

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by T. Cotita, President, on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, via teleconference pursuant to Governor Edwards' Proclamation Number 52-JBE-2020, Section 4, which allows all state agencies, boards and commissions to provide for attendance at essential government meeting via teleconference during the public health emergency. A written certification indicating same was posted on the LSBN website and in the building lobby.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:

Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, President
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN, Alternate Officer
Kenneth Alexander, MS, RRT
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Jamie Wiggins, MS, RN, FACHE

The following staff members were in attendance:

Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS_{BC}, NEA_{BC}, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Compliance Officer
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Lauren Reed, JD, Prosecuting Attorney
Tia Williams, Compliance Investigator
Nicole Battle, Compliance Investigator
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Agenda Approval:

Ms. Jones reported there were no changes to the Agenda; however, she did receive correspondence from Nicholas Vogel's attorney last night. Mr. Vogel is listed under the Board's case list under Ratification of Delay/Denial by Staff Action, Number 8.

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the Minutes of today's hearing. T. Kindall will review and approve.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 (1) to adjudicate scheduled cases and for reviewing consent orders, automatic suspensions and other disciplinary actions in the cases listed on the Agenda.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS:

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

Melissa Louise Arnold
Rose Marie Brai
Linda Gaddy Bryant
Renee Ramsey Coleman
Linh Thi Do
Lakendra Nicole Dunomes
Bernard Antony Fernandes
Emily Ann Finn
Shani A. Hataway
Brett Matthew Hebert
Cedric D. Jackson
Lovie Lee John
Elena Marie Johns
Rocquel Dena Rainey
Lani Alexandra Rouse
Tonya Mayeux Solis
Dawn Kinney Stover
Russell Eugene Summers
Tyler John-Anthony Vizier
Katoya Raynessa Weams
Beth Delong Willis

Reinstatement

**Jeremy Heath Allen
Ryaneshia Jemi Austin
Aeron Jervais Averette
Tracey Christina Baudy
Kimla Marie Bell
Heather Airhart Brunet
Brittney Stirgus Butler
Evan James Daigle
Kathryn Metrejean Dauzat
Cecelia Murray Gautreaux
Angela Guillory Hansen
Jennifer Kobert Hebert
Shearro Alexander Jacob
Thirza Keller Laiche
Rachel Normand Lofton
Osby Ann Matirne
Julia Manalac McGruder
Christie Raegan Dedon Moreau
Mark Richard Nichols
Rozella Dorsey Nichols
Mary Carville Olivier
Amanda Thereasa Pennucci-Anderson
Rebecca Nations Powers
Cherie Danae Prejean
David Charles Reese
Jo Anna Savant**

Students

**Curtis Robert Dick Jr.
Hailynn Amari Johnson
Megan Courtney Taylor
Jeremy Jermaine Weatherspoon**

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

The following Automatic Suspensions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification. W. Matthews' affidavit was introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

**Leeann Duplechin August
Angela R. Black
Brittany Bynum Campbell
Sherri Newlin Cusco
Kahalisia Mitchell Francis
Robert Dean Gauthreaux**

**Amber Lashay Graham
Florence Felde McDonald
Kory Junius Pitre
Robert Gerald Simpson
Eileen Schaefer White
Sarah Elizabeth Zomchick**

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:

The following Delay/Denials by staff were presented to the Board for ratification. C. Jones' affidavit was introduced to support the position that these Delay/Denials were in order:

**Gabrielle Marion Aucoin
Meagan Danielle Campbell
Andoni Fino
Doris Creacy Hammond
Alexis Elizabeth Killingsworth
Melanie Dianne Palma
Meghan Emily Silman
Nicholas Paul Vogel**

Eileen Schaefer White

Request for Reconsideration: 03/17/2020
Automatic Suspension: 02/24/2020

Ms. White participated via teleconference, requesting that the Board reconsider her 02/24/2020 Automatic Suspension. Ms. White was not represented by counsel.

Motion: by K. Alexander, seconded, to go back into Open Session.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; J. Couvillon-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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Lauren Reed, JD, Prosecuting Attorney
Tia Williams, Compliance Investigator
Nicole Battle, Compliance Investigator
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

CONSENT ORDERS:

There were fifty-one (51) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: by K. Alexander, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Melissa Louise Arnold
Rose Marie Brai
Linda Gaddy Bryant
Renee Ramsey Coleman
Linh Thi Do
Lakendra Nicole Dunomes
Bernard Antony Fernandes
Emily Ann Finn
Shani A. Hataway
Brett Matthew Hebert
Cedric D. Jackson
Lovie Lee John
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Shearro Alexander Jacob
Thirza Keller Laiche
Rachel Normand Lofton
Osby Ann Matirne
Julia Manalac McGruder
Christie Raegan Dedon Moreau
Mark Richard Nichols
Rozella Dorsey Nichols
Mary Carville Olivier
Amanda Thereasa Pennucci-Anderson
Rebecca Nations Powers
Cherie Danae Prejean
David Charles Reese
Jo Anna Savant**

Students

**Curtis Robert Dick Jr.
Hailynn Amari Johnson
Megan Courtney Taylor
Jeremy Jermaine Weatherspoon**

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

There were twelve (12) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspension by Board staff.

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspension by Board staff on the following individuals:

**Leeann Duplechin August
Angela R. Black
Brittany Bynum Campbell
Sherri Newlin Cusco**

Kahalisia Mitchell Francis
Robert Dean Gauthreaux
Amber Lashay Graham
Florence Felde McDonald
Kory Junius Pitre
Robert Gerald Simpson
Eileen Schaefer White
Sarah Elizabeth Zomchick

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION

There were seven (7) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Delay/Denial by Board staff.

Motion: by K. Alexander, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denial by Board staff on the following individuals:

Gabrielle Marion Aucoin
Meagan Danielle Campbell
Andoni Fino
Doris Creacy Hammond
Alexis Elizabeth Killingsworth
Melanie Dianne Palma
Meghan Emily Silman

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Eileen Schaefer White

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board deny the Respondent's Request for Reconsideration of Automatic Suspension.

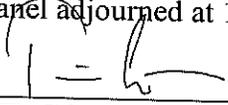
Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 10:27 a.m.



T. COTITA, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING