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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Constituents Elect New CCNE Board and Nominating Committee Members**

Washington, DC, July 24, 2025—The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) has successfully completed its 2025 elections. Ballots were distributed to CCNE-accredited nursing education programs and nurse residency/fellowship programs, to be cast in the elections for the CCNE Board of Commissioners and the CCNE Nominating Committee. Ballots were cast electronically by institutions, resulting in a 54% response rate. The election results are presented below:

#### **Board of Commissioners**

##### **CHIEF NURSE ADMINISTRATOR**

**Jean D'Meza Leuner, PhD, RN, CNE, FAAN**  
Dean and Professor  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences  
Auburn University at Montgomery  
Montgomery, AL

##### **FACULTY**

**Frank D. Hicks, PhD, RN, CNE**  
Associate Dean for Academic Programs  
Professor, Adult Health and Gerontological Nursing  
College of Nursing  
Rush University  
Chicago, IL

##### **PRACTICING NURSE**

**Debbie Conner, PhD, MSN, ANP/FNP-BC, FAANP**  
Nurse Practitioner  
Conner Health and Education, LLC  
Sanford, FL

##### **PROFESSIONAL CONSUMER**

**Debra Casper, DNP, ACNP-BC, CCRN**  
Lead Critical Care NP  
Community Hospital Division - Froedtert Menomonee Falls  
Menomonee Falls, WI

#### **PUBLIC CONSUMER**

**Stephanie LaPuma**, PhD, MBA, MAM, ACC, CLC  
Associate Dean of Health Sciences  
Western Governors University  
Salt Lake City, UT

#### **Nominating Committee**

##### **CHAIR\***

**Tiffany Zyniewicz**, PhD, MSN, RN, CHSE  
ABSN Coordinator & Associate Professor  
School of Nursing  
Pacific Lutheran University  
Lynnwood, WA

**Lois Bellflowers**, EdD, MSN, RN  
Associate Professor  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences  
Valdosta State University  
Valdosta, GA

**Monica Kennison**, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE  
Susan V. Clayton Baccalaureate Nursing Chair & Professor  
BSN Nursing Department  
Berea College  
Berea, KY

**Annmarie Lyles**, PhD, RN, CNE  
Associate Dean for Prelicensure Nursing  
College of Nursing  
University of South Florida  
Tampa, FL

**Jeanette Rossetti**, EdD, MS, RN, CNE  
Distinguished Teaching Professor  
School of Nursing  
Northern Illinois University  
DeKalb, IL

*\*Member of the 2025 Nominating Committee selected to chair the 2026 Nominating Committee*

*The **Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education** is an autonomous accrediting agency contributing to the improvement of the public's health. CCNE strives to promote the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency/fellowship programs in nursing. As a voluntary, self-regulatory process, CCNE accreditation supports and encourages continuous quality improvement in nursing education and nurse residency/fellowship programs.*

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