DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING

On July 28, 2022, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at 131 Airline Drive, Suite 301, Metairie, LA

70001.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on July 22, 2022, at approximately 2:01 p.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman, presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Present
Celeste Cogswell, LPN	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Absent
Matthew McQueen, MD	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Secretary/Treasurer of the Board	Absent
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present

STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Christina Costanza	Present
John Becknell	Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

CONSULTING

Janie Cypret moved that the board approve the contract for

instructor trainer, Michele Deck, as presented.

SERVICES CONTRACT:

INSTRUCTOR SECOND: Collins

TRAINING YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

CONSULTING

Myra Collins moved that the board approve the contract for **SERVICES** hearing officer, Barbara Blanchard, as presented.

CONTRACT:

HEARING SECOND: Cypret

OFFICER YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

MOTION TO

Patricia Artieta moved that the board convene in executive session to consider reports related to disciplinary matters against ENTER

licensees and applicants for licensure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at

2:27 p.m.

MOTION TO EXIT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Roberta Connelley moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Artieta

The motion passed and the board came out of executive session

at 4:16 p.m.

MOTION TO RECESS

Roberta Connelley moved that the board recess and reconvene tomorrow morning at 10AM at the New Orleans Marriott Metairie at Lakeway.

SECOND: Cypret

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

Gibbs, Mallett, Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The meeting recessed at approximately 4:17 p.m.

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING

On July 29, 2022, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at the New Orleans Marriott Metairie at

Lakeway, 3838 N. Causeway Blvd., Jefferson Ballroom,

Metairie, Louisiana 70002.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on July 29, 2022, at

approximately 10:00 a.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman,

presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Present
Celeste Cogswell, LPN	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Absent
Matthew McQueen, MD	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Secretary/Treasurer of the Board	Absent
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present

STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Christina Costanza	Present
Jennifer Santangelo	Present
John Becknell	Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

WELCOME

Roberta Connelley welcomed the audience.

MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES OF MARCH 31 AND APRIL 1, 2022 BOARD MEETING

Roberta Connelley moved that the minutes of the board meeting of March 31, and April 1, 2022, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

MOTIONS RELATED TO DISCIPLINE

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Lillie Biddle)

License #20152595, 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 no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Savannah Bostian), S.S. ending with 1641 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant, prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, the respondent may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than two (2) years with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Deborah Boykins) License #730208, 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 suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn 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: Cypret

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Amber Handorf) S.S. ending with 6462, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the applicant for licensure be delayed licensure in the state of Louisiana, due to not holding an active, unencumbered practical nursing license in another state/jurisdiction.

If in the future, the respondent procures an unencumbered practical nursing license in another state/jurisdiction, she shall re-apply for licensure by endorsement to the state of Louisiana. Provided there are no new criminal charges on the respondent's criminal background check, or disciplinary actions against any nursing license the respondent may hold, the respondent may then be granted a practical nursing license to practice in the state of Louisiana. Upon issuance of said

license, a letter of reprimand shall be immediately issued in the matter. Upon receipt of new charges on the respondent's criminal background records, the respondent, shall not be granted a practical nursing license, and new charges shall be filed in the matter.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

<u>Janie Cypret</u> moved that in the case of (Tannia Hargrave)

<u>License # 240067</u>, 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 6 months, with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than <u>two (2)</u>

<u>years</u> with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Patricia King)

License #740252, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent be issued a letter of reprimand with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Crystal Macleod) License #30000150, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent be issued a letter of reprimand with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Trista Marcellia) S.S. ending with 1514, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the applicant for licensure be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, and upon successfully passing, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than one (1) year with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Deborah Vidos) License #930948, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent be issued a letter of reprimand with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Annette White)
License # 941290, 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 reinstated, after providing evidence of completing a practical nursing program with a minimum grade of 80% in all theory and clinical courses. Upon successful completion of said course, the respondent shall be granted an unencumbered practical nursing license.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

