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Dear Mrs. Brindley,

Pursuant to R.S.49:968 (D)(1)(b), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) hereby announces its plan to proceed with the rule-making process by proposing rule changes to Chapter 33, Sections §3303 and §3307. The proposed rule changes codify existing policies and procedures regarding board officers and meetings. In §3303, LSBN is revising terminology that will allow board officers to serve two years instead of one year. LSBN is defining the role and duties of the President, Vice President and Alternate Officer of the board. A contingency plan is provided in case of an emergency vacancy or termination of appointment of a board member by the Governor while serving as an officer. In §3307, the election of board officers will take place during the first meeting of the year instead of the last meeting of the year. There has been no guarantee that the current board member(s) who served one term will be automatically granted a second term. The composition of the LSBN board has changed with the appointment of public, non-nursing members. Previously, we had nine voting members, therefore five members constituted a quorum. Today, we have eleven voting members and six members will constitute a quorum. LSBN would like to finalize the November 20, 2019, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 1619 – 1621 of the *Louisiana Register*.

The LSBN has not received any comments related to Chapter 33, Sections §3303 and §3307. The LSBN is not required to conduct a hearing pursuant to the Revised Statute 49:953(A) (2).

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Health and Welfare Committee, the board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication. Please contact Dr. Karen Lyon at 225-755-7576 if the board may be of any assistance to you concerning this rule.

Sincerely,



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