

# Nurse Licensure Compact Commission Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2023



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## Introduction

This annual report details the period from Oct. 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2023 and offers a comprehensive overview of the activities, achievements and financial performance of the Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators (ICNLCA) during this timeframe. It outlines recent accomplishments and provides a preview into the commission's goals for fiscal year 2024 (FY24).

#### About the ICNLCA

The ICNLCA facilitates cross-border nursing practice through the implementation of the nationally recognized multistate license via the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). The ICNLCA enhances nurse mobility and public protection through maintaining uniform licensure standards among party state boards of nursing, promoting cooperation and collaboration between party states, facilitating the exchange of data and information between party states and educating stakeholders. The ICNLCA is a quasigovernmental and joint public agency of the party states created and established on July 20, 2017. The Executive Committee is the seven-member elected leadership of the ICNLCA.

#### **About the NLC**

The NLC enables registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPN/VNs) to hold one multistate license, with the authority to practice in person or via telehealth in both their home state and other NLC states. In FY23, 41 jurisdictions were members of the NLC. Licensing requirements are aligned in NLC states, so all nurses applying for a multistate license are required to meet the same standards, which include federal and state criminal background checks that will be conducted for all applicants for multistate licensure.

The NLC also authorizes nurses to provide telehealth services to patients located in other NLC states without obtaining additional licenses. In the event of a disaster, nurses from multiple states can easily respond to supply vital services. Additionally, many nurses, including primary care nurses, case managers, transport nurses, school and hospice nurses, among many others, need to routinely cross state boundaries to provide the public with access to nursing services and a multistate license facilitates this process.



# **ICNLCA Core Purpose**

To facilitate interstate nursing practice in a manner consistent with public health and safety.



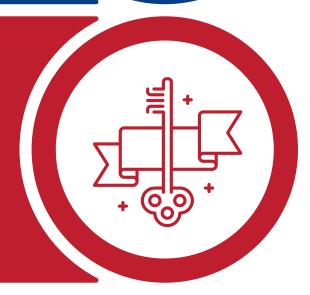
#### **ICNLCA Mission Statement**

To facilitate cross-border nursing practice through the implementation of a nationally recognized multistate licensure. ICNLCA enhances nurse mobility and public protection by enforcing compliance with the Compact.



#### **ICNLCA Core Values**

- Transparency
- Integrity
- Accountability
- Innovation
- Collaboration



Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future.

— John F. Kennedy

# Letter from the Chair

Dear Commissioners and Stakeholders,,

Although the pandemic is behind us, the field of nursing continues to face shortages, safety issues and burnout. Now it is more important than ever for the NLC to spotlight the benefits of a multistate license, through education, collaboration and communication.

At the end of fiscal year 2023, the NLC included 41 jurisdictions. Much effort was given throughout the year to build coalitions and assist

legislators and stakeholders in understanding the importance of license portability and nurse mobility to enable cross-border practice. Congratulations to Washington State and Rhode Island for enacting the NLC and allowing their nurses the ability to enjoy the benefits of a multistate license and for residents of these states to have increased access to care.

NLC committees and stakeholders were creative in ways to advance the NLC strategic plan, such as completing comprehensive reviews to NLC bylaws, policies and rules. The focus sessions held on the compliance self-assessment tool were well-attended and highlighted the importance of party state compliance with the NLC statute and rules. The new NLC website provides additional resources with easier navigation by bringing the informational and advocacy sites together.

The residency rule amended and promulgated in 2023 provides for a 60-day timeframe to apply for a new license when a nurse makes a permanent relocation from one NLC state to another NLC state. The rule's communication <u>toolkit</u> contains numerous resources (a webinar, article and video) to assist in clarifying the rule's requirements to members.

We are thrilled with the progress that has been achieved in 2023! The future looks bright for further growth in 2024 and for 2025 when the NLC celebrates its 25th anniversary. We also look forward to the full implementation of the NLC in Pennsylvania, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As coalition building and grassroots efforts continue, let us continue the path to a truly Compact Nation.

Sincerely,

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE, FRE

Chair, Interstate Commission of Nurse Licensure Compact Administrators

NLC Commissioner - Delaware

Pomela C. Zukafoose

# **NLC Legislative Update**

This summary is a synopsis of states that had NLC legislation introduced in fiscal year 2023:

#### **Alaska**

A robust coalition of more than 75 organizations was assembled in support of the NLC. The NLC received four robust hearings this session. NCSBN conducted an updated survey to gauge nurses' interest in the NLC.

#### Washington, D.C.

An NLC bill was filed in mid-July. An official hearing has yet to be scheduled.

#### Hawaii

In April, the legislature adopted a resolution convening a working group to study the NLC. The working group held a total of eight meetings. A report of the working group's findings and recommendations is due before the legislature reconvenes and the report will likely influence the appetite for advancing the NLC in 2024.

#### Illinois

NLC bills were filed in both the House and Senate this past session, but neither bill received a hearing. In the Senate, there were multiple extensions to the committee hearing deadline date, which suggested conversations may have been occurring on the NLC.

#### Massachusetts

Three NLC bills were filed in Massachusetts. Under the rules of the Massachusetts legislature the NLC is required to receive a hearing, which is scheduled to occur in November 2023. NCSBN conducted a survey to gather Massachusetts nurses' opinions on the NLC.

#### Michigan

In August, a bill to enact the NLC was referred to the House Committee on Health Policy for potential consideration. Indications suggest that there may be renewed interest in the legislature about pursuing the NLC in 2024.

#### Minnesota

Due to the results of the 2022 election and shifting priorities of members of the NLC coalition, NCSBN did not actively pursue the enactment of NLC legislation during the 2023 legislative session in Minnesota. NCSBN is currently working with key stakeholders to develop a nursing workforce package, which includes the NLC, to be introduced in the 2024 legislative session.

#### Nevada

The NLC was introduced as a committee bill by the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor and received its first ever hearing in the legislature this session. However, the bill died in committee without a vote. The Nevada legislature does not meet again until 2025.

#### **New York**

The NLC was included in Gov. Hochul's 2023 State of the State Address and proposed executive state budget for the second year in a row. While the NLC was not included in the Senate or Assembly versions of the budget, standalone NLC legislation is still active and will be advocated for in the 2024 legislative session.

#### **Oregon**

The NLC was heard in the House, and in May a procedural motion was twice employed to withdraw the NLC from committee and bring it to the floor for a vote. Both times the House voted narrowly, in one instance 29-30, not to withdraw the NLC from committee. We anticipate the NLC will remain in conversation at the legislature due to the recent enactment in Washington.



# **NLC Strategic Plan Update**

The NLC strategic plan focuses on four strategic initiatives that center on strategic partnership development and collaboration, education of boards and stakeholders, promotion and engagement, and research and impact evaluation. The plan covers three fiscal years (FY23–26). Initiatives include collaboration, education, marketing and research.

In terms of partner development and collaboration, the NLC continued to build coalitions in noncompact states, continue relationships with legislators, and bring awareness to the NLC mission and purpose of a compact nation.

Board and stakeholder education continued to bring new avenues of learning to members and the public. The NLC monthly webinar series continued to offer educational presentations to educate student, new graduate and experienced nurses about the NLC, discipline and eligibility and Nursys®. The NLC introduced a series of focus sessions spotlighting the compliance self-assessment tool and discussed the potential need for compliance reviews.

The NLC continued into FY23 growing its numbers on social media and created a resource toolkit for new nurse graduates to learn about the compact.

During 2023, the NLC Research Committee reviewed research questions to explore, including topics related to public health emergencies and increased staffing and in what ways nurses utilize their compact license.



# **Midyear and Annual Meeting Summary**

The 2023 hybrid NLC Midyear Meeting was held in March in Seattle with 38 commissioners in attendance. Legislative updates and committee reports were presented, and bylaws revisions were adopted. Rules amendments were introduced and a public hearing was scheduled for June 2023.

The NLC Annual Meeting was held in August in Chicago with 40 commissioners in attendance either virtually or in person. Nominations were announced for three positions on the NLC Executive Committee. Rules amendments introduced at the March Midyear meeting were adopted. Two revised policies were also adopted by the commission.

# **Hybrid Governance Training**

Prior to the Annual Meeting in August, the NLC presented its annual governance training for new commissioners. The presenter was Nahale Kalfas, JD, legal counsel to the National Center for Interstate Compacts at The Council of State Governments (CSG). Commissioners learned about the responsibilities of the NLC Executive Committee and how the NLC statute, bylaws and rules guide them throughout their commission tenure.









Nahale Kalfas led the NLC commissioners in a governance training on Aug. 16, 2023 in Chicago.

# **Current Supporting Organizations**

- Air & Surface Transport Nurses Association (ASTNA)
- AlediumHR
- · Alliance for Camp Health
- Alliance for Connected Care
- American Academy of Ambulatory Care Nursing (AAACN)
- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)
- American Association of Neuroscience Nurses (AANN)
- American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)
- American Association of Poison Control Centers
- American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA)
- American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL)
- · American Red Cross
- American Telemedicine Association (ATA)

- Asian American/
   Pacific Islander Nurses
   Association (AAPINA)
- Association for Vascular Access (AVA)
- Case Management Society of America (CMSA)
- CGFNS International, Inc.
- CHG Medical Staffing, Inc. dba RN Network
- Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC)
- Commission for Case Manager Certification (CCMC)
- Cross Country Healthcare
- · CTel Innovations
- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
- Health Innovation
   Alliance
- Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) Healthcare
- Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

- National Association of Travel Healthcare Organizations (NATHO)
- National Governors
   Association Center for
   Best Practices
- National League for Nursing (NLN)
- National Military Family Association (NMFA)
- National Patient Safety
  Foundation (NPSF)
- National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA)
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)
- Optum
- Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN)
- Population Health Alliance (PHA)
- Telehealth Leadership Council
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- WorldWide HealthStaff Solutions Ltd.

# **Growth of Interstate Compacts Nationwide**

The graph below displays the health care professions that currently are in a compact and

their growth.			,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, ,	, , ,
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### **Committees Overview**



Alice Henley

#### **Rules Committee**

The NLC Rules Committee was led by co-Chairs Joey Ridenour, MN, RN, FAAN, NLC Commissioner, Arizona; and Alice Henley, JD, general counsel, Alabama Board of Nursing. Highlights of the Rules Committee tasks include:



Joey Ridenour

- Creation of the 60-day residency rule and FAQs for members and the public
- Review existing rules every three years or as needed and recommend necessary changes to the Commission for consideration
- Draft a proposed rule to define full party state participation in the coordinated licensure information system to include license verification, discipline and licensure information
- Recommendation for review of party state alternative to discipline (ATD) program participation agreements to determine if they include language which enforces NLC statute and rules



Lori Scheidt

## **Compliance Committee**

The NLC Compliance Committee was led by Chair Lori Scheidt, MBA-HCM, NLC Commissioner, Missouri. Highlights of the Compliance Committee tasks include:

- Comprehensive review of the party state compliance self-assessment tool
- · Development of five (5) focus sessions on the self-assessment tool
- Discussions on conducting compliance reviews for each compact state on a five-year cycle

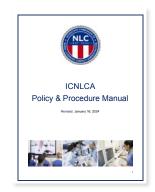


Missy Poortenga

## **Policy Committee**

The NLC Policy Committee was led by Chair Missy Poortenga, MHA, RN, NLC Commissioner, Montana. Highlights of Policy Committee tasks include:

 Reviewed and revised current policies per the three-year review cycle



The Policy Committee has worked to create a Policy manual to serve as a guiding document for commissioners and board of nursing staff.



Tammy Buchholz

#### **Research Committee**

The Research Committee was led by Chair Tammy Buchholz, DNP, RN, CNE, FRE, associate director for education, North Dakota Board of Nursing. Highlights of Research Committee tasks include:

 Identified four research questions regarding public health emergencies and held discussions with potential research partners



Ann Oertwich

#### **Training and Education Committee**

The Training and Education Committee was led by Chair Ann Oertwich, PhD, MSN, RN, NLC Commissioner, Nebraska. Highlights of Training and Education Committee tasks include:

- Review and approval of bimonthly NLC Tip of the Week emails for member board staff and the general public
- Review and approval of Compact Corner, NLC's e-newsletter publication with the latest NLC news and announcements
- · Review and approval of NLC fact sheets and informational flowcharts
- Review and approval of NLC webinar topics
- · Review of the draft annual report



Crystal Tillman



Kelly Jenkins

#### **Elections Committee**

The NLC Election Committee co-chairs, Crystal Tillman, DNP, RN, CNP, FRE, NLC Commissioner, North Carolina; and Kelly Jenkins, MSN, NE-BC, NLC Commissioner, Kentucky, accepted nominations at the NLC Annual Meeting for three executive committee positions: chair and two memberat-large positions. Nominations were accepted through Aug. 31, 2023. The full slate of candidates was shared with the commission on Sept. 1 and voting occurred Sept. 20–30. The Executive Committee for FY24 was announced on Oct. 2, 2023 and can be viewed here.



# **Ad Hoc Workgroups**

#### **NLC Operations Network**

The NLC Operations Network is a forum where staff in party state boards of nursing can discuss common operational issues, learn from one another and share best practices. The network held quarterly virtual meetings during FY23. The meeting topics included how states handle a non-resident APRN who holds a multistate RN license, acceptable proof of residency documents, what procedures current compact states follow when a new state enters the compact, NLC requirements regarding the ATD program participation, when to deactivate a compact license upon relocation to another compact state, and the upcoming 60-day rule.

# **NLC Presentations**

#### **Webinars**

NLC presented 11 free educational webinars throughout the fiscal year that served to assist nurses, nursing students, nurse employers and other stakeholder audiences with helpful information regarding the NLC.

- Helpful Tips for New Nursing Graduates
   October 2022 and April 2023
- Fireside Chat: Discipline & Eligibility
   November 2022 and September 2023
- Understanding Primary State of Residence
   February and July 2023

- The NLC: What Nurse Employers Need to Know
   February, May, and August 2023
- Fireside Chat: Legislative Update March 2023
- Multistate Licensure for Telehealth Practice
   June 2023

#### **NLC Informational Presentations**

In accordance with the strategic plan — specifically Strategic Initiative I: Strategic Partner Development and Collaboration, and Strategic Initiative II: Education of Boards and Stakeholders — presentations were provided for various organizations in both compact and noncompact states.

# Presentations, Exhibitions, Meetings, Interviews with Stakeholder Organizations

October 2022 Exhibition, American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)

Pathway to Excellence and ANCC Magnet Conference

NSNA Advocacy Day

November 2022 Presentation and Career Readiness Panel, National Student

Nurses Association (NSNA) Midyear Conference

Presentation, Northeast Ohio Association of Occupational

Health Nurses

December 2022 Interstate Licensure Compact Data System

(presentation and discussion on Nursys system)

March 2023 Exhibition, ATA Annual Conference

April 2023 Presentations (2) and exhibition at NSNA Annual Convention

Exhibition, American Society for Healthcare Human Resources

Administration (ASHHRA) Annual Conference

May 2023 Exhibition, American Organization for Nursing Leadership

(AONL) Conference

July 2023 Exhibition, National Association for Health Care Recruitment

(NAHCR)

August 2023 Exhibition, NCSBN Annual Meeting

September 2023 Presentation and exhibition, TravCon Conference

Exhibition, National League of Nursing

#### **NLC Board of Nursing (BON) Training**

October 2022 Tennessee Board of Nursing

November 2022 Kansas State Board of Nursing

New Jersey Board of Nursing

February 2023 Virginia Board of Nursing

April 2023 Georgia Board of Nursing

June 2023 Washington State Board of Nursing (virtual)

August 2023 Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing

New Mexico Board of Nursing

September 2023 Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and

Nursing Education





#### **NLC Outreach**

In alignment with the NLC strategic plan tactics, staff continued to post NLC educational and informational news and events on social media to increase member and public awareness of the Compact.

#### **Compact Corner**

Compact Corner keeps NCSBN members informed regarding NLC resources, events, committee projects and Commission updates.





Jan. 2023 issue: **351** recipients, **214** opens (61%), **18** clicks (37%)

May 2023 issue: **342** recipients, **130** opens (38%), **21** clicks (6%)

Sept. 2023 issue: **338** recipients, **230** opens (68%), **145** clicks (43%)

Nov. 2023 issue: **334** recipients, **190** opens (57%), **7** clicks (2%)

Note: Industry benchmarks for non-profit organizations indicate average email open rates of 28.59% and click-through rates of 3.29% (https://mailchimp.com/resources/email-marketing-benchmarks/)

#### Tip of the Week



The Tip of the Week is sent bi-weekly. On Wednesdays, public subscribers receive a tip containing NLC general information. These tips are also shared via NLC Facebook, X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram pages. There is an opportunity to subscribe to this email list and anyone can do so directly from social media or from the NLC website. On Fridays, NCSBN member subscribers receive NLC tips focused on regulation.



	Average Open*	Subscribers as of Fall 2023					
Public:	35%	11,762					
Members:	31%	106					

<sup>\*</sup>Open: subscribers opened the email

# **Facebook**



9,195
TOTAL FOLLOWERS

# Top Performing Video on Facebook

214 views 3/28/23

At the Nurse
Licensure Compact
(NLC) Midyear
Meeting in Seattle,
North Dakota Board
of Nursing Executive
Director Stacey
Pfenning, DNP, APRN,
FNP, FAANP, reflected
on how the NLC
benefited nurses and
patients during the
COVID-19 pandemic.

**X** (formerly Twitter)





Data and stats as of date and status for period of Oct. 1, 2022– Sept. 30, 2023.



April 21, 2023

Washington State joins the Compact

4 REACTIONS

Aug. 23, 2023

Pennsylvania will allow nurses with a multistate license to practice in PA

27 REACTIONS

Oct. 18, 2022

**ANCC Magnet Conference** 

22 REACTIONS



Top 3 Tweets for FY23

Top 3 Facebook Posts for FY2

July 18, 2023

You can email your question

50% ENGAGEMENT RATE

Nov. 14, 2022

Join our Fireside Chat...

25%

ENGAGEMENT RATE

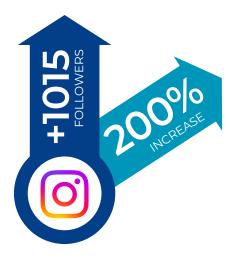
Aug. 4, 2023

Nicole Livanos quote

27% ENGAGEMENT RATE

\*Impressions are the number of times content is displayed

#### **Instagram**





# Top 3 Instagram Posts for FY23

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April 21, 2023

Washington State joins the Compact

1,535 reach

AUG. 23, 2023

Pennsylvania will allow nurses with a multistate license to practice in PA

604<sub>REACH</sub>

JULY 10, 2023

Rhode Island joins the Compact

600 REACH



NLC videos were shared via YouTube and social media. Below are the most-viewed videos in FY23.



Making Travel Nursing Easier with a Multistate License



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Explanation of the Nurse Licensure Compact for Nurse Employers



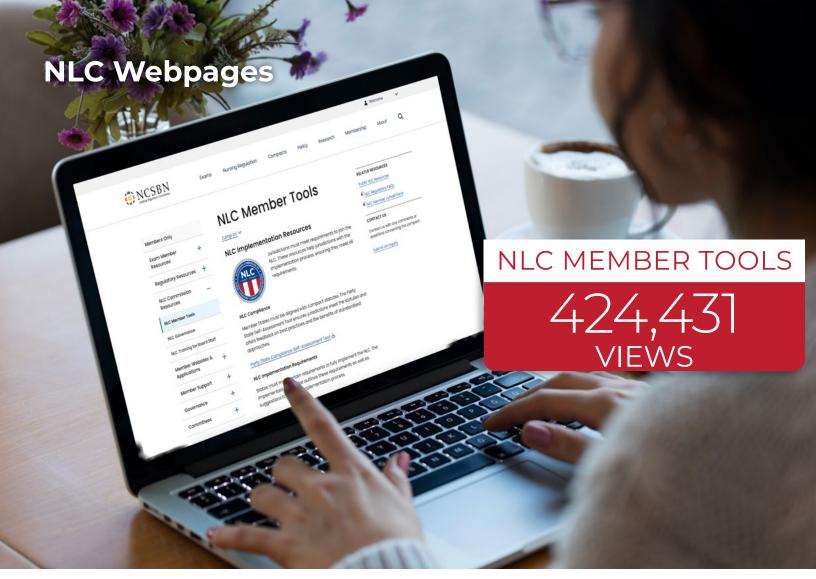
693 VIEWS



Guide to NLC for Nursing Students



253 VIEWS







NLC HOMEPAGE 244,357 VIEWS

STAY INFORMED

13,550

VIEWS

# **NLC Financial Summary**

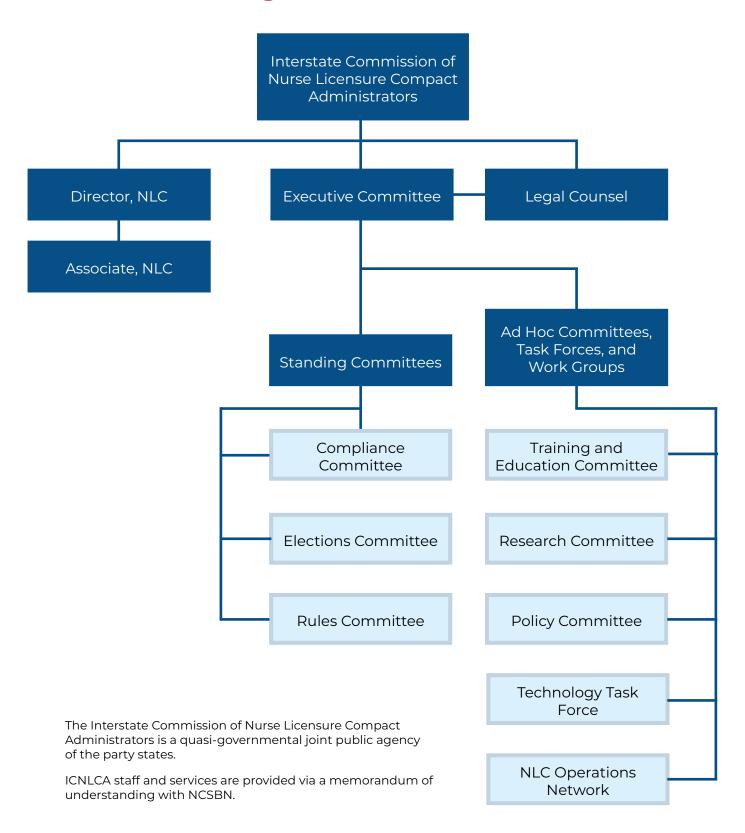
# Financial Summary Fiscal Year 2023

	FY23
Cash Balance Sept. 30, 2022	\$966,910.66
Revenue	
Interest earned Oct. 1, 2022–Sept. 30, 2023	\$28,429.26
Collections for the FY23 period (Oct. 1, 2022–Sept. 30, 2023)	\$39,000.00
Collections for the FY24 period (Oct. 1, 2023–Sept. 30, 2024)	\$165,000.00
Subtotal	\$204,000.00
Total	\$204,000.00
Expenses	
FY23 Secretariat fees due to NCSBN	(\$50,000)
Reimb of FY23 expenses paid on behalf of NLCA	(\$25,637.50)
Subtotal	(\$75,637.50)
Cash Balance Sept. 30, 2023	\$1,123,702.42



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Joe Baker, Jr.
NLC Commissioner, Florida
Executive Director, Florida Board of Nursing

# **Organizational Chart**



Updated 8/2022



# Thank You to All Commissioners for your efforts on behalf of the NLC during FY23

#### **Interstate Commission of Nurse License Compact Administrators**

Alabama Board of Nursing Peggy Benson

Arizona State Board of Nursing
Joey Ridenour

Arkansas State Board of Nursing
Sue Tedford

Colorado Board of Nursing Nate Brown

**Delaware Board of Nursing** Pamela C. Zickafoose\*

Florida Board of Nursing Joe Baker, Jr.\*

Georgia State Board of Nursing Natara Taylor

**Guam Board of Nursing** Zennia Pecina

**Idaho Board of Nursing** Nicki Chopski

Indiana State Board of Nursing
Nicholas Hart

**Iowa Board of Nursing** Kathy Weinberg

Kansas State Board of Nursing Carol Moreland

**Kentucky Board of Nursing** Kelly Jenkins

Louisiana State Board of Nursing (RN) Karen Lyon Maine State Board of Nursing Kim Esquibel

Maryland Board of Nursing Rhonda Scott

**Mississippi Board of Nursing** Phyllis Johnson

Missouri Board of Nursing Lori Scheidt

Montana Board of Nursing Missy Poortenga\*

Nebraska Board of Nursing Ann Oertwich

New Hampshire Board of Nursing Ashley Czechowicz

New Jersey Board of Nursing Mary Fortier

New Mexico Board of Nursing Sheena Ferguson

North Carolina Board of Nursing Crystal Tillman

North Dakota Board of Nursing Stacey Pfenning

**Ohio Board of Nursing** Marlene Anielski

Oklahoma Board of Nursing Jenny Barnhouse\*

Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing
Wendy Miller

Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education Lynda D'Alessio

South Carolina Board of Nursing Carol Moody\*

South Dakota Board of Nursing Linda Young\*

Tennessee State Board of Nursing
Sherry Richardson\*

**Texas Board of Nursing** Katherine Thomas

**Utah State Board of Nursing** Jeff Busjahn

**Vermont Board of Nursing** Shiela Boni

Virgin Islands Board of Nurse Licensure Carmen Vanterpool-Romney

**Virginia Board of Nursing** Jay P. Douglas

Washington State Board of Nursing
Alison Bradywood

West Virginia State Board of Examiners for Licensed Practical Nurses Michelle Chapman

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Robert Weinman

Wyoming State Board of Nursing
Rachael Settles

# **NLC Committees**

#### **Executive Committee**





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Highlights from the 2023 NLC Midyear and Annual Meetings.

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