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

License #20140392	Cindy Allen
License #20121133	Lindsey Allwell
SS ending with 8145	Dominicesea Autry
License #232459	Casandra Bazile
SS ending with 7646	Albany Bernard
License #20112445	Juanita Blackwell
License #20150759	Jonathan Blahut
License #980622	Candy Bobbitt
License #20150785	
License #20130763	Whitney Bordelon Misha Brewer
SS ending with 4897	Cherica Brown
SS ending with 4738	Kaye Lynn Bush
License #280379	Sherry Cannon
SS ending with 5932	Megan Carter
License #290767	Santisha Carvin
License #20160119	Heidi Cary
License #20112542	Joni Day
SS ending with 8912	Sherineicia Derozan
License #290669	Gabrielle Dominique
License #30002021	Michelle Dubois
SS ending with 1362	Shalonda Evans
SS ending with 9457	Jenna Farrell
License #30002009	Heather Feathers
License #210740	Penny Ferguson
License #250870	Juanita Floyd
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SS ending with 3529	Monica Forar
SS ending with 0064	Katie Givens
License #970572	
	Nola Hebert
SS ending with 5766	Sandra Hernandez
SS ending with 1006	Angelle Hill
License #270368	Jacqueline Hunter
License #20170460	Ashley Jenkins
License #20100284	Courteney Johnson
SS ending with 5169	Krystal Johnson
License #30000486	Brandon Jordan
License #20101194	Tiffany Joseph
License #260828	Stacey Labauve
SS ending with 0576	Tyoque Milton
SS ending with 6014	Monique Morris
SS ending with 7032	Sabrina Narcisse
License #20192472	Mel Nelson
SS ending with 4923	Troi Payne
License #952244	Tammy Ramsey
License #20100786	Chrystal Ryland
SS ending with 1366	Darrelyn Robbins
License #270732	Casey Sertuche
SS ending with 1529	Frances Smith
License #240878	Sheila Smith
License #20142447	Mariah Stephenson
License #280979	Megan Temple
SS ending with 1671	Latosha Thiele
License #232592	Vania Vaughn
License #30001080	Jessica Williams
SS ending with 7991	Nakia Williams

SECOND: Collins

YEAS: 6 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Dunn The motion passed.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 8, 2022 Roberta Connelley, presented the minutes of the last advisory committee meeting which was held on July 8, 2022. No action was needed or taken.

MOTION

Janie Cypret moved that the board accept the following recommendation brought forth by the advisory committee chair to conduct a pilot study to look at how staff interventions affect attrition rates of Louisiana practical nursing programs for cohorts starting January 2023 and ending May 2025.

SECOND: Artieta

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUMMARY REPORTS

Denise Klein presented the summary report from the compliance department of new reports received and action taken for 2/1/2022 - 6/30/2022. Ms. Klein additionally presented a summary of activity for FY 2022. No action was needed or taken on these matters.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PN PROGRAM – STATUS OF ALL PN SCHOOLS Christina Costanza presented a summary status of all practical nursing programs, reporting on current cohorts, enrollment numbers, graduating classes, and the number of students that have successfully completed the program from each campus. As of July 1, 2022, there are currently 51 schools with 71 ongoing classes and 1359 enrolled students. No action was needed or taken.

INITIAL ACCREDITATION

Programs on initial accreditation include the following:

- 1. Advance Nurse Training, LLC New Orleans, LA STATUS: Advanced Nurse Training remains on initial accreditation. The first graduating class is expected in March of 2022.
- Bossier Parish Community College Bossier City, LA STATUS: The program remains on initial accreditation. The first graduating class is expected in July of 2022.

PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION

Programs on provisional accreditation include the following:

- Blue Cliff College STATUS: Non-compliance – NCLEX scores Initial Provisional Accreditation January 2022 – 66.67% failure rate Correction plan due 7/20/2022
- Delta College Covington Campus STATUS: Non–compliance – NCLEX scores November 2021 – 71.43% December 2021 – 47.06% Correction plan received
- Evangeline Campus, SLCC LCTCS STATUS: Non–compliance – NCLEX scores Dec. 2018 – 38.89% failure rate May 2021 – 23.81% failure rate Correction plan received – site visit 3/15/2022
- Jefferson Campus, Delgado LCTCS STATUS: Non–compliance – NCLEX scores December 2021 – 65.22% February 2022 – 75% Correction plan due 7/20/2022
- 5. Lacombe Campus, NTCC LCTCS
 STATUS: Non–compliance NCLEX scores
 May 2021 28.57% failure rate for the program's first
 graduating class. Program is on provisional
 accreditation awaiting the scores of the second
 graduating class in December 2022.

- Natchitoches Campus, CLTCC LCTCS STATUS: Non–compliance – NCLEX scores May 2021 – 21.74% failure rate May 2019 – 21.05% failure rate The correction plan was received.
- 7. Walker Campus, NTCC LCTCS
 STATUS: Non–compliance NCLEX scores
 May 2021 NCLEX failure rate of 27.27% for the
 program's first graduating class. The program is on
 provisional accreditation awaiting the scores of the
 second graduating class in December 2022.
- Ward H. Nash Campus, CLTCC LCTCS STATUS: Non–compliance – NCLEX scores May 2020 – 33.33% May 2021 – 33.33% The correction plan was received. Site visit done on 6/15/2022.

No action was needed or taken.

PROGRAM CLOSURE(S)

There were no program closures to report.

NEW PROGRAM REQUEST(S)

1. Baton Rouge Community College – Non-Traditional Program (phase I request for approval)

Michelle Dennis, Sarah Barlow, and Pamela Potter, representing Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) requested public comment concerning BRCC's phase I request for their practical nursing program with high school dual enrollment. Board members requested that the school's course catalog match the proposed plan of study for the high school students.

