

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 2021 at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
T. Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP, President & Presiding Officer
Jamie Wiggins, PhD(c), MBA, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, Alternate Officer
Tim Cotita, RN, BSN, MSHCE
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN
Frederick Pinkney, Ed.D

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS, NEA, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Compliance Officer
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, RNP Director
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, RNCO-Team Leader
Robin Huet, RN Compliance Officer
Lauren Papillion, JD, Prosecuting Attorney
Jasimiel T. Northern, MLIS, Paralegal
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

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

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

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the minutes of today's Hearing Panel. J. Wiggins will review and approve. Mr. Wiggins has resigned and is no longer a Board member. Dr. Lyon will send the minutes to Tim Cotita to review and approve.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes;

W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, 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; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Rebekah Miller Falgout

Charges Filed 05/26/2021

The hearing began at 9:10 a.m. Ms. Falgout was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Lauren Papillion served as the prosecuting attorney for the Board.

Ms. Robin Huet, RN Compliance Officer, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Janet Morgan Breland was sworn in and testified virtually as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Melissa Graham was sworn in and testified virtually as a witness for the Board.

Nineteen (19) exhibits were admitted into evidence labeled Board 1 through 19.

Ms. Papillion submitted proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

CONSENT ORDERS

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Mark Gareth Asmussen
Shartamia Rochelle Williams**

Reinstatement

**Patricia Sanderson Garceau
Michael Gene Melder
Cynthia Powell Risinger**

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS

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

**Kristy Lynn Faucheux
Katherine Leigh Garner
Victor Clyde Hayden**

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF

The following Delay/Denial by staff was presented to the Board for ratification:

Morgan A. Brown-Grubbs

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS

The following Multiple Action by staff was presented to the Board for ratification:

Wendy Anne Crowe

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

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS HELD ON JUNE 16, 2021

Rebekah Miller Falgout

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Item 3, Bullet 2, 3rd open bullet, “Respondent demonstrated use of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or drugs which impair judgment while on duty, to include making application for employment. L.A.C. 46:XLVII.3405(q);” is deleted.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Number 8, “Submit payment of \$1,500 to the Board as a fine.”

Number 9, “Submit payment of \$600 to the Board as cost of this hearing.”

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS

There were five (5) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Mark Gareth Asmussen
Shartamia Rochelle Williams**

Reinstatement

**Patricia Sanderson Garceau
Michael Gene Melder
Cynthia Powell Risinger**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

There were three (3) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff. W. Matthews' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspensions on the following individuals:

**Kristy Lynn Faucheux
Katherine Leigh Garner
Victor Clyde Hayden**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION

There was one (1) matter considered by the Board as Ratification of Delay/Denial by staff action. C. Jones' affidavit was introduced to support the position that this Delay/Denial was in order:

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denial on the following individual:

Morgan A. Brown-Grubbs

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS

There was one (1) matter considered by the Board as Ratification of Multiple Actions.

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board ratify the Multiple Actions on the following individual:

Wendy Anne Crowe

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "T. Kindall".

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