

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

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by T. Kindall, President, and Presiding Officer, on Thursday, June 22, 2023, 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
Michelle Collins, Ph.D., CNM, RNC-EFM, FACNM, FAAN, FNAP
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN
Frederick Pinkney, EdD
Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, FAEN

The following Board member was not in attendance:
Mimi Primeaux, MS, BSN, CRNA

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS_{BC}, NEA_{BC}, Executive Director/CEO (Virtually)
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Isonel Brown, MS, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer
Lauren Papillion, JD, Chief Compliance Officer
Nicole Battle, CI Team Leader
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, RNCO-Team Leader
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, RNP Director
Donald Bowman, JD, Attorney Supervisor (Prosecuting Attorney)
Tarneisha Scott, BA, CAA, Executive Assistant to CEO
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Moffatt commented that in the April 13, 2023 Minutes there was an open item regarding the Unlicensed Personnel for Students which was indicated would be discussed at the June 22, 2023 Board meeting but has not been listed on the Agenda for today.

Dr. Lyon stated it wasn't listed on the Agenda as it was unfinished business.

After comments by Dr. Lyon, it was amenable by Board members that the matter be added to the August 20, 2023 Board meeting for discussion.

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, to adopt the Agenda as amended with the ability to rearrange the Agenda items for efficiency purposes.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2023 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. Approved Program Reports
 1. Fletcher Technical Community College - ACEN
 2. SOWELA Technical Community College - ACEN
3. Continuing Education Renewal
 1. Dillard University
4. Education Announcements

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

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bossier Parish Community College's LPN to RN Apprenticeship Program

Summary/Background was presented by Dr. Lyon.

The request for the apprenticeship program was discussed at the April Board meeting and the Board felt that they needed more information.

Dr. Lyon stated that she believes this is an excellent innovative program and meets the criteria as stated in 3523.B.7.a.i through vi.

Ms. Cathy Maddry, Program Director, Bossier Parish Community College, was present to provide information and answer questions from the Board.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Lyon requested that the Board table the action until the program is fully vetted, including having Ms. Maddy and faculty working with the chief nursing officers or their representatives on the specifics of how the program is going to work.

Dr. Kindall stated that the present rules need to be studied that are unique and specific to this setting.

2 Office of the Executive Director/CEO

Agenda Item 2.1

2023 Culture of Health Summit

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon.

The 2023 Culture of Health Summit will be focusing on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging.

The Louisiana Action Coalition sent a letter of request asking that the LSBN underwrite the keynote speaker, Dr. Kenya Beard, for the 2023 Culture of Health Summit.

Dr. Lyon requested that the Board approve the request of the Louisiana Action Coalition to underwrite the cost of Dr. Beard for the 2023 Culture of Health Summit. The speaking fee is \$1,000 honorarium.

Dr. Lyon stated that when they do an underwriting like this, they must tie it to an action that supports the LSBN's mission.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Board approve the request of the Louisiana Action Coalition to underwrite the cost of the keynote speaker for the 2023 Culture of Health Summit.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.2

2022 Nurse Supply Report

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon.

2022 Nurse Supply Report is posted on the Website.

A copy of the 2022 Snapshot of Nursing Education Capacity and Nursing Supply in Louisiana was provided to each Board member. Additional copies were also available to the Board.

Ms. Bottcher and Ms. McNabb expressed their appreciation for all the challenging work that goes into generating this report and requested extra copies.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, to accept the 2022 Nurse Supply Report.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.3

ACT No. 80

Dr. Lyon wanted the Board to be aware that House Bill 320, which is now ACT No. 80, by Representative Turner did pass.

Discussion ensued regarding how ACT No. 80 may have implications that affect LSBN and may have unintended consequences for the profession.

Dr. Ahnyel Burkes, Interim Executive Director Louisiana State Nurses Association joined in the discussion. Dr. Jennifer Lemoine, Interim Associate Dean, at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, and Dr. Wendy Bailes, Director School of Nursing, at the University of Louisiana at Monroe joined in the discussion (virtually).

(Break)

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

Agenda Item 2.4

80% NCLEX-RN First Time Pass Rate

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon.

This was discussed at the April 13, 2023 Board meeting in preparation for consideration of either amending 3509(c) and 3535(B) requiring 80% or greater First Time Pass Rate.

Dr. Lyon reviewed and answered questions and concerns brought up by different Board members at the April Board meeting.

Dr. Lyon spoke with Dr. Phil Dickison, with NCSBN (National Council State Boards of Nursing), and he stated that there is no valid defensible reason to use the 80 percent pass rate or any other pass rate on the NCLEX-RN exam, other than to allow jurisdictions to evaluate the success of their nursing education programs in terms of preparing their students to take the exam, but not necessarily linked to the NCLEX passing rate.

Dr. Wendy Bailes, Director, School of Nursing, at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, was present to provide information and to answer questions from Board members (virtually).

Dr. Sandra Brown, Dean, School of Nursing, at Southern University Baton Rouge, was present to provide information and to answer questions from Board members.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding whether to maintain the current standard of requiring 80% or greater First Time Pass Rate or to adopt an alternative standard.

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board approve to adopt an alternative standard consistent with national nursing accreditation agencies that aligns to the pass rate for each campus site and track is 80% or higher for all takers, first time and repeaters, who pass for the most recent calendar year.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-no; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-no; M. Collins-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-no; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-no; M. Primeaux-absent; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.5

Question from Deans about student use of Marijuana by students who have a legitimate “Recommendation Card” from an authorized prescriber.

