

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

**MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021**

**Call to Order:** The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by T. Kindall, President, on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 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, Alternate Officer  
Tracey Moffatt, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE, Vice President  
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE  
Kenneth Alexander, MS, RRT  
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN  
Frederick Pinkney, Ed.D

The following staff members were in attendance:  
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA APRN-CNS<sub>BC</sub>, NEA<sub>BC</sub>, Executive  
Director/Chief Executive Officer  
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Compliance Officer  
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel  
Department  
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP, RNP Director  
Nichole Battle, MPA, Compliance Investigator Team Leader  
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP, Director of RNP/Monitoring  
Department  
Lisa Booth, RNP/Monitoring Officer  
Lenora Thomas, MBA, Compliance Investigator  
Reyna Witt, JD, Paralegal  
Lauren Reed, JD, Prosecuting Attorney  
Domoine Rutledge, JD, Hearing Officer  
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Dr. Lyon reported there were no changes to the Agenda.

**Motion:** by F. Pinkney, seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes;  
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by J. Manning, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the minutes of today's Hearing Panel. J. Manning will review and approve.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by K. Alexander, seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(1) for the purpose of hearing those disciplinary matters and/or reviewing those consent orders, automatic suspensions and other disciplinary actions in the cases listed on the Agenda.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**Stephanie Marse DesForges**

Automatic Suspension: 12/07/2020.  
Request for Reconsideration filed: 12/17/2020.  
Request for Reconsideration granted: 02/10/2021.

Ms. DesForges entered the hearing room at 9:10 a.m. along with attorney, Mr. David R. Aden.

Ms. Lisa Booth, RN, CARN, RNP Manager was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Dr. Barry H. Lubin was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Dr. Ted W. Simon was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. DesForges virtually via Microsoft TEAMS.

Ms. DesForges was sworn in as a witness and testified on her own behalf.

Fourteen (14) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 14.

One (1) exhibit was entered into evidence labeled Respondent 1.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

**Nurse Practice Act Violations**

**Michael Brandon Boals  
Kadee Teddlie Guirlando  
Amy Mae LeBlanc  
Celeste Elizabeth Martin  
Anthony James McGuay  
Susan Degelos Murray  
Melissa Quinlan  
Julie Adair Ramos  
Nancy Waltman Riggelman  
Julie Proulx Roper  
Alexis Briana Stennis**

**Reintatement of Licensure**

**Brandi Mary Cedotal  
Jane Elizabeth Guevara  
Rhonda Carline Norris  
Geraldyn Harris Perez  
Lisa Holliday Polozola  
Mickey Joseph Russo  
Karen Tichenor St. Pierre  
Michael John Schmidt  
Rene Lynn Truxillo  
Shelly Kimberly Vizena  
Trudy Farthing Worthington**

**RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS**

The following Automatic Suspensions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Kimberly Blades Horning  
Hunter Boyd Keely  
Victor Veron Manning  
Bobby George Rodrigue**

**RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF**

The following Delay/Denials by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Michael Clayton Moore**

**Walter S. Weeks, Jr.  
Senchal Denise Wilkins**

**RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS**

The following Multiple Actions was presented to the Board for ratification:

**Stacy Dawsey Hartzog**

**Motion:** by J. Manning, seconded, to return to Open Session

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes;  
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS HELD ON APRIL 14, 2021**

**Stephanie Marse DesForges**

**Motion:** by K. Alexander, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following change.

Item Number 5, line 8, change “boy gels” to read “body gels.”

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes;  
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by K. Alexander, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes;  
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by K. Alexander, seconded, that the Board adopt the Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Page 4, Number 3, change “completion of comprehensive in-patient evaluation” to “completion of comprehensive out-patient evaluation.”

Within 12 months, submit payment of \$1,500 to the Board as a fine.  
Within 12 months, submit payment of \$1,930 to the Board as cost of the hearing.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes;  
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**CONSENT ORDERS**

There were twenty-two (22) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

**Motion:** by J. Manning, seconded, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

**Nurse Practice Act Violations**

**Michael Brandon Boals**  
**Kadee Teddlie Guirlando**  
**Amy Mae LeBlanc**  
**Celeste Elizabeth Martin**  
**Anthony James McGuay**  
**Susan Degelos Murray**  
**Melissa Quinlan**  
**Julie Adair Ramos**  
**Nancy Waltman Riggleman**  
**Julie Proulx Roper**  
**Alexis Briana Stennis**

**Reinstatement of Licensure**

**Brandi Mary Cedotal**  
**Jane Elizabeth Guevara**  
**Rhonda Carline Norris**  
**Geralyn Harris Perez**  
**Lisa Holliday Polozola**  
**Mickey Joseph Russo**  
**Karen Tichenor St. Pierre**  
**Michael John Schmidt**  
**Rene Lynn Truxillo**  
**Shelly Kimberly Vizena**  
**Trudy Farthing Worthington**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes;

W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:**

There were four (4) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff. W. Matthews' affidavit was introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board ratify the Multiple Actions on the following individuals:

**Kimberly Blades Horning  
Hunter Boyd Keely  
Victor Veron Manning  
Bobby George Rodrigue**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes;  
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF**

There were three (3) matters considered by the Board as Ratification of Delay/Denial. C. Jones' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

**Motion:** by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denials on the following individuals:

**Michael Clayton Moore  
Walter S. Weeks, Jr.  
Senchal Denise Wilkins**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes;  
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS**

There was one (1) matter considered by the Board as Multiple Actions:

**Motion:** by F. Pinkney, seconded, to ratify the Multiple Actions on the following individual:

**Stacy Dawsey Hartzog**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; K. Alexander-yes;  
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Kindall", written in a cursive style.

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**T. KINDALL, PRESIDENT  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**