all theory and clinical courses, Metropolitan State University's faculty hiring policy and procedure, and the University's hiring committee's rubric.

7. On December 5, 2025, a Board member and Board staff surveyed the Program and confirmed that during the fall 2025 semester, one nursing faculty member did not have the minimum licensing credentials to teach in an approved advanced practice nursing program in Minnesota.

8. The results of the survey conducted on December 5, 2025, indicated that Minnesota Rule 6301.2340, subpart 3.A.(9)(f) were not met.

IV.

LAWS

9. The Program acknowledges that it did not comply with Minnesota Rule 6301.2340, subpart 3.A.(9)(f) as it pertained to Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner faculty

hired to teach the fall semester 2025 in the nursing program, and justifies the action described in Section V. below.

V.

BOARD ACTION

10. The Review Panel and the Program agree the Board may take the following action: The Board **REPRIMANDS** the Program for its failure to comply with Minnesota Rules 6301.2340, subpart 3.A.(9)(f). This action does not change the Program's approval status, and the Program remains on the list of approved programs.

VI.

OTHER INFORMATION

11. By agreeing to this report and recommendation to the Board, the Program waives the contested case hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, and all other procedures to which the Program may be entitled under the Minnesota and United States constitutions, statutes, or rules.

12. The Program waives any claims against the Board, the Minnesota Attorney General, the State of Minnesota, and their agents, employees, and representatives related to the investigation of the conduct herein, or the negotiation or execution of this Order of Reprimand to the Board.

13. This Review Panel Recommendation of Reprimand, the files, records, and proceedings associated with this matter shall constitute the entire record and may be reviewed by the Board in its consideration of this matter.

14. Representatives of the Program have read, understand, and agree to this Recommendation of Reprimand, and have voluntarily signed it.

15. This Recommendation of Reprimand shall not limit the Board's authority to proceed against the Program by initiating a contested case hearing or by other appropriate means on the basis of any act, conduct, or admission not directly related to the specific facts and circumstances set forth herein.

VII.

**NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE MINNESOTA GOVERNMENT DATA
PRACTICES ACT**

16. Under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, information given to the Board following a compliance survey of a nursing education program is classified as public. This information will be used by the Board in evaluating the allegations of lack of compliance with one or more rules made against the program. This Reprimand Order, and any subsequent Board action on this matter, are also classified as public data.

17. This Recommendation of Reprimand contains the entire agreement between the parties, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Recommendation of Reprimand.

CONSENT:

METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE, FAMILY NURSE
PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

BOARD OF NURSING
REVIEW PANEL

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Representatives of the Program

Dated: 3/27, 2026

Dated: 4/2/, 2026

ORDER

Upon consideration of this order, the Board issues the Program a **REPRIMAND** and adopts all of the terms described above on this 2ND day of April, 2026.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF
NURSING



CAREN GAYTKO
Executive Director