

TO: Senate Labor & Commerce Committee
Senator Lara Reinbold, Chair

FROM: Wendy L. Monrad, CRNA
APRN Position Appointment to Board of Nursing

SUBJECT: Personal Letter of introduction for 3/7/2019 appointment hearing

DATE: March 4, 2019

Greetings,

I have been appointed by Governor Dunleavy to the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) position on the Alaska Board of Nursing. I am a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) currently employed at the Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage. I have been a CRNA for almost 19 years and a Registered Nurse (RN) for nearly 28 years. I have been an Alaska Resident since 2002. I arrived here on assignment with the United States Air Force (USAF). I separated from the USAF in 2005 after nearly 14 years of service and began working at ANMC. In 2007, I went back on active duty with the United States Public Health Service (USPHS), continuing to work as a CRNA at ANMC. I will be retiring from active duty with the USPHS on September 1, 2019 after 25 years of government service. I plan to remain at ANMC as a direct hire in my current CRNA position.

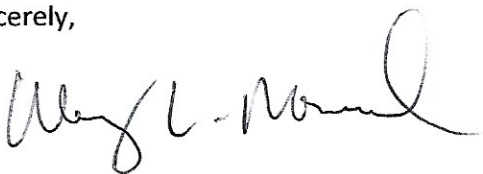
In addition to my years of experience as a nurse and advanced practice nurse, I also have developed leadership skills through these government agencies and service to my professional organization at both the local (Alaska Association of Nurse Anesthetists - AKANA) and national level (American Association of Nurse Anesthetists – AANA). I have also functioned as a Co-Chief Nurse Anesthetist at ANMC for the past 9 years. This volunteer position is a natural transition for me considering my history of service.

I also have experience interacting with the BON over the last several years. I have presented projects from ANMC to the BON for training approval and annual review. I was also part of the APRN team responsible for the drafting of revised nursing regulations to implement SB53 legislation which was signed into law in July 2017 with regulations finalized by the BON in October 2018.

I am honored to be considered for this position and, should I be confirmed by Alaska Legislature, will fully commit to supporting and acting on this board in the best interests of the people of Alaska.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will be available by phone during the hearing to provide more information and answer your question. Please feel free to contact me before the hearing if you have questions or concerns I can answer for now. I look forward to meeting you all on Thursday.

Sincerely,



Wendy L. Monrad, CRNA