

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

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by T. Kindall, President, and Presiding Officer, on Thursday, October 13, 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 Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE, Alternate Officer
Denise Bottcher
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN
Frederick Pinkney, EdD
Mimi Primeaux, MS, BSN, CRNA
Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, FAEN

The following Board Member was not in attendance:
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS, NEA, Executive Director/CEO (virtually)
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 (virtually)

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, to adopt the Agenda as amended with the ability to rearrange the Agenda items for efficiency.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 Board Meeting.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Dr. Lyon announced that Ms. Lauren Papillion has been selected as the new Chief Compliance Officer. Ms. Papillion will be replacing Ms. Wanda Matthews who will be retiring in January 2023.

1. Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Report
2. Continuing Education Re-approval
 1. Louisiana Department of Health/Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Resource Center
3. Education Announcements

Motion: by J. Manning, 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

Education and Examination

Agenda Item 2.1.1.1

Probationary Status Report

Agenda Item 2.1.1.1.1

Bossier Parish Community College

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

From January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022, the Bossier Parish Community College's program has an 88.61% pass rate.

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

The Board congratulated Bossier Parish Community College.

Motion: by F. Pinkney, 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 2.1.1.1.2
Louisiana Christian University

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

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 T. McNabb, 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 2.1.1.1.3
Southern University Baton Rouge

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

They are currently, January 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022, at a 65.18%. There are still 21 graduates out of 61 from the Spring class left to take their NCLEX.

Dr. Sandra Brown, Dean/Professor at Southern University – Baton Rouge, was present to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by T. Moffatt, 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 2.1.1.1.4
South Louisiana Community College

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

South Louisiana Community College is now at 80.77% pass rate. For the last two quarters they have reported pass rates in excess of 80%.

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

Motion: by T. Moffatt, 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.

Agenda Item 2.1.1.2

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

Agenda Item 2.1.1.2.1

Tyler Junior College

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

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Tyler Junior College to offer undergraduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until October 14, 2025.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.1.3

Fletcher Technical Community College

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

Ms. Allison Adams, Department Head of Nursing, Fletcher Technical Community College, was present to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Board approve Fletcher Technical Community College's substantive change report outlining the improvement plan for addressing program completion rates, including plans for monitoring.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

3. Office of the Executive Director/CEO

Agenda Item 3.1

Program Expansions

The Board entered into a discussion regarding approving alternate campuses through simple notification of LSBN rather than a site visit.

Ms. Allison Adams was present to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, to direct Board staff to look into the process for approving alternate campuses and to bring a recommendation back to the Board as it relates to whether it's a process issue or a rule change.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.2
2023 Board Meeting and Hearing Panel Calendar

Dr. Lyon presented the 2023 New Board Calendar.

Dr. Kindall requested feedback from Board members as it relates to ratifying Consent Orders and Automatic Suspensions, and Delay/Denial, after the Board meeting.

Ms. Jones reported that there has not been a decrease in productivity based on the change. And if there should be a hearing scheduled, it would be short.

Feedback was elicited from Board members regarding the new schedule.

Motion: by F. Pinkney, seconded, that the Board approve the 2023 Board Meeting and Hearing Panel calendar.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.3
Resignation of NCSBN CEO

Dr. Lyon reported that Dr. David Benton has notified the NCSBN Board of Directors that he will not be renewing his contract as CEO of NCSBN when his current contract expires in September 2023 to spend more time with his family.

Agenda Item 3.4
Annual Report Update

Dr. Lyon presented an update on the Annual Report. The Annual Report will be based on Calendar Year 2022. This will be sent out in January. Within the next year, they will be working with Qualtrics to get their platform set up.

(Break)

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BSN Exception Task Force

Dr. Palermo reported that on September 14, 2022, the BSN Exception Task Force convened and developed the following recommendation to proceed to rule making:

LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.9.a-b:

9. Exceptions to the academic qualifications for undergraduate nurse faculty shall be justified and approved under board established guidelines. Exceptions, if granted by the board shall be:
 - a. baccalaureate in nursing-prepared individuals who are not enrolled in a graduate program in nursing are limited to a maximum two calendar years after which they must be enrolled in a graduate nursing program; and
 - b. baccalaureate in nursing-prepared individuals who are enrolled in a graduate program in nursing at the master's and/or doctoral level shall be initially approved for two years in accordance with current board guidelines. Exceptions may be granted to each individual for a maximum of four years.

Discussion ensued regarding Board's concerns.

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board approve the revisions of the Education Rules identified as LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.9., Faculty Qualifications.

Voice Vote: D. Botcher-yes; A. Carruth-no; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-no;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes; M. Primeaux-yes;
D. Spann-yes

(Break)

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

DR. RON JACKSON

Dr. Ron Jackson introduced himself, stating that he is a Human Resource Practitioner, and has over 30 years' experience. His PhD is in Organizational Development, with a specialization in leadership. He loves connecting with others and helping leaders to reach their full potential. He will be assisting Dr. Lyon and the executive team with its people and leadership development strategy. Dr. Jackson will be joining the Board during Executive Session.

Agenda Item 2.1.2 **Licensure and Practice**

Dr. Calmes announced that they are in renewal season and the process is going smoothly thus far.

The Declaratory Statement on the Role and Scope of Practice of the RN in Dialysis Nursing that was voted on at the August 11th, 2022 Board meeting has been approved and uploaded to the website in the revised version.

Dr. Kindall stated that Dr. Calmes and Dr. Patricia Pierce are working together. Dr. Pierce is assisting Dr. Calmes with a pool of academic programs.

Agenda Item 2.2
Compliance Division

Agenda Item 2.2.1
Chief Compliance Officer

No Report

Agenda Item 2.2.2
RNP/Monitoring

No Report

Agenda Item 2.2.3
Compliance

No Report

Agenda Item 2.3
Division of Administration

Agenda Item 2.3.1
Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Brown announced that she received an extension on the Audit Report. The Report will be released by October 31st and will be presented to the Board for acceptance at the December Board meeting.

Dr. Brown reminded the Board of the mandatory trainings in Sexual Harassment and Ethics that are due before December 31st.

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

Ms. Jones reported that Ms. Papillion was promoted to Chief Compliance Officer. They are going through the process of replacing Ms. Papillion.

Reyna Witt, who has been a paralegal with the agency, successfully passed the Bar exam and they were able to create an attorney position for Ms. Whit.

Agenda Item 2.4.1.1
Medical Marijuana and Act 444

Ms. Jones presented a Medical Marijuana Commission and Act 444 update. During the 2022 regular Legislative Session, Act 444 was passed that amends the Medical Marijuana law. There were several changes. The change that impacts nursing is that the law authorizes nurse practitioners with prescriptive and controlled dangerous substance authority to recommend medical marijuana to patients for therapeutic use in accordance with the Revised Statute. Ms. Jones listed the debilitating medical conditions that medical marijuana is approved on Confluence.

Dr. Lyon and Ms. Jones were called before the Medical Marijuana Commission and testified on what the Board is doing to help implement the laws so that nurse practitioners can fully enjoy the privileges that the law provides. They also met with the Pharmacy Board.

One of the issues that the Board has is that nurse practitioners are prohibited from treating chronic pain and obesity, and some of the things that the statute lists include treating chronic pain. Ms. Jones also stated that they probably intended it to go towards all APRNs. They are anticipating that during the next session it may be opened to more than just nurse practitioners. For a nurse practitioner to recommend, they must go through a process with the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy.

Dr. Lyon and Dr. Calmes and Ms. Jones met with the Pharmacy Board, their executive officer, and their general counsel regarding what they need to be able to give the recommending privileges to these nurse practitioners. The Pharmacy Board asked if they could go on the LSBN website and have primary source verification.

Ms. Jones stated that what the Board can expect is a potential rule change to LAC 46:XLVII.4513, which talks about the restrictions that APRNs currently have. Ms. Jones provided a copy of those code articles on Confluence.

Discussion ensued regarding guidance for future rule changes in response to Act 444.

Ms. Jones was available for questions.

Agenda Item 2.4.2

Hearings

No Report

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 W. Palermo, 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

See Agenda Item 3.3

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 _____, seconded, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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