

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

A public hearing of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on September 12, 2019, at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by Tim Cotita, President.

The panel members consisted of Jacqueline Hill, Board Member, Tim Cotita, President, Jennifer Manning, Board Member, Tavell Kindall, Alternate Officer, Laura Bonanno, Vice President, Ann Carruth, Board Member, Jennifer Couvillon, Board Member, Kenneth Alexander, Board Member, and Carrie Jones, LSBN Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel.

Mr. Cotita stated that the hearing was being held pursuant to 49:953(A)(2)(a) of Louisiana's Administrative Procedure Act or LAPA. The LAPA authorizes state agencies to promulgate rules and to modify the rules from time to time as needed. As a state agency, that promulgates rules in accordance with the LAPA, La R.S. 49:953C requires the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) to conduct a public hearing at least once prior to January 1, 2020 and at least once during every six-year period thereafter to allow interested persons the opportunity to comment on any rule of the agency which the person believes is contrary to law, outdated, unnecessary, overly complex, or burdensome.

Mr. Cotita stated the Board is merely receiving information today and will not conduct debate with respect to any of the LSBN's rules. All written and oral comments and submissions concerning the LSBN's rules will be considered. In accordance with the law, LSBN is required to advise that comments will be submitted to the Legislative Oversight Committee. Comments must be submitted to the agency in writing. All written public comments must be signed with the original signature of the person submitting comments, dated and received by the agency no later than September 19, 2019. Written comments should be submitted to LSBN Executive Director, Dr. Karen Lyon, by mail or hand delivery here at the Board office located at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810. The LSBN will issue a response to each written submission describing the principle advantages and disadvantages of the rules addressed. Additionally, the agency may prepare a statement explaining the basis and rationale for any rule called into question during today's meeting. All written comments and responses will be furnished to the Legislative Oversight Committee in accordance with the law and will be made available to interested persons as soon as possible, but no later than one day following their submission to the Legislative Oversight Committee.

The LSBN appreciates the effort that anyone has made to be present this morning and to provide valued input to the rulemaking process. For the purpose of the public hearing today, a copy of the Notice of Intent was published in the May 20, 2019 Louisiana Register. Per the requirements of La R.S. 49:953(C)(2)(a), the Board afforded all interested persons an opportunity to comment on any rule of the agency which the person believes is contrary to law, outdated, unnecessary, overly complex, or burdensome.

Mr. Cotita stated for the Record that since the publication of the Notice of Intent, the Board has

received no written submissions.

Mr. Cotita asked if anyone had any written comments or documentary submissions, they wished to present to the LSBN concerning any rule of the agency. If so, they may submit them at this time, or if they wished to address the Board members through testimony, they may wait and present the documents at that time.

The proceeding was opened by Mr. Cotita for oral input by interested persons.

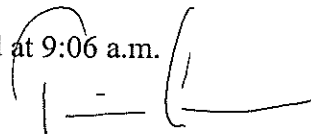
Mr. Cotita stated for the Record that no one was present to offer oral input and the Board has not received any written submissions. The public hearing was concluded regarding any input concerning the LSBN's rules. Dr. Lyon and the LSBN staff will review any information that may have been received today. A report will be compiled and presented to the Board at the October 8, 2019 Board meeting and to the Legislative Oversight Meeting.

Motion: by Ken Alexander, seconded, to adjourn.

Voice Vote: J. Hill-yes; T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes; T. Kindall-yes;  
L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; K. Alexander-yes.

Motion Carried

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 9:06 a.m.



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