Albertha Prince moved that the phase I request to start a non-traditional program at Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC), be approved and the program be permitted to proceed to Phase II with modifications to course requirements. Once Phase II meets staff satisfaction, the program will be allowed to admit the first class of students and will be placed on initial accreditation effective on the date of enrollment of the first cohort.

SECOND: Collins

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

2. Delta College of Arts & Technology – Baton Rouge and Lafayette Campus – Non-Traditional program (phase I request for approval)

Roberta Connelley moved that the phase I request to start a non-traditional program at Delta College of Arts & Technology – Baton Rouge and Lafayette Campuses, be approved and the program be permitted to proceed to Phase II. Once Phase II meets staff satisfaction, the program will be allowed to admit the first class of students and will be placed on initial accreditation effective on the date of enrollment of the first cohort.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

PROGRAM(S) CITED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE Programs citied for notices of non-compliance include the following:

- Young Memorial Campus, SLCC LCTCS (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- 2. Minden Campus, NLTCC LCTCS (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- 3. Sidney Collier Campus, Delgado Community College LCTCS (NCLEX-PN pass rate)

SITE VISITS / SURVEYS Site visits were conducted at the following schools:

- 1. Evangeline Campus, SLCC LCTCS
- 2. Ward H. Nash, CLTCC LCTCS

NCLEX-PN ™

Cristina Costanza presented information concerning the NCLEX-PN TM pass rates for all Louisiana writers and repeat candidates for 2020, 2021, and 1/1/2022 – 6/29/2022. No action was needed or taken.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Lynn Ansardi presented the proposed amendments to the operating budget for fiscal year 2022.

<u>Patricia Artieta</u> moved that the proposed amendments to the operating budget for FY 2022 be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Collins

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Lynn Ansardi presented the actual operating budget for fiscal year 2022 as of 6/30/2022.

No action was needed or taken.

LPN RENEWAL STATISTICS AND EMPLOYMENT DISTRIBUTION

Lynn Ansardi presented statistics regarding employment distribution and renewal data regarding active LPNs for 2013 – 2022. Ms. Ansardi noted that for the first time there since 2016 there was a slight increase in number of active LPNs as of the end of the fiscal year.

No action was needed or taken.

NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT (NLC) CONVERSION

As of July 1, 2019, Louisiana joined the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). To date, Louisiana has 21,467 LPNs with active licenses. Of that number, there are 4,198 LPNs holding multistate licenses.

No action was needed or taken.

LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE FY 2022

Lynn Ansardi presented the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire from fiscal year 2022.

Myra Collins moved that the completed compliance questionnaire from fiscal year 2022 be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

TRAVEL REGULATIONS

Myra Collins moved that all board members received a copy of the Louisiana travel policy for 2022 - 2023, as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Connelley

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

2023 NCLEX-PN ™ TEST PLAN The new enhanced NCLEX-PN TM exam is scheduled to be released April 2023. National Council of State Board of Nursing (NCSBN) released a study showing that 65% of errors are attributed to poor clinical judgement and 50 % of these errors are committed by novice nurses. The new NCLEX-PN TM exam is geared towards clinical thinking and clinical judgement, using case studies and scenarios, with concentration on interaction between nurse and patients, client's needs, and expected outcomes.

No action was needed or taken.

WENDI PALERMO
REPRESENTING
LOUISIANA
COMMUNITY &
TECHNICAL
COLLEGE SYSTEM
(LCTCS) SPEAKING
ON ONE

Dr. Wendi Palermo, on behalf of LCTCS, presented a proposal for the board's consideration regarding a transition to a new model of one college, one program. One of LCTCS's main concerns was the Louisiana Administrative Code dictating two full time faculty members for each campus.

PROGRAM/COLLEGE OPTION OR ELIMINATION OF INDIVIDUAL CAMPUSES To allow for further review of the proposal by the board, further discussion between board staff and Dr. Palermo is needed to clarify the proposal. Upon completion of review, this item will be placed on a future board meeting agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mignonne Ater requested public comment to speak to the board concerning a request for the board to consider:

- 1. accepting a letter grade of C (79-70) for general education courses, taught by SACS accredited faculty approved in that discipline;
- 2. allowing LPN schools to perform up to 30% simulation for clinical hours.

The board asked that Ms. Ater submit her official proposal in writing to Lynn Ansardi for consideration at the next board meeting.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

The proposed board meeting dates for the next board meeting are November 3 and 4, 2022. Location of the next meeting has yet to be confirmed.

No action was needed or taken on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business that was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Christi Marceaux, with Hammond Campus, NTCC – LCTCS, offered public comment to inform the board of their enthusiasm in starting a non-traditional LPN cohort offering dual enrollment for high school students at their college starting this Fall. These students will start taking practical nursing courses with a dedicated PN instructor in their junior and senior levels of high school before articulating in with a traditional PN cohort the summer after their senior year of high school.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Roberta Connelley moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 7 NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman