

# February 26, 2026 Board Meeting

## LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 26, 2026 AGENDA

**Place:** Louisiana State Board of Nursing  
17373 Perkins Road  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

**Call to Order:** 8:30 am

**Roll Call**

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes** December 4, 2025

January 22, 2026

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### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports

1. NCLEX Reports

2. Education Announcements

1. Bossier Parish Community College

2. Louisiana Delta Community College

3. Herzing University

4. McNeese State University

5. Chamberlain University

6. Chamberlain University

7. Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center

8. South College DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program

9. Louisiana State University Eunice
10. Southern University and A&M College
11. Nursing CE Central
3. Continuing Education Providers - Reapproval
  1. Continuing Education Provider Renewal - St. Tammany
  2. Continuing Education Provider Renewal - Woman's Hospital
2. **Division Reports**
  1. Division of Nursing Practice
    1. Education and Examination - **Mr. Chancellor Fontenot**
      1. Probationary Status Reports
        1. Dillard University
      2. Major Substantive Change
        1. Intercollegiate Consortium for a MSN
      3. Continuous Quality Improvement
        1. Tulane University
      4. New Louisiana Program
        1. Grand Canyon University
3. **Reports**
  1. Report of President
  2. Report of Vice-President
4. **Public Comments**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Adjournment**

NOTE: This agenda is tentative until 24 hours in advance of the meeting, at which time the most recent revision becomes official.

Effective: Revised:

***MISSION: To safeguard the life and health of the citizens of Louisiana by assuring persons practicing as registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses are competent and safe.***

***VISION: LSBN will be a leader in regulatory excellence that advances nursing workforce, education, and practice.***

# 1.a.i - 02/26/2026

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.a.i

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: 2025 NCLEX PASS RATES (ALL QUARTERS)**

## Action Requested

That the Board accept the NCLEX-RN pass rate report for 2025, all quarters.

## Summary/Background

On January 5, 2026, LSBN staff acquired the educational program report statistics provided for Louisiana nursing education degree programs regarding the NCLEX-RN pass rates from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

The following programs reflect a less than 80 percent pass rate for first time test takers:

### **Baton Rouge Community College**

Jan – December 2025: 131 testers

*103 passed (78.63% passage rate)*

### **Dillard University**

Jan – December 2025: 26 testers

*20 passed (76.92% passage rate)*

### **Louisiana Delta Community College**

Jan – December 2025: 74 testers

*57 passed (77.03% passage rate)*

### **Loyola University New Orleans**

Jan – December 2025: 35 testers

*26 passed (74.29% passage rate)*

**Southern University Baton Rouge**

Jan – December 2025: *114 testers*

*79 passed (69.30% passage rate)*

**Southern University New Orleans**

Jan – December 2025: *9 testers*

*6 passed (66.67% passage rate)*

**Fiscal Impact**

NONE

**Attachments**

# **1.b.i - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.i**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

## **Action Requested**

## **Summary/Background**

On December 9, 2025, LSBN staff received notification from Bossier Parish Community College that Cathy Maddry, MSN, RN, MA, CNE has retired from her position as Assistant Dean of Nursing at Bossier Parish Community College, effective December 31, 2025. Angela Preimesberger, MSN, APRN, FNP-C assumed the role of Assistant Dean, effective December 31, 2025

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

# 1.b.ii - 02/26/2026

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.ii

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

## Action Requested

## Summary/Background

On December 23, 2025, LSBN staff received notification from Louisiana Delta Community College that they will not offer an LPN-RN cohort at the Tallulah campus during the 2026 academic year due to insufficient applicant interest. The LPN–RN track remains fully approved, and no changes have been made to the curriculum, course sequencing, or program outcomes. No students were admitted or enrolled for a Tallulah campus LPN–RN cohort for 2026. Applications for the Tallulah campus LPN–RN cohort will reopen in Fall 2026 for a planned Spring 2027 start.