Dr. Lyon reported that when this question is raised by anyone regarding students who use Marijuana and have a legitimate Recommendation Card, the LSBN refers them back to their Practice Opinion with respect to nurses practicing while taking prescribed narcotics. Guidelines are the same for a “Recommendation Card” which they received from their prescriber.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Lyon stated that she, Dr. Calmes and C. Jones will go back and update the advisory opinion related to prescribed narcotics and the use of Marijuana.

Agenda Item 2.6

Nurses Distributing Naloxone

An email was received asking if the LSBN could support Dr. Gillispie-Bell’s, enquiry regarding allowing nurses to distribute Naloxone.

Dr. Lyon stated that they are fully supporting the efforts to allow nurses to help in Public Health clinics to distribute Naloxone. A letter was sent to Dr. Gillispie-Bell, with all the requested information.

In September, the LSBN will publish an article in The Examiner with this information included.

(Break)

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

3 Division Reports

Agenda Item 3.1

Division of Nursing Practice

Agenda Item 3.1.1

Education and Examination

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1

Probationary Status Reports

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1.1

Baton Rouge General Medical Center – Diploma

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

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board accept Baton Rouge General Medical Center’s School of Nursing report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the diploma program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1.2

Chamberlain University - BSN

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

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

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1.3

Louisiana Christian University - BSN

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

Motion: by J. Manning, 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 3.1.1.1.4

Louisiana Delta Community College - BSN

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

Motion: by M. Collins, seconded, that the Board accept Louisiana Delta 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 3.1.1.1.5

Louisiana State University at Alexandria - BSN

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

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board accept Louisiana State University at Alexandria’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 3.1.1.1.6

Southern University at Baton Rouge - BSN

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

Dr. Kindall pointed out that in the sentence under Summary/Background “All graduates from the Fall of 2023 class have taken the NCLEX” should read “All graduates from the Fall of 2022 class have taken the NCLEX”.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, 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 3.1.1.1.7

Southern University at Shreveport - ASN

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

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board accept Southern University at Shreveport’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 3.1.1.1.8

William Carey University at Baton Rouge General - BSN

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

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Board accept William Carey 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 3.1.1.2
New Louisiana Program

Agenda Item 3.1.1.2.1
Tulane University

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

Dr. Brenda Douglas, Dean of Nursing Program at Tulane School of Medicine, was present to provide information and answer questions from the Board.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, the Board accept the letter of intent and feasibility study from Tulane University and approve Step I to establish a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.1.1.3
Out of State APRN Clinical Approval

Agenda Item 3.1.1.3.1
Troy University

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

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, that the Board rescind the motion from the April 13, 2023 LSBN Board meeting to approve the request of Troy University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until April 13, 2026 for the following roles/populations:

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Master of Science in Nursing

And further, that the Board approve the request of Troy University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until April 13, 2026 for the following roles/populations:

Family Nurse Practitioner: DNP track; MSN and post-graduate certificate (PGC).

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.1.1.4
Major Substantive Change

Agenda Item 3.1.1.4.1
University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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

Dr. Lisa Broussard, Interim Dean, Dr. Deedra Harrington, Department Head, and Dr. Jennifer Lemoine, Interim Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Center at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, were present to provide information and to answer questions from the Board.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board approve the major substantive change request from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to add the Accelerated Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

6. National Council State Boards of Nursing

Agenda Item 6.1
Letter from the President of NCSBN

A letter was received from Ms. Jay Douglas, President of the NCSBN, announcing the appointment of Dr. Phil Dickison as the new CEO of the NCSBN.

Letter attached.

Agenda Item 6.2
NCSBN selects New CEO

NCSBN announces the appointment of Dr. Phil Dickison as the new CEO of the NCSBN.

Press release attached.

Agenda Item 3.2
Compliance Division

Agenda Item 3.2.1
Chief Compliance Officer

No Report

Agenda Item 3.2.2
RNP/Monitoring

No Report

Agenda Item 3.2.3
Compliance

No Report

Agenda Item 3.3
Division of Administration

Agenda Item 3.3.1
Chief Administrative Officer

Agenda Item 3.3.1.1
Board Resolution for Legal Contract

Ms. Brown requested acceptance and approval of a Board resolution for a new contract with Shows, Cali and Walsh, LLP. Contracts can only be amended twice, and this is the beginning of a new contract.

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, for acceptance and approval of LSBN Board Resolution for contractual legal services with Shows, Cali & Walsh, LLP.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.3.1.2
LA Compliance Questionnaire

Ms. Brown stated the LA Compliance Questionnaire is a required document for their annual audit.

Ms. Brown requested that Board members check their names, titles and phone numbers for any changes or corrections.

Ms. McNabb had corrections.

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, for acceptance and approval of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.3.2
Information Technology

No Report.

Agenda Item 3.3.3
Human Resources

No Report

Agenda Item 3.3.4
Administration Services

No Report

Agenda Item 3.4
Division of Legal Affairs

Agenda Item 3.4.1
Chief Legal Officer

No Report

Agenda Item 3.4.2
Hearings

Ms. Jones reported that the board will return to conducting hearings monthly to clear out a backlog and thanked the Board members for stepping in to fill the hearing panels for the additional hearings.

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 reports 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.

Dr. Lyon reported that they will be contacting Dr. Lubin for his availability to come back to the Board to do another professional development on testing, drug screening with particular emphasis on Marijuana.

Dr. Kindall requested that an NCSBN expert or resource person come and do some additional training surrounding Board member's roles and responsibilities.

Dr. Lyon stated that she will investigate it and have information by the August Board meeting.

Dr. Kindall requested that he would like to have an ongoing list of courses and classes that Board members may access for training at any given time.

Dr. Lyon stated that everything in continuing education and training that are offered through ICRS (International Center for Regulatory Scholarship) are all in Passport but will follow up with the Board to present additional information.

Discussion ensued regarding Board members attending conferences.

7 Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Executive Session

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.


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