Governor Dennis Daugaard addressed the group. He thanked South Dakota’s licensed nurses for their service to patients and communities. He also expressed appreciation to Board members for their commitment to fulfilling the mission of public protection. He recognized the high need and demand for nurses in South Dakota. Governor Daugaard also addressed the history of community nursing in the state of South Dakota and the important role nurses continue to have in the state’s communities today. He then read the Executive Proclamation of the State of South Dakota from the Office of the Governor:

Whereas, The South Dakota Board of Nursing was established by statute by the 1917 Legislature and signed into law by Governor Peter Norbeck on January 24, 1917; and,

Whereas, There were four original members appointed to the Board including: Elizabeth Dryborough, RN; Johanna Hegdahl, RN; Clara Invalson, RN; and Dr. Park Jenkins, MD; and,

Whereas, The registration of nurses by examination began on January 1, 1918; and,

Whereas, The first required nursing education curriculum was published by the Board of Nursing in 1920 setting the standards for nursing education in South Dakota which included a three year period of instruction; and,

Whereas, The mission and vision of the current Board of Nursing is to protect the public through the regulation of nursing licensure, practice, and education and to inspire public confidence in the practice of nursing through regulatory excellence; and,

Whereas, The history of the Board of Nursing is co-created by our predecessors, contemporaries, and successors; and,

Whereas, The Board of Nursing predecessors held the first meeting of the Board of Nursing in Pierre, South Dakota, on July 20, 1917; and,

Whereas, July 20, 2017, marks the 100th Anniversary of the Board of Nursing:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 20, 2017, as BOARD OF NURSING DAY

In South Dakota.
Call to Order and Roll Call - President K Possehl called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on July 20, 2017. K Possehl provided a brief history of the first meeting of the Board. Roll call was called by Secretary M Schmidt, she honored the rememberance of the inaugural first four members of the Board.

Introductions - G Damgaard, Executive Director introduced special guests Kim Malsam-Rysdon, Secretary of Health and Susan Sporrer, Department of Health Board Liason. K Malsam-Rysdon addressed the Board, expressed gratitude of nurses and spoke of the valueable services nurses contribute.

M Schmidt introduced special guest First Lady Linda Daugaard.

N Nelson introduced members of the Board; each member read portions of the Historic Timeline of the Board’s first 50 years. Member discussion followed readings, similarities were noted between then and now.

G Damgaard presented several historical documents from the early years of the Board. The original register of nurses was shown. It included years 1917 to 1939. The original expense register was also presented. This book documented expenses from 1917 to 1931, including the expenses incurred by secretary Dryborough to travel by train from Rapid City to Pierre for Board meetings. Also shown were original applications from nurses that were dated 1917.

K Possehl presented closing remarks and commented upon the inspiring feeling of being present in Pierre on the very same day as the inaugural Board members were 100 years ago today; July 20th. She expressed gratitude to those visionary nursing leaders.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. CST Friday, July 20, 2017.