## Fiscal Impact

NONE

## Attachments

# **1.b.iii - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.iii**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: HERZING UNIVERSITY**

## **Action Requested**

## **Summary/Background**

On December 16, 2025, LSBN staff received notification from Herzing University that Cory Lacrouts, DNP, RN has been appointed to program chair for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Herzing University's New Orleans Campus, effective December 17, 2025. As program chair, Dr. Cory Lacrouts will serve as Chief Nurse Administrator of record with the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

# **1.b.iv - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.iv**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY**

## **Action Requested**

## **Summary/Background**

On January 5, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from McNeese State University that Dr. Kedrick Nicholas was named Interim President of McNeese State University by the University of Louisiana Board of Supervisors, effective November 17, 2025.

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

# **1.b.ix - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.ix**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY EUNICE**

## **Action Requested**

## **Summary/Background**

On February 3, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from Louisiana State University Eunice that the university revised its mission statement, and to maintain alignment, the nursing program revised their mission statement.

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

# **1.b.v - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.v**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: CHAMBERLAIN UNIVERSITY**

## **Action Requested**

## **Summary/Background**

On January 12, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from Chamberlain University for an admission policy revision. Applicants will now be able to submit HESI, TEAS, ACT, or SAT scores taken within the last five years for their admission entrance exam and placement

purposes. Additionally, the program will reduce the number of attempts allowed on the HESI from two to one. There are no changes to the credit hours for the program, and no changes to the course outcomes. This change will be implemented in March 2026, and there are no additional costs for the students related to these prerequisite updates.

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

# 1.b.vi - 02/26/2026

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.vi

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: CHAMBERLAIN UNIVERSITY**

## Action Requested

## Summary/Background

On January 5, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from Chamberlain University for the credit policy change to the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Pathway within their existing, Board-approved BSN program. Chamberlain provides qualified LPN/LVN licensed students with the opportunity to receive nine prior learning credits towards the 3-year prelicensure BSN degree. Eligible students must be admitted to the prelicensure BSN program and hold an unrestricted, active license as a practical/vocational nurse from the U.S. or a jurisdiction that is an associate member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. To receive prior learning credit for NR-224 Fundamentals: Skills/NR-229 Fundamentals - Skills, NR-226 Fundamentals: Patient Care, and PSYC-290N Lifespan Development, students must provide one of the following:

1. Proof of graduation from an accredited LPN/LVN program within 2 years of their Chamberlain University start date.
2. Proof of 1,000 hours of work in per-diem, part-time, or full-time employment as an LPN/LVN within 1 year of their Chamberlain University start date.

There are no changes to the nursing courses; the credit hours for the program remain at 122, and no additional costs for students are related to this update. This change will be implemented in May 2026.

## Fiscal Impact

NONE

## Attachments

# **1.b.vii - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.vii**

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**

## **Action Requested**

## **Summary/Background**

On January 6, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center for action regarding the institution that was taken by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), during its meeting held on December 7, 2025:

The SACSCOC Board of Trustees reaffirmed accreditation with no additional report.

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

# 1.b.viii - 02/26/2026

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.viii

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: SOUTH COLLEGE DNP NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM**

## **Action Requested**

## **Summary/Background**

On January 6, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from South College DNP Nurse Anesthesia Program that there is an ongoing change in leadership within the program. Dr. Lois Stewart is stepping down as the Program Administrator; she is transitioning from a full-time faculty to an adjunct faculty role, effective January 24, 2026.

Program leadership is now assumed by Lisa Osborne, DNP, CRNA, CHSE, FAANA. Dr. Osborne previously served as the founding Assistant Program Administrator in the same program since its inception.

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

# **1.b.x - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.x**

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE**

## **Action Requested**

## **Summary/Background**

On February 13, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from Southern University and A&M College of the following changes in leadership:

- Orlando F. McMeans, Interim President - Southern University System
- Sharon Coulter, Chairperson, School of Nursing - Undergraduate Nursing (BSN) Program
- Annisa Taylor, Chairperson, School of Nursing - Graduate Nursing Program (MSN, DNP, PhD)

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

# 1.b.xi - 02/26/2026

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.b.xi

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: NURSING CE CENTRAL**

## Action Requested

## Summary/Background

On February 18, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from Nursing CE Central of a mailing address change. The information is as follows:

## New Mailing Address:

110 West Vine Street

Suite #406 Nursing CE Central

Lexington, KY 40507

Primary Contact/ Lead Nurse Planner:

Mr. Shane Slone, DNP, RN, APRN, AGACNP-BC - Owner

Email: shane@nursingcecentral.com

Phone Number: 859.314.5556

Secondary Contact/ Lead Nurse Planner:

Tanya Killian, MSN-Ed, BSN, RN

Email: tanya@nursingcecentral.com

Phone Number: 515.509.8664.

## Fiscal Impact

NONE

## Attachments

# **1.c.i - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.c.i**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER RENEWAL - ST. TAMMANY**

## **Action Requested**

That the Board re-approve the request of St. Tammany Health Systems as a Continuing Education Provider to expire on February 26, 2030.

## **Summary/Background**

On January 21, 2026, LSBN staff received the continuing education renewal application from St. Tammany Health Systems to re-approve the current Continuing Education Provider status. The proposal is complete and demonstrates compliance with the requirements for recognition as a Continuing Education Provider by LSBN.

## **Fiscal Impact**

Continuing Education Provider Fee - \$1,600 for 4 years

## **Attachments**

# **1.c.ii - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.c.ii**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER RENEWAL - WOMAN'S HOSPITAL**

## **Action Requested**

That the Board re-approve the request of Woman's Hospital as a Continuing Education Provider to expire on April 14, 2030.

## **Summary/Background**

On February 9, 2026, LSBN staff received the continuing education renewal application from Woman's Hospital to re-approve the current Continuing Education Provider status. The proposal is complete and demonstrates compliance with the requirements for recognition as a Continuing Education Provider by LSBN.

## **Fiscal Impact**

Continuing Education Provider Fee - \$1,600 for 4 years

## **Attachments**

# 2.a.i.1.a - 02/26/2026

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BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.a.i.1.a

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: PROBATIONARY STATUS - DILLARD UNIVERSITY**

## Action Requested

That the Board approve the request to place Dillard University on probation for non-compliance with LAC 46:XLVII.3535.B. Additionally, that the Board instruct Dillard University to submit interim progress reports for the baccalaureate of science in nursing degree program to be reviewed at subsequent 2026 LSBN Board meetings.

## Summary/Background

On February 12, 2025, LSBN staff acquired the educational program report statistics provided for Louisiana nursing education degree programs regarding the first-time NCLEX-RN pass rates from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024. Dillard University had a first-time NCLEX pass rate of 73.33% for the 2024 calendar year.

On January 5, 2026, LSBN staff acquired the educational program report statistics provided for Louisiana nursing education degree programs regarding the first-time NCLEX-RN pass rates from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025. Dillard University had a first-time NCLEX pass rate of 76.92% for the 2025 calendar year.

LAC 46:XLVII.3535.B.2 states, “after two consecutive years of not meeting the 80 percent NCLEX-RN first-time pass rate standard or two years out of the last three years of not meeting the 80 percent NCLEX-RN first-time pass rate standard, the undergraduate nursing education degree program will be placed on probation.”

## Fiscal Impact

NONE

## Attachments

# 2.a.i.2.a - 02/26/2026

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.a.i.2.a**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE - ICMSN**

## **Action Requested**

That the Board approve the major substantive change request from the Intercollegiate Consortium for a MSN to add a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Postmasters Certificate (PMC) for MSN prepared nurses.

## **Summary/Background**

On January 6, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from the Intercollegiate Consortium for a MSN that they received permission from the Board of Regents to implement a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Postmasters Certificate (PMC) for MSN prepared nurses. The proposed Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Post-Masters Certificate (PMC) program will allow nurses who currently hold a master's degree to broaden their scope of expertise, enhance their career opportunities, and respond to the growing demand for primary care providers.

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

## **2.a.i.3.a - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.a.i.3.a**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT - TULANE UNIVERSITY**

### **Action Requested**

That the Board approve the continuous quality improvement request from Tulane University seeking approval to expand the current Bachelor of Science (BSN) program by adding an alternate traditional BSN degree pathway.

