# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING 17373 PERKINS ROAD BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70810

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 23, 2022 EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING

**Call to Order:** The Emergency Board Meeting of the Louisiana State Board of

Nursing was called to order at 9:12 a.m. by T. Kindall, President and Presiding Officer, on Wednesday March 23, 2022 at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:

Tavell Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP, President and Presiding Officer

Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN, Vice President

Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE

Ann Carruth, DNS, RN Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA Frederick Pinkney, EdD

Mimi Primeaux, MS, BSN, CRNA

Denise Bottcher

The following Board members were not in attendance:

Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE, Alternate Officer

Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN

Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, FAEN

The following staff members were in attendance:

Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS, NEA, Executive

Director/CEO

Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP<sub>C</sub>, Licensure and Practice Director

Tarneisha Scott, BA, CAA, Executive Assistant to CEO

Suzanne C. Armand, CCR-CVR, Court Reporter

#### Emergency Rule: LAC 46:XLVII.3327 A-11

Dr. Lyon stated that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing issued this Emergency Rule effective March 17<sup>th</sup> to allow out-of-state licensees a transition period to apply for licensure or to cease the practice of nursing in Louisiana in response to the expiration of Governor Edwards' Public Health Emergency at midnight on March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The rules were premised on a need to allow RNs and APRNs with a current, active, unencumbered, unrestricted, out-of-state license working under the Emergency Proclamation to continue working for a 90-day transition period following the expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Since the passage of the Emergency Rules, LSBN has worked diligently with the Louisiana Department of Health to notify RNs and APRNs practicing in Louisiana pursuant to the Governor's proclamation to apply for permits through the Nurse Portal on the LSBN website.

It appears the basis for the Emergency Rule has been resolved and therefore the Board determined it was appropriate to rescind this Emergency Rule effective March 23, 2022.

**Motion**: by F. Pinkney, seconded, that the Board approve the Emergency Rule that will

rescind Emergency Rule LAC 46:XLVII.3327.A.11

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

## Emergency Rule: LAC 46:XLVII.4513.B-4

Dr. Lyon stated that this rule created a transition period for APRNs working without a collaborative practice agreement (CPA) under the same Emergency Proclamation. The waiver expired with the expiration of the Governor's mandate at midnight on March 16<sup>th</sup>. This rule was premised on a need for a transition period to permit APRNs working without a CPA to be able to practice while they applied for a collaborative practice agreement with the LSBN.

The need for the LSBN to have this exemption to a collaborative practice agreement for 90 more days appears to have been resolved and therefore, the Board believes it is appropriate to rescind this Emergency Rule effective March 23, 2022

**Motion**: by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board approve the Emergency Rule that will

rescind Emergency Rule LAC 46:XLVII.4513B-4.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

T. KINDALL, PRESIDENT and PRESIDING OFFICER LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING