

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

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2016 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by N. Davis, President, on Thursday, June 16, 2016, at the Holiday Inn, 9940 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Nancy Davis, MN, RN, NE-BC, President
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, Vice President
Patricia Prechter, ED, MSN, RN, Alternate Officer
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE
Jolie Harris, DNS, RN, NEA, CAS
Teresita McNabb, RN, MSHSA, NEA, FACHE
Sue Westbrook, DNS, RN
Juzar Ali, M.D., Ex-Officio Member
Marelle Yongue, M.D., Ex-Officio Member

The following Board members were not present:
Lucie Agosta, PhD, RNC
Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, PhD, FNP

The following staff members were in attendance:
Patricia Dufrene, MSN, RN, Director of Education and Licensure
Jennifer Wright, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, Director, Advanced Practice
Cynthia York, MSN, RN, CGRN, Director, Practice and Credentialing
Rickie Callegan, MSN, RN, Director of Investigations
Barbara McGill, MSN, RN, Director of Monitoring/RNP
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Director of Hearings
Cynthia T. Bienemy, Ph.D, RN, Director of Louisiana Center for Nursing
Isonel Brown, MBA, Director of Operations
David Bolton, JD, General Counsel
E. Wade Shows, JD, Board Attorney
Marcia Carter, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Adoption of Minutes:

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to approve the April 14, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes;
J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to adopt the Agenda with the ability to rearrange the agenda items for efficiency

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes;
J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

1. CONSENT AGENDA MOTIONS:

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Reports
2. LSBN Staff Site Visit Reports
 1. Southern University-Focused Site Visit
 2. Our Lady of the Lake College-Initial Site Visit
3. Accreditation Reports from Approved Programs
 1. Fletcher Technical Community College-ACEN Initial Accreditation Approval
 2. Louisiana Tech University-ACEN Correspondence-Follow-Up Report
 3. Louisiana State University at Alexandria-ACEN Correspondence-Follow-Up Report
 4. Louisiana Delta Community College-ACEN Correspondence-Monitoring Report
 5. Grambling State University-ACEN Correspondence-Program Closure
4. Requests for Continuing Education Providership
 1. Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals-Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities Greater New Orleans Resource Center on Developmental Disabilities-CE Renewal
5. Requests for Major Curriculum Changes
 1. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Major Curriculum Change (Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program)
 2. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Major Curriculum Change(Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program)
 3. Baton Rouge General Medical Center-Major Curriculum Change
6. Educational Announcements

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda Motions

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

(See Agenda Item 4.3)

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS;

AGENDA ITEM 3.1

Education/Examination

P. Dufrene presented a department report on Education/Examination.

AGENDA ITEM 3.1.1

Schools of Nursing Conditional Approval Status Reports

AGENDA ITEM 3.1.1.1

Dillard University-Conditional Approval Status Report

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene and requested acceptance.

Motion: P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept Dillard University's report and action plan regarding conditional approval status of the Baccalaureate of Science in nursing education program.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.1.1.2

Southern University Baton Rouge-Conditional Approval Status Report

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene and recommended acceptance.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept Southern University Baton Rouge's report and action plan regarding conditional approval status of the Baccalaureate of Science in nursing education program.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.1.2

Request for APRN Clinical Experiences in Louisiana

AGENDA ITEM 3.1.2.1

Maryville University-Request for Re-approval of APRN Clinical Experiences in Louisiana

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene. P. Dufrene recommended that the Board re-approve the request of Maryville University to offer the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), but deny the request to offer the Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP), Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP), and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP-PC)

Dr. Elizabeth Buck, Assistant Dean for Nursing, Maryland University, was present for comments and to answer any questions Board members may have.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Prechter requested that the Board receive a follow-up on the status of how out-of-state education degree programs impacts Louisiana education degree programs and asked that it be made an agenda item for the August 2016 meeting.

P. Dufrene stated that she will attend LACANE in July and request to be placed on the agenda to discuss the issue with Louisiana deans and directors and that this will be an agenda item in August 2016.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board re-approve the request of Maryville University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until June 16, 2018 for the following roles and populations:

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) MSN, BSN-DNP and PMC

And further that the Board deny the request of Maryville University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following roles and populations:

Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP-PC)

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.1.3

University of Louisiana Monroe-Step I of Establishing Graduate Program

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene and recommended approval.

Dr. Emily Doughty, Director, Louisiana at Monroe, and Dr. Rhonda Hensley, University of Louisiana at Monroe, were present for comments and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the board accept the letter of intent and feasibility study from the University of Louisiana at Monroe, approve Step I and request to begin Step II for initiation of a Master's of Science in Nursing Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN-AG PCNP) program

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.1.4

Dillard University – Voluntary Program Suspension

Background/Summary was presented by P. Dufrene and recommended approval.

Dr. Sharon Hutchinson, Chair of School of Nursing, and Dr. Yolanda Page, Vice President of Academic Affairs, were present to provide information, to make comments and to answer any questions Board members might have.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept Dillard University's notification of voluntary suspension of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing program for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.1.5

LAC 46:XLVII.3324 Permission to Enroll or Progress in Undergraduate Clinical Nursing Courses

(No action required)

On May 20, 2016, the rules related to student permission to enroll or progress in an undergraduate clinical nursing course were published in the May 20, 2016 issue of the Louisiana Register.

AGENDA ITEM. 3.5

Operations

AGENDA ITEM. 3.5.1

Budget Amendment

Approval of proposed FY2016 and FY2017 amended annual budgets

Isonel Brown reported that on June 9, 2016, the Office of Facility Planning opened four bids for the construction project. The bid was awarded to the lowest bidder, which was Thrash Construction out of Shreveport for the bid in the amount of \$1,956,550. This amount includes a mandatory 5% contingency fee that the Office of Facility Planning requires. The total project amount is \$2,612,720, which includes both direct and indirect construction expenses. The budget was adjusted accordingly.

In answer to a question posed by Dr. Prechter, I. Brown stated that payroll expenses have not been adjusted due to merit increases. Merit increases are still reflected in the budget.

Discussion ensued.

I. Brown announced that Board members will be receiving the standard memo email regarding completing the mandatory trainings as it relates to ethics and sexual harassment. Training is to be completed annually by December 31, 2016.

A change will be made as it relates to travel with the Board Hearings. The meeting venue requires LSBN to secure/guarantee the number of meals for the hearings; however, the actual meal count fluctuates as we get closer to the meeting date. I Brown's recommendation is that the Board members purchase their meals individually and submit receipts or receive a per diem (\$13.00 for lunch). Meals for board meeting days will continue with the normal process.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to approve the FY2016 and FY2017 amended annual budgets.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.2
RN Practice/Credentialing

AGENDA ITEM 3.2.1
Petition Received from Health Carousel, LLC for Relief under LA R.S. 37.911 ET SEQ., 920.A.1.g

C. York introduced Stacey Jones, Licensing Analyst, who works in the Credentialing Department. Ms. Jones processes all internationally educated nursing license applications. Ms. Jones was available for questions by Board members.

Background/summary was presented by C. York. (See exhibits)

In the petition, Health Carousel, LLC, requests relief under LA R.S. 37.911 as it speaks to the English proficiency requirement for Internationally Educated Nurses. Petitioners' proposal was that the VISA screen issued by the Federal Government Immigration Services is accepted

as sufficient proof of English proficiency, and as such, the LSBN should consider accepting the VISA screen as well. (See attachments)

Board members were provided a packet that included examples of English proficiency test reports received from IELTS and TOEFL. The Board members were also provided with a diagram which C. York prepared for clarity on the English proficiency requirements for the Louisiana State Board of Nursing versus the Immigration Services.

C. York stated that it is Board staff's desire to continue their current process. It is a process that works and ensures that the nurse is English proficient at the time of licensure. Ms. York also requested the formation of an ad-hoc committee to critique the overall process of licensing Internationally Educated Nurses.

Katie Glaser and Meghan Kane, from Health Carousel Passport USA's Division, were present to provide information, comments, and to answer questions by Board members.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to reaffirm the Louisiana State Board of Nursing's process of requiring current, primary source English proficiency validation test reports at the time of issuing Louisiana Registered Nurse licensure to Internationally Educated Nurses whose nursing education program was not taught in English, did not utilize English textbooks, and whose country of professional education was not exempt under pertinent Code of Federal Regulations. That an ad-hoc committee be formed to look at the overall credentialing process of Internationally Educated Nurses who wish to be licensed in Louisiana.

T. McNabb and T. Cotita volunteered to be on the ad-hoc committee.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(A break was taken at this time)

AGENDA ITEM 3.3

Advanced Practice

AGENDA ITEM. 3.3.1

Whether it is Within the Scope of Practice for an APRN to Perform Small and Medium Joint Injections and Tendon Sheath Injections.

The initial request for a Declaratory Statement or Advisory Opinion on Nursing Practice was submitted via email March 6, 2016 by: Aaron Broadwell, MD, 8220 Jordan Street, Suite 201, Shreveport, LA 71101. Dr. Broadwell is licensed in the specialty of rheumatology.

Summary/background presented by J. Wright. (See attachments)

The petitioner requests that NPs be allowed to perform small and medium joint injections and tendon sheath injections. That the Board reverse their opinion from 2000 that said it was outside of their scope.

J. Wright provided a brief description of joint injection, or arthrocentesis. (See attachment)

For clarification, J. Wright revised her recommendation to add “for acute conditions.” J. Wright provided an additional clarification referencing that the APRN must submit a collaborative agreement, with clinical guidelines applicable to the scope of practice of the collaborating professionals.

Dr. Aaron Broadwell was present to provide information, comments and to answer any questions by Board members.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding Board’s concerns and interest in obtaining a legal opinion.

Tracey Young, with the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists, was present and expressed his concerns.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the matter be tabled to gather more information including a legal opinion.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.4

Center for Nursing

AGENDA ITEM 3.4.1

2015 LSBN Annual Report

Dr. Bienemy presented the 2015 LSBN Annual Report to the Board and asked that the Board accept the report. (Report attached)

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to accept the 2015 LSBN Annual Report

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.4.2

2015 Nursing Education Capacity and Supply Report

Dr. Bienemy provided a handout to Board members.

This report is a subset of the Annual Report. The information set forth in this report comes from the Annual Reports submitted by each of the Schools of Nursing throughout Louisiana. The supply data comes from the LSBN license renewal applications. This report reflects the first year of data coming from the Optimal Regulatory Board System (ORBS) process.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the 2015 Nursing Education Capacity and Supply Report.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.4.3

Louisiana Center for Nursing Updates

(No action required)

Optimal Regulatory Board System (ORBS) Licensure Renewal Data Retrieval Processes

Ongoing discussions have taken place and will continue to take place with National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) ORBS staff to address the following issues/concerns: Data integrity/accountability, format in which data and codebook are provided to LSBN, refinement and inclusion of workforce questions on the licensure renewal application, and identifying lessons learned from initial launch of ORBS online licensure renewal

Nursing Supply and Demand Council and the Louisiana Health Works Commission

Dr. Bienemy is currently serving as interim chair of the NSDC and the Health Works Commission pending upcoming elections during the summer 2016.

National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers

Dr. Bienemy was officially named President-Elect of the National Forum of State Nursing Workforce Centers at the annual conference in April.

Louisiana Action Coalition (LAC) Future of Nursing Campaign for Action

Initiatives are listed on the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM. 4.1

Report of President

(Report attached)

N. Davis welcomed David Bolton as the new General Counsel.

The Governor has approved Tavell Kindall, Nurse Practitioner, to be the new Board member as of the August 2016 Board meeting. He will be replacing outgoing Board member Lucie Agosta.

The Board is in the process of pulling together a slate of new officers for the year 2017. Any Board member who is interested in serving as president, vice president or alternate officer is asked to contact N. Davis.

N. Davis reminded the Board of the celebration for the Recovering Nurse Program (RNP) the evening of July 21, 2016 and the daytime event on July 22, 2016 at the Renaissance Hotel.

B. McGill commented she was looking forward to celebrating 30 years with the RNP. Thursday, July 21, 2016 is specifically for employers to help them understand the RNP and how they deal with people who need the RNC or to be followed by the RNP.

A correspondence addressed to Dr. Lyon from David Duplantier, Chairman of the Louisiana State Civil Service, was read into the record by N. Davis:

“As Chairman of the State Civil Service Commission, it’s with great pleasure that I send you this letter of commendation for the outstanding Human Resources Program Evaluation Report for the Louisiana State Board of Nursing that was presented at the May 4, 2016 meeting. You and your Human Resource staff should be proud as this report shows the value and importance of excellence you place on human resource management in state government. It is rarely an easy task to do this as you face the many complex challenges in human sources. Thank you for a job well done.”

N. Davis thanked staff for assisting the Board in all of their endeavors.

AGENDA ITEM 4.2
Report of the Vice President

(Report attached.)

AGENDA ITEM. 4.3
Report of Executive Director

(Report attached)

Dr. Prechter requested that at each Board meeting, the Board be advised of any open positions.

Dr. Harris inquired as to whether there was any resolution to Senate Resolution Number 196 that was introduced.

N. Davis and Dr. Lyon have been in communication regarding the matter. The legislature has requested that the LSBN and LPN Board of Louisiana work collaboratively to explore combining the Boards. N. Davis requested Dr. Lyon to have staff work on some research regarding how other states have combined their boards, how they have worked through the process. N. Davis requested that two board members help them in that effort as they go

forward. The resolution also asked the LSBN to come back to the legislature in a year's time to give their report.

Dr. Prechter requested that staff add a list of every task force to the agenda for every Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM. 5

Public Comments

(No comments)

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel issues.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(The Board entered into Executive Session at 12:00 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to adjourn

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



**NANCY DAVIS, VICE PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**