### **Summary/Background**

On February 20, 2026, LSBN staff received notification from Tulane University seeking approval to expand the current Bachelor of Science (BSN) program by adding an alternate traditional BSN degree pathway through Newcomb-Tulane College (NTC). The program currently offers a transfer track pathway into the accelerated BSN program through the School of Professional Advancement (SoPA). The proposed pathway, approved by NTC faculty on 2/11/2026, is a traditional 4-year track. Students will complete the Tulane core curriculum and nursing pre-requisite requirements in NTC prior to matriculation into the BSN major in the fall or spring of their junior year. All Students admitted through either the School of Professional Advancement or the Newcomb-Tulane College will progress through the program together in a cohort model, completing the same four consecutive semester 60-credit-hour BSN program. No change is requested to the BSN curriculum.

### **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

### **Attachments**

# **2.a.i.4.a - 02/26/2026**

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**BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 2.a.i.4.a**

**TO: BOARD MEMBERS**  
**FROM: CHANCE FONTENOT, MSN, RN PROGRAM CONSULTANT**  
**RE: NEW LOUISIANA PROGRAM - GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY**

## **Action Requested**

That the Board accept the letter of intent and feasibility study from Grand Canyon University and approve Step I to establish a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

## **Summary/Background**

On December 23, 2025, LSBN staff received a formal letter of intent and feasibility study from Grand Canyon University to establish a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program in Louisiana. On February 23, 2026, all documents were reviewed and determined that all requirements for Step I approval have been met.

## **Fiscal Impact**

NONE

## **Attachments**

# 3.b - 2/26/26

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## BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 3.b

**TO: LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERS**  
**FROM: Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, FAEN**  
**RE: VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

### Action Requested

Accept the Vice President’s Report

### Summary/Background

For the six months ended December 31, 2025, 2024, and 2023, the results are summarized below. The 12/31/25 year-to-date income is less than 12/31/24 but higher than 12/31/23 year-to-date income due primarily to the fluctuation in interest rates and the resulting income and lower 12/31/25 revenue from license renewals. Expenses are slightly higher than the prior two years compared to the average of the two prior years due to increases in payroll and related expenses.

The balance in the money market account is \$1,921,568.06 and the invested cash totals \$17,000,000. At present, the Board has 12 investments maturing in 11 of the next 12 months.

	12/31/2025	12/31/2024	12/31/2023
Total assets	38,799,813.98	36,322,040.97	36,419,813.70
Total liabilities	21,467,027.78	21,280,857.25	24,310,562.65
Equity	17,332,786.20	15,041,183.72	12,109,251.05
Total income	7,575,064.27	7,904,880.94	7,348,889.92
Total expenses (before capital outlay expenditures)	4,005,910.95	3,954,271.93	3,939,459.36
Net income (loss) before capital outlay expenditures	3,569,153.32	3,950,609.01	3,409,430.56
Capital outlay expenditures	-	-	-
Net income (loss)	3,569,153.32	3,950,609.01	3,409,430.56

## **Fiscal Impact**

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the Board will be recognizing the 2nd year of the two-year license renewals received in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025, using the average percentage of renewals received in the months of October, November, and December of the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016, 2017, and 2018. The amounts recognized in October 2025 were \$346,300 in RN renewals and \$64,800 in APRN renewals, the amounts recognized in November 2025 were \$477,900 in RN renewals and \$79,100 in APRN renewals, and the amounts recognized in December 2025 were \$1,776,000 in RN renewals and \$243,500 in APRN renewals.

These revenues will be in addition to the first year of the two-year renewals received in October, November, and December 2025, and January 2026.

## **Attachments**

December Financials

December Investments

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810

## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

*I would like to request public comment at the following public meeting:*

**Board meeting of: February 26, 2026**

Agenda Item (see agenda sheet handout for topic/number): \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. I would like to speak
- 2. I will provide information, if requested
- 3. Although I would not like to speak, I would like to submit written content

**Because we may need to contact you before or during the meeting, please provide your cell phone number:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Request: \_\_\_\_\_