DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING

On November 6, 2020, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners held their annual November board meeting via

teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on November 6, 2020, at approximately <u>10:07 a.m.</u>, with Myra Collins, Chairwoman, presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Present
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN Secretary / Treasurer of the Board	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Christopher Mallett, LPN	Present
Matthew McQueen	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN	Present @ 10:30am
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Present @ 10:40am

STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

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STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Christina Costanza	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Janette Patterson	Present
John Becknell	Present
Thania Elliott	Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

IN MEMORIAM OF DR. BOBBY FULMER, MD

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Bobby Fulmer. Dr. Fulmer served on our board from September of 2000, until his resignation on December 2013. He was a dedicated physician and a true family man. As a resident of New Roads, he was the doc for everyone in the community.

He will be missed by his family and everyone who had the pleasure to work with him. Rest in peace Dr. Fulmer, and may perpetual light shine upon you.

MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES OF JULY 31, 2020 BOARD MEETING Roberta Connelley moved that the minutes of the board meeting of July 31, 2020, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs,

Mallett, McQueen, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Melancon, Suleman

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE
ASSOCIATE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Denise Klein presented the summary report from the compliance department of new reports received and action taken from 7/1/2020 - 9/30/2020.

No action was needed or taken on these matters.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PN PROGRAM STATUS

Christina Costanza reported on the status of all practical nursing programs as follows:

INITIAL ACCREDITATION

1. Lacombe campus, NTCC - Lacombe, LA

2. Walker campus, NTCC - Walker, LA

PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION

- 1. Gulf Area campus, SLCC, Abbeville, LA Gulf Area campus has corrected the previous infarctions, however will remain on provisional accreditation. They accepted a new cohort on 8/17/2020. The board staff will continue to monitor their campus for compliance.
- 2. Shreveport campus, NLTCC, Shreveport, LA Shreveport campus had four consecutive failing classes; however, due to interruptions at all schools caused by COVID-19, the board allowed Shreveport campus additional time to correct deficiencies. Their most recent May 2020 class graduated with a passing rate. The Shreveport campus will remain on provisional so that board staff can continue to monitor their progress with the next graduating class, anticipated to graduate in August 2020. Once results of the August 2020 graduates can be calculated, board staff will revisit their accreditation status
- 3. West Monroe, LDCC, West Monroe, LA West Monroe campus was placed on provisional for three consecutive failing classes. They have received a reasonable notice to correct program deficiencies.

NEW PROGRAM REQUESTS: PHASE II

- 1. Advance Nurse Training, LLC New Orleans, LA Advance Nurse Training started their first class in October 2020.
- 2. Bossier Parish Community College Bossier, LA Bossier Parish Community College anticipates starting their class in January of 2021.

PROGRAM(S) CITED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

The following programs were issued a notice of non-compliance for failing to submit requested information related to the 2019 -2020 annual report. All programs listed have responded to the board's request for information and are eligible for annual accreditation.

- 1. Acadian BRCC, Baton Rouge
- 2. Acadian SLCC, Crowley
- 3. Alexandria CLTCC, Alexandria
- 4. Bastrop LDCC, Bastrop
- 5. C.B. Coreil SLCC, Ville Platte
- 6. Compass Career College, Hammond
- 7. Delgado Community College, New Orleans

- 8. Delta College of Arts & Technology, Baton Rouge
- 9. Delta College of Lafayette, Lafayette
- 10. Evangeline SLCC, St. Martinville
- 11. Ferriday CLTCC, Ferriday
- 12. Florida Parishes NTCC, Greensburg
- 13. Gulf Area SLCC, Abbeville
- 14. Hammond Area NTCC, Hammond
- 15. Infinity College, Lafayette
- 16. Lacombe--NTCC, Lacombe
- 17. Lafayette SLCC, Lafayette
- 18. Lamar Slater CLTCC, Leesville
- 19. L.E. Fletcher Tech Comm College, Schriever
- 20. LSU Shreveport, Shreveport
- 21. Mansfield NWLTC, Mansfield
- 22. Margaret Surles LDCC (Branch of Tallulah)
- 23. Minden NWLTC, Minden
- 24. Natchitoches NWLTC, Natchitoches
- 25. Nunez Community College, Chalmette
- 26. Oakdale CLTCC, Oakdale
- 27. Reserve Campus SCLTC, Reserve
- 28. Shreveport NWLTC, Shreveport
- 29. Sidney Collier Delgado, New Orleans
- 30. Southern University, Shreveport
- 31. Sowela Technical Community College, Lake Charles
- 32. Sullivan NTCC, Bogalusa
- 33. T.H. Harris SLCC, Opelousas
- 34. Walker--NTCC, Walker
- 35. Ward H. Nash Avoyelles CLTCC, Cottonport
- 36. West Monroe LDCC, West Monroe
- 37. Westside BRCC, Plaquemine
- 38. Winnsboro LDCC, Winnsboro
- 39. Young Memorial SCLTC, Morgan City

