

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by T. Moffatt, Vice President, on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN, Vice President
Jamie Wiggins, PhD-c, MBA, RN, , NEA-BE, FACHE, Alternate Officer
Tim Cotita, RN, BSN, MSHCE
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN
Frederick Pinkney, Ed.D (via Microsoft TEAMS)

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA APRN-CNS_{BC}, NEA_{ABC}, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Compliance Officer
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, RNCO-Team Leader
Chancelor Fontenot, MSN, RN, Compliance Officer
Robin Huet, MSN, RN, Compliance Officer
Tia Williams, Compliance Investigator
Lauren Reed, JD, Prosecuting Attorney
Domoine Rutledge, JD, Hearing Officer
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Dr. Lyon reported that the case for Christie Dudenhefer Bozzelle has been continued.

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the minutes of today's Hearing Panel. J. Wiggins will review and approve.

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(1) for the purpose of hearing those disciplinary matters and/or reviewing those consent orders, automatic suspensions and other disciplinary actions in the cases listed on the Agenda.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Joanie McLendon

Charges Filed: 01/14/2021

The hearing began at 9:12 a.m. Ms. McLendon was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Lauren Reed served as the prosecuting attorney for the Board.

Ms. Geneva Carter, RNCO – Team Leader, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Sandi Moore was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board virtually via Microsoft TEAMS.

Ms. Dana Stelly was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

Ms. Tonya Barabin was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board virtually via Microsoft TEAMS.

Fourteen (14) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 14.

Ms. Reed submitted Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Scott Joseph Hotard

Charges Filed: 01/20/2021

The hearing started at 10:25 a.m. Mr. Hotard was not present for the hearing. Mr. David R. Aden, counsel for Mr. Hotard, was present.

Ms. Lauren Reed served as the prosecuting attorney for the Board.

Ms. Robin Huet, RN Compliance Officer, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Mr. Raymond Balser was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Twenty-seven (27) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 27.

Ms. Reed submitted Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Stephanie Marse DesForges

Automatic Suspension: 12/07/2020, scheduled for ratification 02/10/2021.
Request for Reconsideration: 12/17/2020

The hearing began at 11:40 a.m. Ms. DesForges was present virtually via Microsoft TEAMS. Mr. David Aden, counsel for Ms. DesForges, was present at the hearing.

Mr. David Aden presented a Request for Reconsideration of the Automatic Suspension on behalf of Ms. DesForges.

Ms. Lauren Reed served as the prosecuting attorney and responded to the Request for Reconsideration on behalf of the Board.

Ms. Reed submitted Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Sarah Amanda Smith

Charges Filed: 01/20/2021

The hearing began at 1:02 p.m. Ms. Smith was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Lauren Reed served as the prosecuting attorney for the Board.

Mr. Chancellor Fontenot, RN Compliance Officer, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Toni Eddleman was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board virtually via Microsoft TEAMS.

Twenty-four (24) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 24.

Ms. Reed submitted Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

CONSENT ORDERS

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Heather Airhart Brunet
Melissa Ann Catalano
Lacy Folks
Tracie Lyn Givens
Kadee Teddlie Guirlando
Jhirmetha Lloydette Hill
Joo Sun Kim
Danielle Lelia Marchand
Dedra Miller Newton
Michael Paul Noland
Maggie Hebert Palmer**

Reinstatement of Licensure

**Julie Newman Abate
Kimberly Mullins Armstrong
Brandy Butler Austin
Kahalisia Mitchell Francis
Krista Thibodeaux Hidalgo
Kimberly Blades Horning
Lacey Lee Rosenbalm
Erica Nicole Simmons
Clint David Wisdom**

Students

**Stephen Aranyosi
Claudia Delgado Carbo
Justin Andrew Ledet
Kacee Devin Woodard**

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

The following Automatic Suspensions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Jennifer Babin
Jessica McPherson Burkhardt
Stephanie Marse DesForges
Alfred Roy Kisner
Rusty Matthew Miller
Kristy Mitchell Sones
Logan Bryant Thompson
Dorthea Acklin Trevino
Blaire Williams**

REPORT OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF

The following Delay/Denials by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Patrick Tremain Baker
Joshua James Patrick Guste
Mary Hartwick
Tisha Brown Henry
Tara Kennedy
Stephanie Renee Kilgore
Kantesha Danielle Thomas**

REPORT OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS

The following Multiple Action by staff was presented to the Board for ratification:

Misty Lynn Millsap

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, to return to Open Session.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2021

Stephanie Marse DesForges

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board order:

“It is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that Petitioner’s Request for Reconsideration of Board staff’s December 7, 2020 automatic suspension of her Louisiana RN License is granted.”

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Scott Joseph Hotard

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Page 4, under No. 1, change the word “outpatient” to “inpatient.”

Number 22, “Submit payment of \$2,500 to the Board as a fine.”

Number 23, “Submit payment of \$500 to the Board as cost of the hearing.”

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Joanie McLendon

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by

the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board adopt the Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Number 19, "Within 24 months, submit a payment of \$2,500 as a fine."

Number 20, "Within 24 months, submit a payment of \$450 for the cost of the hearing."

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Sarah Amanda Smith

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with no changes; however, the introductory remarks were updated to reflect that Respondent was not present and not represented by counsel:

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board adopt the Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Number 9, "Submit payment of \$2500 to the Board as a fine to be paid before reinstatement."

Number 10, "Submit payment of \$680 to the Board as cost of the hearing to be paid before reinstatement."

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS

There were twenty-four (24) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

Heather Airhart Brunet
Melissa Ann Catalano
Lacy Folks
Tracie Lyn Givens
Jhirmetha Lloydette Hill
Joo Sun Kim
Danielle Lelia Marchand
Dedra Miller Newton
Michael Paul Noland
Maggie Hebert Palmer

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes; W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board counter the Consent Order in the following matter:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

Kadee Teddlie Guirlando

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Reinstatement of Licensure

**Julie Newman Abate
Kimberly Mullins Armstrong
Brandy Butler Austin
Kahalisia Mitchell Francis
Krista Thibodeaux Hidalgo
Kimberly Blades Horning
Lacey Lee Rosenbalm
Erica Nicole Simmons
Clint David Wisdom**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals.

Students

**Stephen Aranyosi
Claudia Delgado Carbo
Justin Andrew Ledet
Kacee Devin Woodard**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

There were eight (8) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff. W. Matthews' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board ratify the Multiple Actions on the following individuals:

Jennifer Babin
Jessica McPherson Burkhardt
Alfred Roy Kisner
Rusty Matthew Miller
Kristy Mitchell Sones
Logan Bryant Thompson
Dorthea Acklin Trevino
Blaire Williams

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF

There were seven (7) matters considered by the Board as Ratification of Delay/Denial. C. Jones' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these delay/denials were in order:

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denials on the following individuals:

Patrick Tremain Baker
Joshua James Patrick Guste
Mary Hartwick
Tisha Brown Henry
Tara Kennedy
Stephanie Renee Kilgore
Kantesha Danielle Thomas

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS

There was one (1) matter considered by the Board as Ratification of Multiple Actions.

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board ratify the Multiple Actions on the following individual:

Misty Lynn Millsap

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Manning-yes;
W. Palermo-yes; F. Pinkney-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



**T. MOFFATT, VICE PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**