

## Minutes

### Board – Email Meeting

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DATE/TIME:	January 10, 2022
ATTENDEES:	Yvonne Savard (Chair); Pinder Cheema (Vice-Chair); Leisa Belanger; Rob Calnan; Janene Erickson; Ruth Ringland; Madelon Stevens; Rick Turner
REGRETS:	Tanya Momtazian; Sangeeta Subramanian
STAFF:	Cynthia Johansen; Bradley Chisholm; Christine Penney; Sandra Regan; Monica Redekopp; Rebekah Smith; Rosanna Gonzalez Paredes; Arminder Sihat

*BCCNM's offices are located on unceded Coast Salish territory, represented today by the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.*

This email meeting was called to order on January 6, 2022.

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### Notice of Exemption with Conditions to Employed Student Registrant Standards: COVID-19 Testing

**WHEREAS** a public health emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic has been declared in British Columbia,

**AND WHEREAS** the BCCNM Board has considered the temporary exemption with conditions to the Employed Student Registrants practice standard and BCCNM Regulatory Supervision of Students practice standard as outlined in Appendices A and B in the Briefing Note dated January 6, 2022 (the "Briefing Note"),

**RESOLVED THAT** effective immediately and for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency under the *BC Public Health Act*, the requirements that employed student nurses (ESNs) and employed student psychiatric nurses (ESPNS) must only undertake those activities for which they have gained competence through their BCCNM-recognized education program and only perform clinical skills learned through their education program *are temporarily suspended for the activity of specimen collection for the purpose of SARS-CoV-2 screening* under the following conditions:

1. The specimen collection is performed as part of a SARS-CoV-2 screening program approved by a medical health officer and the health authority.
2. The screening program is conducted according to British Columbia Centre for Disease Control guidelines.
3. The ESN/ESPN successfully completes additional education established by the health authority that includes who to test, specimen collection (including pediatric considerations if applicable) and labelling, and the use of personal protective equipment.
4. The ESN/ESPN is authorized to perform this activity by the registered nurse (RN), registered psychiatric nurse (RPN), or nurse practitioner (NP) who is providing the regulatory supervision and is competent in specimen collection for the purpose of SARS-CoV-2 screening.  
All other requirements of the BCCNM [\*Employed Student Registrants\*](#) practice standard and BCCNM [\*Regulatory Supervision of Students\*](#) practice standard remain in effect.

**CARRIED**

The meeting concluded on January 10, 2022.