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## FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



I begin this month's CEO message with a summary of LSBN activities over the last 3 months. From August 15 – 19, I attended the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Annual Meeting with the LSBN Executive Committee. It was the first annual meeting offered in a hybrid format and it included opportunities for nursing regulators to be inspired and energized by speakers, focus group participation and discussion surrounding Delegate Assembly actions focused on public protection. A key action was the adoption of the 2023-2025 Strategic Initiatives. Significant actions included:

- Approved the strategic initiatives for the years 2023–2025 and amendments to the narrative statements associated with NCSBN values.
- Approved the College of Registered Nurses of Saskatchewan (CRNS) and College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA) as Exam User Members of NCSBN.
- Approved the 2023 NCLEX-RN® Test Plan and 2023 NCLEX-PN® Test Plan.

- Elections to the Board of Directors:

- ◇ President-Elect, Phyllis Johnson, DNP, RN, FNP-BC, Executive Director, Mississippi Board of Nursing
- ◇ Director-at-Large, Lori Glenn, DNP, CNM, C-EFM, RN, Board Member, Michigan Board of Nursing
- ◇ Director-at-Large, Tony Graham, CPM, Chief Operations Officer, North Carolina Board of Nursing
- ◇ Director-at-Large, Sue Tedford, MNSc, APRN, Executive Director, Arkansas State Board of Nursing
- ◇ Director-at-Large, Carol Timmings, MEd, RN, Acting Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, College of Nurses of Ontario

- NCSBN delegates also elected members of the Leadership Succession Committee (LSC):

- ◇ Area II Tammy Buchholz, DNP, RN, CNE, FRE, Associate Director for Education, North Dakota Board of Nursing
- ◇ Area IV Linda Kmetz, PhD, MN, RN, Chair, Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing

On August 30, 2022, I attended the Act 112 Advisory Committee Meeting as the legislatively mandated representative for LSBN. This group is reviewing and revising the state rules and regulations related to licensure standards for adult residential care providers. The major discussion surrounded the need for RN versus LPN supervision of certified medication attendants in the administration of medications. There was significant discussion concerning LPNs supervising CMA's versus "delegating" to them.

In early September, LSBN staff met with Joe Fontenot, Executive Director for Board of Pharmacy and Carlos Finalet, General Counsel for Board of Pharmacy to work out processes for allowing nurse practitioners to recommend therapeutic marijuana. General Counsel Carrie Jones and I also met with Dr. Culotta and LSBME to discuss potential duty to report legislation for providers in violation of state regulatory agencies' practice acts and rules.

The NCSBN NCLEX Conference was held September 22, 2022, in a virtual format. Updates included changes in passing standards, Next Generation NCLEX launch in April 2023, dichotomous versus polytomous scoring, and an expected 4-5% decrease in national NCLEX average scores with the launch of the new test.

On September 23, 2022, General Counsel Jones and I were called to testify before the Medical Marijuana Commission regarding LSBN's plans to establish processes for allowing nurse practitioner recommendation of therapeutic marijuana (TM). Major issues shared were restricting legislation to NPs only versus all APRNs with CDS authority, restrictions by LSBME to NPs treating chronic pain, and processes needed by the Board of Pharmacy to track NPs recommending TM.

The HR155 Study Group met in late September related to Representative Turner's resolution to create and provide for a study group to evaluate options and make recommendations for reforming healthcare workforce training and development





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in this state and to report its findings concerning these matters to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana.

As an NCSBN Board member, I attended our Board meeting on September 27 & 28, 2022. Environmental scan reports demonstrate nationwide issues in our profession are similar: nursing shortage, faculty shortage, and clinical training site shortage, APRN full practice authority, NGN launch, and anticipated effects on NCLEX scores. The Board spent the first half of the first day in orientation to governance and performing as a high-functioning Board.

Finally, I want to remind our licensees that there will be two Board positions opening in 2023, one in the [Other Areas of Nursing](#) category and one in the Nursing Service Administrator category. The links to applications for these positions: [Other Areas of Nursing](#) and [Nursing Service Administrator](#).

In closing, my inspirational quote for this quarter comes from **Mark Twain**:

*Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great.*

For the Public Trust,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen C. Lyon".

Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS, NEA<sub>BC</sub>  
Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director





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## Chiefs Corner

Division of Compliance  
Wanda Woods-Matthews, MPA  
Chief Compliance Officer

### Third Quarter Highlights

During the third quarter of 2022, the Compliance Department received 381 complaints. Of the 381 complaints received, 119 new investigations were opened. Department staff closed 170 investigations and as of the end of the quarter, the department has 474 open investigations. Priority One investigations pose an imminent and substantial danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of citizens and as of June 30, 2022, 30 Priority One investigations were open.

