



# Arkansas Department of Health

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Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee  
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Jennifer A. Dillaha, MD, Director  
Renee Mallory, RN, Interim Secretary of Health

## FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE April 25, 2023

The meeting of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee was called to order by Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN, Chairperson of the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee at 8:34 a.m.

### Members present:

Leonie DeClerk, DNP, APRN, Chair  
Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN, Vice-Chair  
Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN  
Donna Shipley, MD  
William Hawkins, MD  
Amy Embry, Executive Director ASMB

### Also attending this meeting:

David Dawson, Attorney, ASBN  
Shannon McKinney, DNP, APRN, ASBN Assistant Director  
Matt Gilmore, Arkansas Department of Health, Boards and Commissions

### Members Absent:

Sue Tedford, MNSc, APRN, Executive Director ASBN  
Mark Foster, DNP, APRN  
Mitzi Scotten, MD

**Additions to the agenda** – There were no additions to the agenda.

**Approval of Agenda** - Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to accept the agenda. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes

Dr. William Hawkins, MD moved to accept the minutes as written from February 28, 2023, and it was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The vote passed unanimously.

### Other Business

Shannon McKinney updated the committee on Act 872 that will allow for clinical nurse specialists and out of state nurses to apply for full independent practice. Shannon will discuss with the ASBN Executive Director to determine how to process applicants who now meet the requirements and were previously denied independent practice by the Committee.

## **Review of Applications**

Erica Taylor, 122842 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Brittany Seifert, A005264 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Carmen Oxford, A001871 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Chassie Kirby, A002934 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Tanya Williams, A004021 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Ashley Walker, A005364 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly Hines, A005910 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristyl Woolsey, A004475 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Taylor Kelamis, A005731 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Haley Ligon, A005927 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Hornsby, A004271 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Shuler, A003533 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Gwendolyn Davis, A004882 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Marie Crosse-Sumlin, A001830 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Jill Thomas, A004022 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Billy Hipp, A005082 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Geraldine Campbell, A001469 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Trisha Burns, A005922 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Katie Combs, A003025 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Jeffrey Bosold, A001909 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristen Fleming, A005007 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Sullivan, A004030 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Randi Wright, A005194 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Eric Heartling, A003929 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Erin Holleman, A003237 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Karen Pinkerton, A003784 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Ebonye Green, A003811 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Brigette Baker, A004983 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Kathleen Milan, A003216 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristen Mack, A004798 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Ashley Keathley, A003234 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Drake-Rowe, A003406 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Diane Reed, A003117 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Gloria Graham, A001560 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Carrie Price, A005281 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Carrie Landrum, A003343 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Anna Ross, A005275 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Ernest Ennis, A004213 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Kristyn Johnson, A004444 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Namoi Dixon, A003364 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Sheri Martin, A004422 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Debra Defreitas-Cook, A003817 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Chloe Ward, A004808 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Lindsey Gillum, A003477 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Kelly Malcolm, A005705 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Charlene Brown, A003594 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Joann Mahan, A004261 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Amber Sloan, A002920 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Brandice Rogers, A003412 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Jadie Daniel, A005548 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Diana Montgomery, A001699 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly Hill, A004010 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Shelbi Sloan, A005350 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Amber Winford, A003942 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Lizbeth Herrera, 121647 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Heather Funderburk, A004630 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Jacqueline Phillips, A003121 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Bartlett, A005882 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Brian Perry, A004901 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Shackelford, A005877 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Nicole Garth, A005384 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to defer the application and request verification of the required 6,240 hours. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Tamela Matthews, A004132 – William Hawkins, MD moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for family practice only. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.

Timothy Ryder, A005889 – William Hawkins, MD moved to defer the application until Act 872 of 2023 is effective. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.

Leanne Glidewell, A003820 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Chandra Mathis, A004908 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Julie Norris, A003909 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for family practice only. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Stephanie Barr, A005313 – William Hawkins, MD moved to defer the application and request verification of the required 6,240 hours. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.

Kimberly Hildebrant, A005892 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to defer the application until Act 872 of 2023 is effective. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.

Amber Brandon, A004267 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer McMillan, 214847 – William Hawkins, MD moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed with two against.

Jennifer Penne, A003632 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

James Gattis, A003502 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Kara Dougherty, 212498 – William Hawkins, MD moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed with one against.

Paige Davis, A05176 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Adrienne Funmaker, A004844 – William Hawkins, MD moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for pediatric acute care only. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously. Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN abstained.

Christina Miller, A004309 – Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa Krisht, A005972 – William Hawkins, MD moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for primary care only. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.

Carla Smith, A003948 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for acute and family practice only. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD. The motion passed unanimously.

Ellen Qualls, A003179 – Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to grant a full independent practice certificate for acute and family practice only. It was seconded by Julia Ponder, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.

Nicole Baldwin, 219427 – William Hawkins, MD moved to defer the application until Act 872 of 2023 is effective. It was seconded by Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN. The motion passed unanimously.



**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be May 23, 2023.

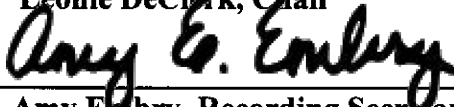
**Adjournment**

Darlene Byrd, DNP, APRN moved to adjourn. It was seconded by William Hawkins, MD and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



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Leonie DeClerk, Chair



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Amy Embry, Recording Secretary