

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

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by T. Kindall, President, and Presiding Officer, on Thursday, August 11, 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
Denise Bottcher
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN
Frederick Pinkney, EdD
Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC,CEN, FAEN

The following Board Members were not in attendance:
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE, Alternate Officer
Mimi Primeaux, MS, BSN, CRNA

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS, NEA, Executive Director/CEO
Wanda Matthews, MPA, BBA, Chief Compliance Officer
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP_C, Licensure and Practice Director
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, RNP Director
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, RNCO-Team Leader
Tarneisha Scott, BA, CAA, Executive Assistant to CEO
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to adopt the Agenda as amended.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by F. Pinkney, seconded, to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2022 Board Meeting.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

1. Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Report
2. Continuing Education Reapproval
 1. Akula Foundation
3. Education Announcements

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda Motions.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

2. Division Reports

Agenda Item 2.1

Division of Nursing Practice

Agenda Item 2.1.1

Chief Nursing Officer

Agenda Item 2.1.2

Education and Examination

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1

Grambling State University – Interim Report

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Dr. Lyon reported that Grambling State University is presently at 100% pass rate.

Dr. Rikki Murff, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Dr. Meg Brown, Associate Dean/Professor, Grambling State University, were present to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Board accept Grambling State University's interim report and action plan regarding the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Motion: by F. Pinkney, seconded, that the Board grant full approval to Grambling State University Baccalaureate of Science Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2

Probationary Status Reports

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2.1

Bossier Parish Community College

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Dr. Lyon reported that as of August 2022, Bossier Parish Community College is at 88.46% pass rate.

Ms. Cathy Maddry, Associate Dean of Nursing, Bossier Parish Community College, was present to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Board accept Bossier Parish Community College's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2.2

Louisiana Christian University

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

As of August 10, 2022, Louisiana Christian University is now at 71.43% pass rate.

Dr. Cheryl D. Clark, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Louisiana Christian University, was present (virtually) to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board accept Louisiana Christian University's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2.3

Southern University Baton Rouge - BSN

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

The updated pass rate for Southern University – Baton Rouge as of August 10, 2022 is 66%.

Dr. Sandra Brown, Associate Dean of Nursing & Chief Nursing Officer, Southern University Baton Rouge, was present to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board accept Southern University at Baton Rouge’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2.4

South Louisiana Community College

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Dr. Carry DeAtley, Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, and Dr. Elaine Vallette, Interim Chief Nursing Officer, South Louisiana Community College, were present to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by D. Bottcher, seconded, that the Board accept South Louisiana Community College’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Dr. Lyon reported that the following programs reflect a less than 80% pass rate for first time test takers as of June 30, 2022:

Baton Rouge General Medical Center is at 78.26% passage rate; Chamberlain University is at 77.5%; Dillard University is at 50%; Louisiana Christian University is at 71.43%; Louisiana Delta Community College is at 65.67%; Southern University at Baton Rouge is at 71.67%; and William Carey University is at 70.37%.

Bossier Parish Community College and South Louisiana Community College reflected less than 80% passage rate, but now Bossier Parish Community College is at 90.79%, and South Louisiana is at 83.87%.

Discussion ensued regarding the Board’s concerns.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.3

Request for Out-of-State Undergraduate Clinical Experiences in Louisiana

Agenda Item 2.1.2.3.1

Southwest Mississippi Community College

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended approval.

Ms. Stephanie Greer, Associate Vice President for Nursing, Southwest Mississippi Community College, was present to provide information, and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Southwest Mississippi Community College for approval to offer undergraduate clinical experiences for associate degree students in Louisiana until February 16, 2026 for the following clinical courses:

NUR 2110 Health and Illness Concepts, and

NUR 2210 Complex Health and Illness Concepts

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.3.2

Liberty University

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended approval.

Dr. Dorothy Murphy, Administrative Dean, Online Nursing, and Dr. Sharon Kopis, Professor, School of Nursing, Chair Doctoral Studies at Liberty University, were present (virtually) to provide information, and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Liberty University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until August 11, 2025 for the following roles/populations:

Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner: BSN to DNP

Doctor of Nursing Practice, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: BSN to DNP

Doctor of Nursing Practice, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: MSN to DNP

Certificate, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Post MSN to Certificate

Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Leadership: MSN to DNP

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.3.3

Roseman University of Health Sciences

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended approval

Dr. Judy Jones, Director, MSN/FNP Program, Roseman University of Health Sciences, was present (virtually) to provide information, and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by D. Botcher, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Roseman University of Health Sciences to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until August 11, 2025 for the following roles/populations:

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Family Nurse Practitioner

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

(Break)

(Dr. Kindall called the meeting back to order.)

Agenda Item 2.1.3
Licensure and Practice

Dr. Calmes reported that the Department of Licensure and Practice has been focusing on timely and effective licensing.

They have been invited to do three presentations for schools for APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) students.

Over the last several months, they have seen an increase in scope of practice questions for RNs and APRNs and they will be analyzing the reasons for this increase. These questions are answered regularly in order that they are in alignment with strengthening nursing practice and education as well as communication regarding the scope of practice for APRNs and RNs.

They are currently doing all the prep work which happens prior to renewals to continue to promote safe practice within the nursing profession.

Dr. Kindall and Ms. Moffatt thanked Dr. Calmes for all their hard work and professionalism.

Agenda Item 2.1.3.1
Hemodialysis Technicians Declaratory Order Request

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Calmes. Recommended approval.

Ms. Lisa Fontenot, Regional Vice President of Fresenius Kidney Care, Dialysis and Ms. Wendy Schrag, Director of Advocacy & State Government Affairs, Fresenius Medical Care, were present (virtually) to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board approve revised Declaratory Statement on the Role and Scope of Practice of the Registered Nurse in Dialysis Nursing in Renal Dialysis Centers and Facilities to allow RNs to delegate initiation and termination of dialysis treatments using a central venous catheter (CVC) and perform exit site dressing changes in the out-patient dialysis setting to properly trained Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technicians in Louisiana with updated references and evidence to support the Declaratory Statement.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Dr. Lyon stated that once they have the evidence updated, the Board will get a copy of the finalized Declaratory Statement with the references indicated.

Agenda Item 2.2
Compliance Division

Agenda Item 2.2.1
Chief Compliance Officer

Ms. Matthews reported that as of July 31st, the Compliance Department has 27 open Priority 1 investigations.

On July 26th, Ms. Beckwith and Ms. Matthews conducted a site visit at Santa Center for Healing in Argyle, Texas. Ms. Beckwith will supply further details under Agenda Item 2.2.2. The center will be added as another recognized evaluation/treatment center.

The RNP and Compliance Departments worked in collaboration and made a presentation at Southern University and discussed the RNP program and the investigation process.

Ms. Matthew is continuing to support staff developments. Staff attended the National Organization Alternative Programs Annual Conference, NCSBN's Discipline Management Conference, and the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation's Investigation Reports of Sexual Misconduct Training.

Ms. Matthew was available for questions.

Agenda Item 2.2.2
RNP/Monitoring

The RNP/Monitoring Report was presented by Ms. Beckwith.

Ms. Beckwith stated that they continue to increase awareness and have done seven presentations to date.

The RNP/Monitoring Department has attended the Louisiana Actional Coalition 2022 Virtual Culture of Health Summit, the National Organization of Alternative Programs in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Lakeview Health professionals' weekend in Jacksonville, Florida.

Ms. Beckwith did an in-person RNP presentation to nursing students at Northwestern State University in Shreveport.

Ms. Matthews and Ms. Beckwith did a site visit at Sante Center for Healing in Dallas. Sante Center was approved as a Board recognized treatment center. They will be providing residential treatment, IOP (Intensive Outpatient Program) evaluations as well as psychosexual evaluations.

Ms. Beckwith will be attending the Nurse Leader Institute Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on September 12th through the 16th.

As of July 31st, RNP/Monitoring had 439 participants. Of those, 297 are RNP and 142 monitoring. There are 157 confidential participants, and 140 disciplinary.

Ms. Beckwith shared an encouraging comment from an RN who successfully completed five years of the RNP program and is looking forward to working on an advanced nursing degree to become a CRNA.

Ms. Beckwith was available for comments.

Agenda Item 2.2.3 **Compliance**

Ms. Carter presented an update on the Compliance Department.

Ms. Carter stated that in August of 2021, they had 347 2019 cases open that needed to be closed. As of July 2022, they have 4 2019 cases open, 109 2020 cases, 159 2021 cases and 207 2022 cases.

The Team leaders have given presentations to Southern University, reviewing information from the Compliance Department.

They will continue to work towards educating the schools of nursing, hospitals and administrations on the investigation process and the Compliance Department.

Team leaders will continue to conduct meet and greet with CNO administrations to build relationships and provide information regarding LSBN.

Ms. Carter reported she attended the Louisiana Action Coalition 2022 Virtual Culture of Health Summit and has also enrolled in the Nurse Leadership Institute Conference scheduled for September 2022.

Ms. Carter was available for questions.

Ms. Palermo expressed her appreciation for the Compliance Department, as well as the RNP/Monitoring Department, going out into the state to share what they are doing and to serve as a resource.

Ms. Moffatt stated that Ochsner is resuming their Academic Partner Breakfast where they bring in deans or program directors of several colleges of nursing along with their CNOs and invited Ms. Carter to be one of their guest speakers.

Dr. Kindall asked Ms. Carter to perhaps visit some of the smaller schools within the state to educate them on the Compliance Department.

Agenda Item 2.3 **Division of Administration**

Agenda Item 2.3.1 **Chief Administrative Officer**

Agenda Item 2.3.1.1

LA Compliance Questionnaire

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, for the Acceptance and Approval of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, for the Acceptance and Approval of LSBN Board Resolution which reads:

Louisiana State Board of Nursing

Board Resolution

State of Louisiana

Parish of East Baton Rouge

On the 11th day of August 2022 at a meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, with a quorum of the board members present, the following business was conducted:

It was duly moved and seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing hereby accept and approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the period ending June 30, 2022 as a component of LSBN's financial audit.

I certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a part of the minutes of a meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing

**Tavell L. Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP
Board President**

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.3.2

Information Technology

No Report

Agenda Item 2.3.3

Human Resources

No Report.

Agenda Item 2.3.4
Administrative Services

No Report

Agenda Item 2.4.
Division of Legal Affairs

Agenda Item 2.4.1
Chief Legal Officer

Agenda Item 2.4.2
Hearings

Ms. Jones reported that the Hearings Department is focusing on moving out all their older cases and not letting current cases age. Over the last couple of months, the Hearings Department settled a lot of the cases that were scheduled for hearing. They have been working hard as a team to keep the cases moving.

As to Continuing Education, employees attended the NCSBN Discipline Case Management Conference, which was virtual. Ms. Jones and Ms. Papillion attended the NLC (Nurse Licensure Compact) Legal Conference series, which will be helpful regarding discipline for compact cases. They had some one-on-one time with Jim Puente and Fred Knight, a legal consultant for the NLC, on how to impose discipline in NLC cases.

Ms. Jones was available for questions.

Positive comments were made by Ms. Moffatt and Ms. W. Palermo, regarding the new Hearing Officer, Tom Devillier, JD.

3. Office of the Executive Director/CEO

Dr. Lyon stated that at the June Board meeting, they had discussion regarding the jurisdictions of approved nursing programs. The Board asked Dr. Lyon to look into this across the nation, including the U.S. territories as well. In response, Dr. Lyon reported that there are 54 of 56 jurisdictions that approve nursing programs. Only Utah and West Virginia Practical Nursing Board do not. Additionally, American Samoa, Nebraska, Advanced Practice, and New York did not respond.

Dr. Lyon reported that Civil Service did approve their updated Remote Work Policy. There was some modification of the language that needed to be done to make it consistent with the language that Civil Service was using. This was submitted and approved. Staff have requested to do more remote work and are now approved to do 60% remote, but it was agreed that everyone will be present in the building the first Thursday of every month.

Agenda Item 3.1 **Center for Nursing**

The 2021 Nurse Supply Report was submitted and has been published in the July Examiner.

Ms. Bottcher stated that she received 500 hard copies of the 2021 Nurse Supply Report sent to her by Ms. Luneau. She has used those throughout the community in multiple ways with all levels of clinicians, which has generated a lot of conversations. Ms. Bottcher expressed to Dr. Lyon that she is always welcome whenever they gather emergency nurses together.

Agenda Item 3.2 **Presidential Medal of Freedom**

Sandra Lindsay, RN, the nurse who received the first COVID vaccination, was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in July. Dr. Lyon shared that she felt it was very nice that a nurse received this honor.

Agenda Item 3.3 **Partners for Nurse Staffing Think Tank**

The ANA (American Nurses Association), along with collaborators and partners for nurse staffing, has put out a Think Tank that outlines keyways to be able to assess and implement recommendations to try to recruit more nurses and to improve the ability to keep nurses going forward.

Agenda Item 3.4 **The Regulatory Academy**

The Board, in their Strategic Planning, has addressed doing a regulatory academy for the Board. The group of executive officers and directors from the agencies that fall under the umbrella of the Department of Health meet quarterly. Dr. Lyon reported that they do have a workshop which will be Friday, February 10, 2023 in Baton Rouge. They put on a 4, 6 and 12-hour regulation workshop. They have chosen the 6-hour workshop which could be beneficial to staff, Board members and regulatory people. The cost will be between \$200 and \$250 a person for a 6-hour workshop, which LSBN can fund. This will be a wonderful leadership program in regulations and more information will be forthcoming.

Agenda Item 3.5 **NEXT-GEN NCLEX Sample Test Item Pack**

The NEXT-GEN NCLEX Sample Test Item Pack is available on the NCSBN site and goes through all the different kinds of sample questions, case studies. This is free to download and goes through a whole tutorial regarding the NGN computer adapted testing.

Agenda Item 3.6 **School of Nursing Annual Report**

Dr. Lyon requested Ms. T. Scott and Ms. S. Landau to look at the Board's Annual Report questions versus NSCBN's questions. After an in-dept look and discussion, they felt it did not meet their needs at this time and decided to stay with the LSBN Annual Report.

Dr. Lyon had questions regarding the dates of the Report being October 15th to October 14th. Dr. Lyon requested that the Board let her move the date forward to December, giving them January 31st as the date to get the data back to them, which would allow them to review Annual Reports on an annual basis.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Annual Report be extended to reflect the calendar year and be due each year on January 31st.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding having a more organized way to enter data on the Annual Report.

Motion: by A. Carruth, seconded, to approve staff to investigate and select a qualified vendor for sending out the Annual Report survey for data collection purposes.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Dr. Palermo requested that this be put on the next Agenda for the Board to have an update.

4. Reports

Agenda Item 4.1

Report of the President

Report Posted.

Agenda Item 4.2

Report of the Vice President

Report Posted

Agenda Item 4.3

Report of the Executive Director

Report Posted.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to accept the report of the President, Vice President, and the CEO/Executive Director as submitted.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

5. Professional Development

Nothing presented.

6. National Council State Boards of Nursing

Agenda Item 6.1

Letter from the NCSBN President

A letter from Ms. Jay Douglas, NCSBN President, was attached for the Board's information.

7. Public Comments

No comments

8. Executive Session

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel Issues.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

After returning from Executive Session, the Board Meeting was adjourned.

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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