The Recovering Nurse Program (RNP)/Monitoring Department has 427 participants (296 RNP/131 Monitoring). RNP welcomed 16 new participants and 16 participants completed the program. Monitoring staff was assigned 52 new participants pursuant to Board Orders and 40 participants completed the terms of their Orders.

The RNP Department presented an on-site presentation at Northwestern State University and the RNP and Compliance Departments collaborated and presented on-site presentations at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital and McNeese State University.

Division of Legal Affairs  
Carrie LeBlanc Jones  
Chief Legal Officer / General Counsel

### Update on Act 444 as it Relates to Nurse Practitioners Authority to Recommend Medical Marijuana

During the 2022 Regular Session, the legislature passed Act 444 to amend the law relative to medical marijuana. More specifically, the law authorizes “authorized clinicians” to recommend medical marijuana, in any form as permitted by the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy for therapeutic use by any patient clinically diagnosed as suffering from a “debilitating medical condition.” Recommend” or “recommended” means an opinion of any authorized clinician, provided within a bona fide clinician-patient relationship, that, in the sincere judgment of the clinician, therapeutic cannabis may be helpful to the patient’s condition or symptoms and is communicated by any means allowed by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. The recommending authorized clinician and patient must have a bona fide clinician-patient relationship.

The law defines authorized clinicians to include the following:

- (1) Any physician licensed by and in good standing with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to practice medicine in this state.
- (2) Any **nurse practitioner** licensed by and in good standing with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to practice advanced practice registered nursing in this state and who has prescriptive authority conferred by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.
- (3) Any medical psychologist licensed by and in good standing with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to practice medical psychology in this state.

Not all advanced practice nursing roles recognized in Louisiana are authorized to recommend medical marijuana. The legal definition of authorized clinician only includes nurse practitioners (NP). In other words, certified nurse midwives (CNS), certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA), and clinical nurse specialist (CNS) are **not** authorized to recommend medical marijuana at this time.

Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1046 provides that the patient be clinically diagnosed as suffering from debilitating medical condition to be recommended medical marijuana. Debilitating medical condition means any of the following:

- i. Cancer.
- ii. Glaucoma.





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- iii. Any of the following neurodegenerative diseases and conditions:
  - (aa) Alzheimer's disease.
  - (bb) Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.
  - (cc) Huntington's disease.
  - (dd) Lewy body dementia.
  - (ee) Motor neuron disease.
  - (ff) Parkinson's disease.
  - (gg) Spinal muscular atrophy.
- iv. Positive status for human immunodeficiency virus.
- v. Acquired immune deficiency syndrome.
- vi. Cachexia or wasting syndrome.
- vii. Seizure disorders.
- viii. Epilepsy.
- ix. Spasticity.
- x. Severe muscle spasms.
- xi. Intractable pain.
- xii. Crohn's disease.
- xiii. Muscular dystrophy.
- xiv. Multiple sclerosis.
- xv. Post-traumatic stress disorder.
- xvi. Any of the following conditions associated with autism spectrum disorder:
  - (aa) Repetitive or self-stimulatory behavior of such severity that the physical health of the person with autism is jeopardized.
  - (bb) Avoidance of others or inability to communicate of such severity that the physical health of the person with autism is jeopardized.
  - (cc) Self-injuring behavior.
  - (dd) Physically aggressive or destructive behavior.
- xvii. Traumatic brain injury.
- xviii. A concussion diagnosed by an authorized clinician.
- xix. Chronic pain associated with fibromyalgia.
- xx. Chronic pain associated with sickle cell disease.
- xxi. Any condition for which a patient is receiving hospice care or palliative care.
- xxii. Any condition not otherwise specified in this Subparagraph that an authorized clinician, in his clinical opinion, considers debilitating to an individual patient and is qualified through his clinical education and training to treat.

The LSBN is committed to removing any barriers that prohibit nurse practitioners (NP) from recommending medical marijuana to the fullest extent permitted by the law. Current rules, specifically Louisiana Administrative Code 46:XLVII.4513 (Authorized Practice) prohibits advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) from treating chronic or intractable pain and obesity. This conflict was discussed during the October 13, 2022, board meeting, and the board instructed staff to submit a proposed rule change at the December board meeting. Board staff is also working closely with the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy to develop a process for primary source verification for the Pharmacy Board to verify nurse practitioners' credentials seeking authority to recommend medical marijuana.





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## State of the Mind by Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, FNP Team Leader, Registered Nurse Compliance Officers

Nurses are not immune to life's stressors, including grief, trauma, or burnout, which have increased since the COVID-19 pandemic. Nurses can be more susceptible to having mental health issues than other professions. Research shows a bidirectional relationship between nurses' well-being, patient care, and safety (Aly & Schmidt, 2020). Nurses are facing serious problems related to their overall health, including high burnout rates, depression, addiction, and suicide. Sometimes nurses don't recognize the growing symptoms within themselves. Depression and anxiety can mask and manifest in other ways. Increased agitation, anger, aggression, crying spells, binge eating, increased use of screen time, and lack of motivation to take care of daily duties are just a few signs that may signal a mental health issue. A 2018 survey of U.S. nurses, which described the relationship between nurses' health and medical errors, found that nurses with poor health have a 26% to 71% higher likelihood of making medical errors (Aly & Schmidt, 2020). The study found depression to be the strongest predictor of medical errors.

Resources are available to combat mental health issues, including 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. This resource is confidential, free, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, information service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members facing mental and/or substance use disorders (SAMHSA, n. d). The Louisiana State Board of Nursing Recovery Nurse Program is here to assist nurses with substance use and/or mental health issues transition into recovery.

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SAMHSA (n.d.). 988 Suicide & crisis lifeline. Retrieved October 10, 2022. From <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help>.

SAMHSA's National Helpline 1-800-662-HELP

## Nurse Practitioners are Given the Authority to Recommend Medical Marijuana by Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Director, Licensure and Practice

During the 2022 Regular Legislative session, House Bill 190 (Act 444) was signed into law. This bill authorizes Nurse Practitioners with prescriptive authority to recommend medical marijuana to patients. For the purposes of this legislation "recommend" means an opinion of any authorized clinician, provided within a bona fide clinician-patient relationship, that, in the sincere judgment of the clinician, therapeutic cannabis may be helpful to the patient's condition or symptoms and is communicated by any means allowed by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

You can search [Louisiana State Legislature](#) or the bill can be read in its entirety from the following link [HB190 \(la.gov\)](#).

LSBN along with LSBME have previously published a Joint Practice Statement regarding collaboration that can be read at <http://www.lsbn.state.la.us/NursingPractice/JointPracticeStatements.aspx>. Keep in mind that LSBN will continue to maintain the position that the practice between the collaborating physician and the Nurse Practitioner remains comparable in scope. Additionally, according to our rules, the definition of a collaborating physician includes the following language that states a physician .... "who is actively engaged in clinical practice and the provision of direct patient care in Louisiana,"

The rules promulgated by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy that include recommendations and define "debilitating medical condition" can be found on their website at the following link [Louisiana Board of Pharmacy | Laws & Regulations](#).

If you would like to request recommendation privileges from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, send an email to [licensing@pharmacy.la.gov](mailto:licensing@pharmacy.la.gov). The email must include a reference to your name and Controlled Dangerous Substance license number requesting to add schedule one limited to medical marijuana recommendations. The board of pharmacy no longer mails paper credentials. You may check their website to verify you have been authorized within 14 business days.





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Ensure your email and address is current to remain informed and in compliance with the mandates of LSBN's rules. Stay tuned to your emails and LSBN's website for further information regarding these matters.

## Continuing Education (CE) and Nursing Practice Requirements by Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Director, Licensure and Practice

Licensure renewal involves consideration of regulations related to CE and nursing practice. LSBN's requirements are in alignment with national trends and guidelines of other nursing regulatory agencies in the US. Each year, following renewal season, a random audit is performed by LSBN to ensure compliance with requirements. All Louisiana licensed RNs, except those issued a 1<sup>st</sup> time Louisiana license in the 2022 calendar year, must be in compliance with LSBN rules regarding nursing CE and nursing practice requirements.

For RN license renewal, at least one of the two options below must have been completed during the two-year licensure period:

- a. a minimum of 30 board-approved contact hours of continuing education during the two-year licensure period;
- OR
- b. a minimum of 900 practice hours during the two-year licensure period as verified by the employer on a form provided by the board.

There are no separate CE or nursing practice requirements for renewal of an RN MSL issued by LSBN. Further details including some exceptions and the definition of the practice of nursing and roles that RNs fulfill are available at [CE Brochure \(state.la.us\)](https://www.lsbn.state.la.us/CE-Brochure).

For APRNs with prescriptive authority, each year they must obtain six CEs in pharmacotherapeutics. Act 76 of Louisiana's 2017 legislative session mandates that prescribers of controlled substances in Louisiana obtain three credit hours of CEs as a prerequisite for license renewal. This is a one-time requirement. Content of the CE must include drug diversion training, best practices for the prescribing of controlled substances, appropriate treatment for addiction, and any other content deemed appropriate by the regulatory agency. For additional information, contact LSBN at [renewals@lsbn.state.la.us](mailto:renewals@lsbn.state.la.us).

## Louisiana Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) Rollout

The following information was provided to LSBN by the Louisiana Healthcare Commission:

- Humana will be added as the 6th MCO in the state for the LA Medicaid Program, the other 5 include UHC, LHC, Healthy Blue, Aetna, and AmeriHealth.
- Currently there are approximately 1.9 million Medicaid enrollees in the state.

### LDH recently hosted webinars that provided the following information:

- Current Medicaid enrollees will be disenrolled from their current MCO and re-enrolled through an automated process, allowing for Humana to gain a minimum of 150,000 enrollees. It is expected that certain diagnoses will be excluded.
- Q and A opportunity was not provided on the recent webinars.

### Questions from enrollees, plans, and differing provider groups have been brought up and include:

- How will the MCOs receive the plan migration data? The current system that is set up to disclose transfer of enrollees is the 124 Report that currently is on a set schedule that does not align with transferring data to the plans on the timeline expectations for action as laid out by LDH.





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- What is the timeline of notifying enrollees, providers, and the plans of the new enrollment status?
- What is the process for allowing enrollees to opt to transfer to a different plan than they were auto enrolled in? Is there staffing and communication mechanisms in place to handle the large number of enrollees who have the option to submit a request?
- Does the state and the do plans have the workforce to manage phone calls for those that have questions and need assistance?
- How will enrollees be handled that are enrolled with a new MCO that their normal PCP is not a provider for?
- Do we expect to see an increase in ED visits because of enrollees potentially losing their in-network PCP or feeling confused by the process? Do we need to notify hospital organizations?
- Providers are stating that they have not been informed, they are not aware, and they have not been trained on the process that Humana will use for insurance verification or prior authorization. When should they expect this information?
- Providers are reporting that they are not aware of the medical policy guidelines for Humana LA Medicaid policy. When should they expect this information?
- Providers are reporting that they are currently not in network with the Humana Medicaid plan but concerned that their contracts may include auto enrollment options for new plans. They are asking for a phone number to call to check their participation status.
- Providers are wondering the rationale for the enrollee disenrollment as opposed to a similar process that occurred when Aetna entered the market that provided a period of auto assignment for all new enrollees to Aetna before returning to the round robin assignment.
- Providers are wondering if the technology exists and has been tested to preserve both provider and household relationships prior to the new assignments as it is not expected volume can be managed manually.
- Enrollees are concerned that the workforce numbers are in place to handle their phone calls and assistance requests.
- Per LDH, providers and plans are required to work together to make any adjustments needed to ensure that performance does not suffer. Both providers and plans have reported concern that it will be difficult to create systems and make adjustments due to lack of clear information on timelines, automated and secure communication systems not in place to manage the transition and timeline not allowing for sufficient time to plan for and make adjustments as needed.
- LDH reports that they expect MCOs will need to meet targets and deliverables through provider incentive programs. MCOs have reported concern that incentives will be negatively impacted for both the plans and providers due to the transitions impacting HEDIS Scores for the plans and numbers of enrollees seen by each MCOs by a particular provider seeing a potential decrease, which will lower incentive payments for providers.
- PCPs have voiced concern that not all MCOs have the same medical guidelines and coverage for services. This may impact prescriptions for medications and continuity of providing services that are already necessary and established.
- Providers are wondering how prior authorizations will be managed when enrollees have a prior auth in place but auto enrolled with a different MCO.
- LDH has reported that they will consider high risk enrollees, such as those who may be ineligible at the end of the PHE, evenly across MCOs. Individuals are wondering what mechanism is currently in place for this evaluation. Additionally, a question arises as to if this evaluation has already been completed and this data is available to stakeholders.
- Plans are wondering how LDH supports the claim that the enrollment broker will assign enrollees to the MCO with the lowest enrollment, and this will provide an equal opportunity for the plans to obtain members. Each of the 5 MCOs were given a number from LDH on the expected enrollment reduction for each plan. Clarification is requested.
- Can LDH define the ICD 10 codes that qualify as high-risk categories, and will they be considered high risk only if they have a claim under that code within a certain time period versus ever?
- Plan Effective change date guidelines, can LDH confirm that they have the mechanisms (technology and man-power) to manage change requests based on the potential volume of changes that might occur separate from normal volume of change requests so that date guidelines can be achieved?







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- Humana generally has a clause in their contracts with commercial payers that has a 90 day opt out for new lines of business. It is expected that many providers will not be aware that they are now Medicaid providers, we are wondering how these details will be communicated and if the network adequacy standards will be met.
- A legislative representative mentioned a question wondering how much this process will cost the state.
- The biggest question from all groups is with respect to understanding the plan to preserve continuity of care.

For more information, please contact Katie Brittain at [katie@partnersinpt.com](mailto:katie@partnersinpt.com).

## 2022 Louisiana Nurse Synergy Summit

**Collaboratively Addressing the Challenges Facing Louisiana Nursing Workforce  
November 10-11, 2022**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this summit is to create the opportunity for key stakeholders in nursing supply and demand in the current landscape of nursing in Louisiana.

**Expected Outcome:** A synergistic plan of action that will create a pathway for the formation of a diverse nursing workforce that is sufficient in number, well qualified and able to meet the health care needs of the citizens of Louisiana.

Day One - Nursing Professional Development Day of the Summit - Virtual

Day Two - Summit Stakeholders Convene Live in Baton Rouge (Pennington Biomedical Research Center).

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## Major Motions

### Major Motions and Other Actions Taken at the June 16, 2022 Board Meeting

**Motion to Adopt** the Agenda as amended.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** the minutes of the April 14, 2022 Board Meeting.

**Motion Carried.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
  1. NCLEX Report
  2. Accreditation Reports
2. Approved Program Reports
  1. University of Holy Cross - ACEN
  2. Grambling State University - CCNE
3. Education Announcements

**Motion to accept** the Consent Agenda Motions.

**Motion Carried.**

#### EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION

**Motion to accept** Grambling State University’s interim report and action plan regarding the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** Bossier Parish Community College’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** Louisiana Christian University’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** Southern University at Baton Rouge’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** South Louisiana Community College’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Associate

of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** Step II from Southern University at New Orleans to establish a baccalaureate of science in nursing education degree program and grant initial approval.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** the letter of intent and feasibility study from Northshore Technical Community College and approve Step I to establish an Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

And further, the Board instructed Northshore Technical Community College to provide LSBN Staff evidence of approval from Louisiana Board of Regents prior to initiation for Step II to establish the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** the major substantive change request from Loyola University to add the Post Master’s Family Nurse Practitioner (PMFNPC) certificate role and population to the currently approved Master of Science in Nursing program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** the addition of a Family Nurse Practitioner MSN and post-master’s certificate program of study to the currently approved MSNA CRNA role/population at Texas Wesleyan University.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** the request of Fletcher Technical Community College (FTCC) to establish an off-campus location of the LPN to RN program at Central Louisiana Technical Community College in Alexandria, LA.

**Motion Carried.**

#### LICENSURE AND PRACTICE

**Motion to approve** board staff revising the Declaratory Statement on the Role and Scope of Practice of the Registered Nurse in Dialysis Nursing in Renal Dialysis Centers and Facilities to allow RNs to delegate initiation and termination of dialysis treatments using a central venous catheter (CVC) and perform exit site dressing changes in the out-patient dialysis setting to properly trained Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technicians in Louisiana.





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**Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Motion to accept** the Recommendation from the BSN Exception Task Force as written and commission the Task Force to further evaluate guardrails and parameters around BSN faculty and make a further recommendation to the Board in preparation for a potential rule change.

**Motion was Rescinded.**

**Motion to approve** Schools of Nursing to employ faculty with their highest degree earned being BSN preparation as permitted by National and Regional accreditation which aligns program outcomes with quality indicators. Rationale: Schools of Nursing approved in Louisiana to offer student learning experiences in various settings and BSN-prepared nurses can prepare student nurses for patient care. Furthermore, the Task Force will reconvene to establish and identify guardrails regarding BSN faculty and make further recommendations in preparation for rule change. Quality indicators will remain unchanged. All LSBN accredited Schools of Nursing and Schools of Nursing faculty are approved by the LSBN. Eighty percent pass rate for first-time test takers for NCLEX remains.

**Motion Failed.**

**Dr. Kindall directed the BSN Exception Task Force to reconvene to further evaluate options for the BSN Exception Rule.**

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Motion to accept** and approve the LSBN Board Resolution for contractual legal services with Devillier law Firm, LLC as special counsel.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** the recommendation of Chief Brown to suspend any further contractual agreement or memorandum of understanding discussions with CE Broker at this time.

**Motion Carried.**

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Motion to accept** the 2021 Nurse Supply Report.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** the 2021 Newly Licensed Registered Nurse Survey Report.

**Motion Carried.**

**REPORTS**

**Motion to accept** the reports of the President, Vice President, and the CEO/Executive Director as submitted.

**Motion Carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to go into** Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel Issues.

**Motion Carried.**

**Major Motions and Other Actions  
Taken at the August 11, 2022 Board Meeting**

**Motion to Adopt** the Agenda as amended.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** the minutes of the June 16, 2022 Board Meeting.

**Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consent Agenda Motions**

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
  1. NCLEX Report
  2. Accreditation Report
2. Continuing Education Reapproval
  1. Akula Foundation
3. Education Announcements

**Motion to accept** the Consent Agenda Motions.

**Motion Carried.**

**EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION**

**Motion to accept** Grambling State University’s interim report and action plan regarding the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to grant** full approval to Grambling State University Baccalaureate of Science Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** Bossier Parish Community College’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** Louisiana Christian University’s report and action plan regarding the probationary sta-





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**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** Southern University at Baton Rouge’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept** South Louisiana Community College’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** the request of Southwest Mississippi Community College for approval to offer undergraduate clinical experiences for associate degree students in Louisiana until February 16, 2026 for the following clinical courses:

- NUR 2110 Health and Illness Concepts, and
- NUR 2210 Complex Health and Illness Concepts

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** the request of Liberty University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until August 11, 2025 for the following roles/populations:

- Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner: BSN to DNP
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: BSN to DNP
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: MSN to DNP
- Certificate, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Post MSN Certificate
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, Nurse Leadership: MSN to DNP

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** the request of Roseman University of Health Sciences to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until August 11, 2025 for the following roles/populations:

- Master of Science in Nursing (MSN): Family Nurse Practitioner

**Motion Carried.**

**LICENSURE AND PRACTICE**

**Motion to approve** revised Declaratory Statement on the Role and Scope of Practice of the Registered Nurse in Dialysis Nursing in

Renal Dialysis Centers and Facilities to allow RNs to delegate initiation and termination of dialysis treatments using a central venous catheter (CVC) and perform exit site dressing changes in the out-patient dialysis setting to properly trained Certified Clinical Hemodialysis Technicians in Louisiana with updated references and evidence to support the Declaratory Statement.

**Motion Carried.**

**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**

**Motion to accept and approve** the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept and approve** the LSBN Board Resolution which reads:

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing  
Board Resolution**

State of Louisiana  
Parish of East Baton Rouge

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022 at a meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, with a quorum of the board members present, the following business was conducted:

It was duly moved and seconded that the following resolution be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing hereby accept and approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the period ending June 30, 2022 as a component of LSBN’s financial audit.

I certify that the above and foregoing constitutes a true and correct copy of a part of the minutes of a meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing

Tavell L. Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP  
Board President

**Motion Carried.**

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Motion that** the Annual Report be extended to reflect the calendar year and be due each year on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion Carried.**

**Motion to approve** staff to investigate and select a qualified vendor for sending out the Annual Report survey for data collection purposes.

**Motion Carried.**





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**REPORTS**

**Motion to accept** the reports of the President, Vice President, and the CEO/Executive Director as submitted.

**Motion Carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Motion to go into** Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel Issues.

**Motion Carried.**

**Disciplinary Matters**

The LSBN took a total of 35 actions at the July 20, 2022 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link:

[July 20, 2022](#)

The LSBN took a total of 26 actions at the August 11, 2022 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link:

[August 11, 2022](#)

The LSBN took a total of 36 actions at the September 14, 2022 hearing panel. For a complete listing click the link:

[September 14, 2022](#)

**2022 State Holiday Schedule**

General Election Day.....	November 8, 2022
Veterans Day.....	November 11, 2022
Thanksgiving Day.....	November 24, 2022
Christmas Day Observed.....	December 26, 2022
New Year's Day Observed.....	January 2, 2023

**Future Board Meeting Dates**

December 12, 2022

