



## ***Arizona Board of Nursing***

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### **Scope of Practice Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Scope of Practice Committee of the Arizona State Board of Nursing convened virtually at 12:00 P.M. Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at the Arizona State Board of Nursing in Boardroom C and via Google Meets, with Carmen Hill-Mekoba, DNP, APRN-BC presiding.

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Carmen Hill-Mekoba, DNP, APRN-BC, Co Chair  
Christine Aliory, MSN, APRN, AGCNS-BC, CURN, ONC  
Erin McMahon, EdD, MSN, CNM, RN, FACN  
Heather Przybyl, DNP, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CCRN, LSSBB  
James Machauf, MBA, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CNOR  
Tracy Thomas, MSN, APRN, CCRN, TCRN, ACNS-BC  
Nancy Denke, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, FAEN  
Yvonne Graber, DNP, RN, CCRN, NEA-B

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT VIRTUALLY:**

Ampili Umayamma, DNP, AGNP-C  
Cynthia Sprinkle RN, MSN-Ed, CEN, TCRN  
Amber Drake, K, MSN, RN, NE-BC  
Belinda Weiss, MSN, RN  
Luz Wiley, MBA, DNP, APRN, ANP-BC  
Tamara Wisely, DNP, FNP-bC, WHNP-BC

#### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Angela Fountain, DNP, CRNA, Co Chair  
Carolyn Jo McCormies, RN, MSN, FNP-BC, Co-Chair  
Bridget Gessel, RN, BSN  
Dorie Rush, MSN, BSN, RN  
Joseph Gaw, EdD, MSN, RN  
Lindy Mitchel, DNP, MSN, RN  
Nicole Jones MSN-L, RN, CNOR  
Shelley Vaughn, DNP, FNP-BC

#### **BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

Shannon Bitza, DNP, AGPCNP-BC, AGACNP-BC  
Sarah Burton, Administrative Assistant III

**I. Welcome/Introduction/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 17, 2026 by chair, Carmen Hill-Mekoba. Quorum was confirmed with 18 members present.

**II. Review and Approval of Scope of Practice Committee Minutes from the November 4, , 2025 meeting**

Hill- Mekoba motioned seconded by Drake and it was unanimously carried to approve the November 4, 2025 meeting with the edits discussed.

**III. Advisory Opinions Approved by the Board a Prior Meetings**

- A. Medical Aesthetic Procedures Performed By Licensed Nurses, Licensed Cosmetologists, Licensed Aestheticians and Certified Laser Technologists
- B. Delegation of Nursing Tasks by RN/LPN

**IV. Role of Committee Members in Updating Advisory Opinions and Position Statements**

Bitza presented on the process of updating Advisory Opinions and Position Statements. The differences between the roles of each volunteer and what is expected of each member.

**V. Possible Action on Advisory Opinions/Position Statements Post-Work Group Review and Edits**

**A. Registered Nurse First Assistant-RNFA**

Weiss addressed the Committee of the edits made in the Advisory Opinion.

Denke motioned seconded by Aliory and it was unanimously carried to take the Advisory Opinion to the next Board meeting.

**B. Cardiac Electrophysiology-Related Procedures Performed by RN's**

Sprinkle addressed the Committee of the edits made in the Advisory Opinion. Committee members discussed

Denke motioned seconded by Weiss and it was unanimously carried to take the Advisory Opinion to the next Board meeting with the changes made today.

**C. Certified Nurse Midwives Ordering Regional Analgesia in Labor Management**

McMahon requested that the Advisory Opinion be retired.

Graber motioned, seconded by Sprinkle and it was unanimously carried to retire.

**D. Role of the Advanced Practice RN: Treating & Prescribing of Medications to Self and/or Family**

Aliory addressed the Committee of the edits made and requested that this was turned into a Position Statement.

Wisely motioned, seconded by wiley and it was unanimously carried to take the Position Statement to the next Board meeting.

**VI. Suggested Advisory Opinions/Position Statements for Future Review/Formation of Subcommittee**

**A. Lumbar Puncture**

- 1. Lead: Aliory**
- 2. Reference: Umayamma**
- 3. State Boards: Drake**

**B. Intubation-Endotracheal and the Use of Advanced Airway Devices-The Role of the RN**

- 1. Lead: Thomas**
- 2. Reference: Graber**
- 3. State Boards: Przybyl**

**C. Auricular Acupuncture - Role of the RN**

- 1. Lead: Denke**
- 2. Reference: Machauf**
- 3. State Boards: McMahan**

**VII. Advisory Opinions/Position Statements for 2026 Review**

- A. Apheresis Donor: Role of the LPN**
- B. Endoscopic Procedures: The Role of the RN/LPN**
- C. External Ventricular Drain Management, Cerebrospinal Fluid Sampling and Line Flushing**
- D. Infusion Therapy-Venipuncture: The Role of the Licensed Practical Nurse**
- E. Ultrasounds: Limited Obstetrics, Gynecologic, and Reproductive**
- F. Ventilator and Tracheostomy Care by LPNs**

**VIII. Debriefing on Today's Meeting**

Committee members discussed their appreciation of the Advisory Opinion slide show.

**IX. Call to the Public**

Wade, a student in the audience, introduced herself and thanked the Committee.

**X. Adjournment**

Sprinkle motioned seconded by Aloriy adjourned at 1:43p.m.

Submitted by: Sarah Burton  
Administrative Assistant III