PN PROGRAMMATIC ANNUAL REPORT

Christina Costanza presented the data summary for fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020; raw data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; data summary, tables and charts for fiscal years 2010 – 2020.

PN program compliance with the Louisiana Administrative Code and board rules/regulations have been reviewed by the education department. The summaries will be mailed to schools after the board has voted to accept accreditation statuses.

NCLEX-PN REPORT FOR PN PROGRAMS: 2019 – OCTOBER 2020

Christina Costanza presented data summaries for practical nursing programs for fiscal year 2019 through October 2020. Also presented was the raw data for the annual report for fiscal year 2020.

Louisiana's PN overall first-time pass rate for 2019 is 87.68% compared to the national PN first time writers pass rate of 86.27%. The 2020 overall pass rate for LA is 85.35% and the national is 84.33%.

No board action was required for agenda items 6. E-G.

PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION STATUSES 2020 – 2021 Roberta Connelley moved that the board approve the annual report for FY2020 and continue the accreditation status of all practical nursing programs as printed in the handout provided by the education department.

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs,

Mallett, McQueen, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Melancon, Suleman

The motion passed.

REPORT ON SIMULATION

Follow up to July 2020 board meeting's public comment regarding the request to use up to 50% simulation in place of hands on clinicals after the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

A zoom meeting was held on October 7, 2020, and the decision was made to allow 100% high fidelity simulation in place of hands on clinicals for OB and Pediatrics. These areas are more difficult to secure clinical time for PN students.

A required checklist is being developed at this time by the LSBPNE Education Department and will be sent to all accredited PN programs when complete.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COVID-19 UPDATE

Lynn Ansardi reported that the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE) office has remained fully operational throughout the global pandemic. LSBPNE has continued to comply with all of the phases of the pandemic, according to the Department of Health and the Governor's office, and has kept up with all the changes that have developed during each phase.

We were allowing delinquent or retired LPNs the ability to renew their license without completing a refresher course. During this time, 55 LPNs were made eligible; however, none of these LPNs renewed their license.

LSBPNE was issuing temporary permits of graduates on a case by case basis, as needed. If a nursing home or any other facility had a need for a graduate to be hired immediately, LSBPNE would look at it and allow it on a case by case basis. LSBPNE issued a total of 33 permits. As of September 30, 2020, all testing facilities were fully operational; therefore, the need for temporary permits should no longer present a problem.

Staff is now platooning back into the office. In order to prevent interruptions; laptops were ordered for all staff members so that the office can remain fully functional during this transition back into the office.

Due to a recent proclamation from the governor's office, all out of state licensed nurses; in good standing, have the ability to come work in Louisiana without going through the endorsement process. This regulation aligns with the request of the governor's office along with the Department of Health and is anticipated to remain in effect until the end of this year.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT STATEMENT FY 2020 Lynn Ansardi presented the independent auditor's report for fiscal year 2020.

<u>Christopher Mallett</u> moved that all board members received a copy of the independent auditor's statement for fiscal year 2020 as required and printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Prince

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs,

Mallett, McQueen, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Melancon, Suleman

The motion passed.

FY 2021 BUDGET TO ACTUAL Lynn Ansardi present the fiscal year 2021 budget to actual as of

9/30/2020.

No action was needed or taken.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2022

Lynn Ansardi presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022.

<u>Janie Cypret</u> moved to approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2022 as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Gibbs

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs,

Mallett, McQueen, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Melancon, Suleman

The motion passed.

NCSBN ANNUAL MEETING

Lynn Ansardi reported that the 2020 NCSBN annual meeting was held virtually on August 12th. This meeting was very streamlined with no guest speakers. There was only a general assembly and a candidate forum due to elections for the offices of the NCSBN. The remainder of the meeting was about a PRN compact.

No action was needed or taken.

ATTORNEY RESOLUTION

<u>Christopher Mallett</u> moved to accept the resolution approving the Becknell Law Firm, APLC, to provide legal consultation and services to the board relative to board rules and regulations, legislation, board actions, and disciplinary hearings and adjudications regarding alleged violations and rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

SECOND: Melancon A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs,

Mallett, McQueen, Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 OFF LINE: Suleman The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS There was no unfinished business that needed to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business that was discussed.

FUTURE MEETING

DATES

The proposed board meeting dates for the next board meeting

are March 11 and 12, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT There were no public comment requests.

MOTION TO ENTER

EXECUTIVE

SESSION

Janie Cypret moved that the board convene in executive session to consider reports related to disciplinary matters against licensees and applicants for licensure and personnel matters.

SECOND: Melancon A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs,

Mallett, McQueen, Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0
OFF LINE: Suleman

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at

10:36 a.m.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION <u>Christopher Mallett</u> moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs,

Mallett, Melancon, McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: 0

The motion passed and the board came out of executive session at 11:58 a.m.

MOTIONS RELATED TO DISCIPLINE Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Mary Lee Anderson), License # 210672, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Prince

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins OFF LINE: Melancon The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Arielle Barquet), social security number ending with 3374 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Wilhelmina Clay), License # 20160199, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Connelley A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins OFF LINE: Melancon The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Tiima'ro Ekanem)
License # 20180109, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Connelley A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins OFF LINE: Melancon The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Kenneth Fountain), License # 20120420, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Angela Higdon)

License # 960535, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be suspended with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins OFF LINE: Melancon The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Kretena Hunter)

License # 20101050, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license remain suspended with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Candice Johnson)

License #250273, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Prince

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins OFF LINE: Melancon The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Alice Jones) License # 20130502, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be suspended for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Prince

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Sara Lavigne) social security number ending with <u>0625</u>, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be denied licensure in the state of Louisiana with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Prince

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins OFF LINE: Melancon The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Janene Lewis), <u>License</u> #20150871, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Connelley A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,

Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Mallett

OFF LINE: Melancon The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Alexis Manning) social security number ending with 8734, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be denied licensure in the state of Louisiana with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Shauntelle Riley), License # 20111015, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins OFF LINE: Melancon The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Matthew Thomas)
License # 20180132, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be suspended with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, and receipt of the respondent's request for reinstatement, the respondent shall be scheduled for a formal hearing to determine licensure in the state of Louisiana.

SECOND: Prince

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,

McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins OFF LINE: Melancon The motion passed.

<u>Janie Cypret</u> moved that the following consent agreements be accepted by the board without exception:

License #282510	Zonica Andrews
S.S. # ending with 2557	Jonique Armstrong
License #20100255	Jennifer Beamer
License #30000448	James Braswell
License #290985	Amy Breaux
S.S. # ending with 4975	Shelby Brown
License #220373	Deborah Brunner

S.S. # ending with 7430	Lisa Bustamante
License #860416	Shari Carroll
License #20130803	Alise Clausen
S.S. # ending with 9604	Kandis Combs
License #30001173	Kelcia Compton
S.S. # ending with 8168	Laquenchia Dykes
License #20150662	Ashley Harris
License #230768	Danna Harris
License #30000455	Latasha Holmes
License #210757	Shamicka Johnson
S.S. # ending with 2439	Jene Jones
License #20130794	Jophiner Kelly
License #20160713	Taiyana McCoy
License #20170645	Larye Morrow
S.S. # ending with 0122	Zachary Morton
S.S. # ending with 8098	Juneidra Nixon
S.S. # ending with 1547	Shylinda Noble
License #20120521	Jonicia Polidore
License #20112508	Lisa Roberts
S.S. # ending with 6586	Calandrea Rogers
License #20130092	Stephanie Shipp
S.S # ending with 2098	Evelyn Skidmore
License #200799	Stephanie Small
License #20140418	Karen Smith
License #20130309	Lionel Spann
S.S. # ending with 4299	Chacara Taylor
License #20130320	Angie Thomas
S.S. # ending with 6123	Whitney Thomas
License #20150876	Shantell Washington
S.S. # ending with 2597	Derrica Watson
License #292371	Lenora Wedgeworth
License #20182406	Heath Williams
S.S. # ending with 6787	Kimberly Willoughby

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs,

Mallett, McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

MOTION TO ADJOURN Janie Cypret moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Suleman

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs,

Mallett, McQueen, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0
OFF LINE: Melancon

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 12:27 a.m.

Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman