

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
HOLIDAY INN SELECT  
4728 CONSTITUTION AVENUE  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70808**

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 8, 2006 BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order:** This regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Frankie Rosenthal, President, on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Select, 4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

**Roll Call:** The following members were in attendance  
Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA, President  
Nora Steele, DNS, RN, C, PNP, Alternate Officer  
Tommie J. Ashby, MSN, RN  
Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN  
Deborah Ford, MSN, RN, CNA  
James E. Harper, RN, MSN, CFNP  
Michelle T. Oswald, CRNA  
Gail M. Poirrier, DNS, RN  
William St. John LaCorte, MD, Ex-Officio Member

The following Board Members were not in attendance:  
Deborah Olds, RN, Vice-President  
Alan J. Ostrowe, MD, Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were in attendance:  
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Cynthia Morris, MSN, RN, Assistant Executive Director  
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Credentialing Manager  
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Consultant for Education/Research  
Thania Elliott, RN, MSH, JD, RN, Compliance Director  
Cathy Maher-Storm, RN, MA, Regional Manager-RNP  
Joy Peterson, BSN, RN, Regional Manager  
Lesley Rye, MSN, RN, Regional Manager  
Michelle Wells, MSHCM, BSN, RNC, Regional Manager/Compliance  
Wade Shows, Board Attorney  
Sheri Morris, Board Attorney  
Helen Forrest, Licensing Analyst Supervisor  
Sabrita Pierre, Accountant  
Suzanne Armand, Court Reporter

**Introduction:** President F. Rosenthal established that a quorum of the Board was present.

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with a prayer by D. Ford

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the President be granted the authority to reorder the agenda.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**December 5-6, 2005, Special Session Hearings**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 5-6, 2005 Special Session Hearings.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**December 7, 2006 General Board Meeting**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that the Board approves the minutes of the December 5, 2005 General Board Meeting.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

**January 24, 2006 Special Call Board Meeting**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that the Board approves the minutes of the January 24, 2006 Special Call Board Meeting.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS HELD ON MARCH 6, 2006**

B. Morvant announced the names of those registrants whose files were presented at the Monday, March 6, 2006 Hearings.

**Kelly Henry Bordelon**

The matter was heard by the Board in response to Charges as filed 8/22/05, and amended/supplemental charges filed 1/30/06.

**Recused:** D. Ford was recused from this hearing.

**Excused:** D. Olds was absent for this hearing.

**Motion:** by M. Oswald, seconded, that the license of this registrant will continue to be suspended until this registrant can appear before the Board or Board staff and show cause as to why she should be allowed to practice as a registered nurse.

Further, prior to requesting reinstatement, she must submit a fine of \$2,000 and a cost of \$1,200 to the Board. And have resolved any and all criminal arrests

Further, if reinstated, she shall be reinstated with probation and monitoring to ensure patient safety.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Candace Kristine Owens**

The matter was heard by the Board in response to charges as filed 2/16/06.

**Recused:** D. Ford was recused from this hearing.

**Excused:** D. Olds was absent for this hearing.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the license of this registrant is suspended until the registrant can appear before the Board or Board staff and show cause as to why she should be allowed to practice as a registered nurse with application for reinstatement contingent upon meeting the following stipulations:

Immediately surrender current RN license to Board staff to be retained in registrant's file.

Refrain from working in any capacity as a registered nurse. Failure to do so shall cause further disciplinary action and/or criminal charges.

Submit certified copies of all criminal charges. Have resolved any and all pending criminal arrests, convictions, probation and parole including any pretrial diversion programs prior to request for Board consideration.

Not have any misconduct, criminal violations or convictions or violations of any health care regulations reported to the Board relative to this or any other incidents.

Submit to a comprehensive psychiatric, psychological evaluation by a psychiatrist and clinical psychologist who have been approved by the Board.

Shall authorize and cause a written report of the said evaluation to be submitted to the Board. Shall include the entire evaluation report, including diagnosis, course of treatment, prescribed or recommended treatment, prognosis and professional opinion as to registrant's capability of practicing nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

Immediately submit to all recommendations thereafter of the therapist, physician, or treatment team, and cause to have submitted evidence of continued compliance with all recommendations by the respective professionals. This stipulation shall continue until the registrant is fully discharged by the respective professionals and until approved by Board staff.

If the evaluations give any treatment recommendations or findings to warrant concern for patient safety, shall meet with Board or Board staff. Must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that she poses no danger to the practice of nursing or to the public and that she can safely and competently perform the duties as a registered nurse.

If the Board approves licensure, a period of probation along with supportive conditions or stipulations will be required to ensure that patients and the public are protected.

Prior to reinstatement, submit payment of \$1500 to the Board as a fine, and payment of \$600 to the Board as cost of this hearing.

Failure to comply with the above orders, receipt of an unfavorable report may result in further disciplinary action.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes;  
Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Automatic Suspension:**

There were nine (9) matters heard as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff.

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspensions by staff of the following registrants:

**Byran Keith Hall  
John Harold Kellogg  
Melanie Renee Langley  
Richard William McCurdy  
Rita Crain McIntyre  
Sharelle Christine Menard  
Ashley Loraine Pearce  
Susan Hyde Smith Thuringer  
Paul Deneen Henderson Woodard**

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**CONSENT ORDERS:**

There were twenty-seven (27) matters that appeared before the Board in the form of Consent Orders entered into by Board staff.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the consent orders of the following registrants be accepted.

**Paula Marie Armand  
Bonnie Louise Lyons Arnold  
Gerald James Benoit  
Geraldyn Bonomolo-Rivas  
Barbara Rhodes Bordelon  
Kathy Bellow Cornay  
Angela Renee Eason Dykes  
Robin Jones Erwin  
Jimmie Carl Etheridge  
Phyllis Lynn Forest-Wallace  
Mary Jeanene Guillory  
Adam Jacob Hale  
Zabrina Dishelle Harris  
Johanna Marie Ihli  
Kenneth Duane Little  
Elizabeth Lyle Craig Marshall  
Sara Parker  
Amber Nichole Richardson  
Kelly Lynn Weaver Rogers  
Glenn Bradford Seymour**

**Larry Peter Sigur**  
**Lisa Hoder Theriot**  
**Stacey Renee Nunemacher Thomas**  
**Janet Heiser Turchin**  
**Ashley Ann Verdum**  
**Cheryl Patton Von Almen**  
**Stephen Douglas Zachary**

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The Consent Order of Maxine Floris Derouen was withdrawn and a continuance was granted as there were charges pending and a hearing set prior to entering into the Consent Order.

**MULTIPLE ACTIONS:**

Three (3) matters were heard before the Board as a recall of a temporary permit.

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, that the Board ratifies multiple actions as follows:

**Latasha Latrice Bellow**  
**Lori Dominio Marcotte**  
**Amy Elizabeth Broussard Roy**

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The Board received the written report of the Settlement Committee meeting held 7/25/05 and 2/20/06. No Action required by the Board.

**Late Arrival:** Dr. LaCorte entered the meeting at this time.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:**

F. Rosenthal reported that she has had numerous conference calls with B. Morvant and attended a meeting with B. Morvant, P. Bourgeois, and Joe Donchess, Executive Director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association. She will be attending the upcoming National Council of State Boards of Nursing Mid-Year Meeting.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report of the President.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Deferred to Agenda Item 2.1.

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

The information and data regarding the operation of the Board office from October 1 to December 31, 2005 was mailed out to Board members.

A March 2006 Addendum report of the Executive Director was distributed.

There are now over 33, 000 licensees who have renewed as of this date of which 30,000 have renewed online. The deadline for renewal is March 31, 2006.

One licensing analyst position and one licensing assistant position have been filled. The administrative assistant position and one licensing analyst position have been accepted and those individuals will be coming March 13. There is still a vacancy for four (4) licensing analysts, four (4) licensing assistants and one (1) accounting specialist positions.

The building purchase will be covered under Agenda Item 8.3.

At the January, 2006 Special Call Board meeting, the Board authorized the Executive Director to continue to negotiate with the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and to authorize draft rules implementing medication administration by trained direct service workers. The current draft has been sent to stakeholders for input with proposed rules scheduled to be published April 20, 2006.

Board members received a report regarding the Medication Attendants in Long-Term Care Facilities at the January 24, 2006 meeting. That draft is being shared with the Louisiana Nursing Home Association Board of Directors and they will work towards a consensus.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report of the Executive Director.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:**

**AGENDA ITEM 2.1:**

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT (OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31, 2005)**

The Board reviewed and discussed the Vice-President's Report and Second Quarter Financial Statement.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the Vice-President's Report and Second Quarter Financial Statement Report (October 1-December 31, 2005)

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 2.2:**

**PROPOSED POLICY REGARDING DISCIPLINARY FINES AND FEES**

Proposed draft policy regarding disciplinary fines and fees was presented for the Board's consideration.

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, to approve proposed policy for disciplinary fine and fees.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE:**

P Bourgeois submitted the report of the Credentialing Committee, which met January 24, 2005. There were no recommendations.

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, to accept the report of the Credentialing Committee.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

N. Steele reported that the Education Committee met on January 24, 2006 and made the following recommendations:

**AGENDA ITEM 4.1:**

**EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY REQUEST TO USE LSUHSC HOSPITAL IN SHREVEPORT FOR CLINICAL TEACHING.**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to approve the request of East Texas Baptist University for the use of clinical facilities for student clinical teaching at LSUHSC in Shreveport if they can verify that faculty meets the faculty credentials criteria of the Board, LAC 46:XLVII.3515 as well as document events of coordination/collaboration with other programs in our state.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.2:**

**NCLEX PASS RATES FOR 2005 AND ACTION ON PROGRAMS WITH LESS THAN 80% PASS RATES AND ACTION ON THOSE WHO WERE ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL WHO HAVE EXCEEDED 80% PASS RATES FOR 2005.**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend placing Dillard University on conditional approval for the second consecutive year due to an NCLEX pass rate of 77.78% for 2005 in accord with LAC46:XLVII.3523.B., *The Nursing Education programs shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first*

*time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval.*

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend placing Grambling State University on conditional approval for an NCLEX pass rate of 63.64% for 2005 in accord with LAC 46:XLVII.3523.B, *The Nursing Education Program shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval*

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend placing Southern University-Baton Rouge on conditional approval for an NCLEX pass rate of 76.47% for 2005 in accord with LAC46:XLVII.3523.B., *The Nursing Education Program shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval*

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend placing William Carey College on conditional approval for the second consecutive year for an NCLEX pass rate of 55.32% for 2005 in accord with LAC46:XLVII.3523.B., *The Nursing Education Program shall have a pass rate of 80% or greater achieved by the candidates taking the licensure examination for the first time in any one January to December calendar year, or the program shall be placed on conditional approval.*

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend removing McNeese State University Associate Degree Nursing Program from conditional approval for achieving greater than 80% NCLEX pass rate in 2005.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend removing Our Lady of the Lake College's accelerated program from conditional approval for achieving greater than 80% NCLEX pass rate in 2005.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-



yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend removing University of Louisiana at Monroe from conditional approval for achieving greater than 80% NCLEX rate in 2005.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend acceptance of NCLEX pass rates for 2005.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.3:**  
**POLICY FOR ACTION ON REQUESTS FOR FACULTY EXCEPTIONS IN ACCORD WITH LAC46:XLVII.3515 AND REVISIONS TO GUIDELINES RELEVANT TO EXCEPTIONS TO LAC46:XLVII.3515; FACULTY AND FACULTY ORGANIZATIONS.**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to defer action at this time and refer back to the Education Committee.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.4:**  
**OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COLLEGE REPORT ON ACCELERATED NURSING PROGRAM.**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, accept the report from Our Lady of the Lake College on the accelerated program as requested by the Education Committee, and reinstate full approval of that component of their nursing program based on an NCLEX pass rate of 100% for 2005.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.5:**  
**REQUESTS FOR FACULTY EXCEPTIONS**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, recommend approval of the requests for **Maria Rosalie Robertson Campbell** – Delgado/Charity School of Nursing.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend approval of the requests for **Angelia Marie Birdsong Powell** – Northwestern State University.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend approval of the requests for **Lisa Ann Benefield, Shannon Lynne Woodson Bergeron, Jeneen Anjanette Black-Turner, Sandra Elizabeth Vallot Comeaux, Kathleen Bohrer Wilson** – UL at Lafayette

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend approval of the requests for **Louann Marie St. Pierre Bombet, LaTonya Colar Monroe** – Our Lady of the Lake College

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Olds-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report of the Education Committee

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE:**

T. Ashby reported that the Compliance Committee met on January 24, 2006 and had the following recommendations

**AGENDA ITEM 5.1:**

**PROPOSED POLICY REGARDING GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to approve proposed policy Guidelines for Applicants with Criminal Record to supersede Board policy entitled: “Arrest/Conviction Record Guidelines for Applicants.”

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 5.2:**

**PROPOSED POLICY REGARDING APPLICANTS FAILURE TO DISCLOSE CRIMINAL HISTORY**

**Motion:** by T Ashby, seconded, to accept proposed policy regarding applicant’s failure to disclose criminal history.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report of the Compliance Committee.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

D. Ford reported that the Advisory Council met March 7, 2006 and was attended by the Louisiana State Nurse Practitioner group, the Louisiana State Nurses Association group, as well as the Department of Health and Hospitals.

Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) thanked the Board for assisting in the implementation of disaster permits. From that effort DHH received volunteers they needed to assist during the disaster.

A report was given from Louisiana State Nurses Association (LSNA) that there were two names submitted for the Administrative Board position as well as the Education and for other areas of nursing. April 1 will be the deadline, and April 9 will be the actual interviews.

Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioner's (LSNP) group reported that they will have a few bills in the legislative session to update language to include the nurse practitioner language as a provider.

There were no recommendations made.

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, to accept the report of the Advisory Committee Report.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**NURSING PRACTICE ISSUES:**

**AGENDA ITEM 6.1:**

**RN PERFORMING ULTRASOUND TO DETERMINE FETAL PRESENTATION IN LABOR AND DELIVERY**

No action necessary. Petitioner has requested to withdraw the request for the opinion

**AGENDA ITEM 6.2**

**ADMINISTRATION OF NATRECOR IN THE HOME SETTING WITH RN SUPERVISION**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that Board approve the administration of Natrecor in the home setting with RN supervision, be deferred until then next meeting and further that petitioner attend the next meeting to clarify the request or withdraw the petition.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 6.3:**

**ADMINISTRATION OF RADIONUCLEOTIDES, NAMELY CARDIOLITE AND NEUROLITE, WHICH ARE DIAGNOSTIC TRACER ELEMENTS USED FOR CARDIAC STRESS TESTING AND FOR FOCAL SEIZURE DIAGNOSIS**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, Board approve that administration of radionucleotides, namely cardiolite and neurolite, which are tracer elements used for cardiac stress testing and for focal seizure diagnosis, the Board approves the Practice Committee recommendations that staff contact the petitioners to explain the present law and recommend alternatives to pursue.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 6.4:**

**PREPARING INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS WITH ANESTHETIC AGENT (NAROPIN) AND OPIATE AGONISTS (SUFENTA) FOR EPIDURAL ANESTHESIA AND ASSEMBLING THE PUMP BY PRIMING THE TUBING WITH THE MIXTURE FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEDICATION BY THE ANESTHESIA PROVIDER.**

No Action necessary. The petitioner requests to permanently remove the request for the opinion.

**AGENDA ITEM 6.5:**

**RN AS MEMBER OF A RAPID RESPONSE TEAM TO ADMINISTER THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFICATIONS OF DRUGS FOR RAPID INTUBATION FOR EMERGENT AIRWAY MANAGEMENT IN A PATIENT HAVING AN ACUTE, LIFE-THREATENING AIRWAY EVENT: NEUROMUSCULAR BLOCKING AGENTS, PROPOFOL, AND ETOMIDATE WITH THE FOLLOWING PROVISOS: CRITICAL CARE (INTENSIVIST MD) IS PRESENT PERFORMING THE INTUBATION; AND THE SETTING COULD BE ANYWHERE IN THE FACILITY IN RESPONSE TO A "CODE" OR EMERGENCY**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that the Board upholds the previous opinion 96.07 in regard to rapid sequence induction/intubation and further approves that it is within the scope of practice for the RN as member of a rapid response team to administer medication at the direction of the attending physician who is present and has designated the situation as an emergency (an acute, life-threatening event) with the following provisos:

1. The physician has ordered the rapid sequence induction/intubation, medication to be administered and is present at the bedside.
2. There is institutional policy and procedure developed to guide the RN in this emergency process.
3. The nurse has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform the medication administration.
4. All equipment needed for resuscitation, hemodynamic support, and monitoring is available at the bedside.
5. The competency of the registered nurse is verified and documentation of competency is contained in the file of the registered nurse. The competency is renewed and documented annually.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 6.6:**

**SPINE DIAGNOSTIC CENTER OF BATON ROUGE, INC. SUBMITTED A PETITION FOR DECLARATORY STATEMENT OR ADVISORY OPINION ON NURSING PRACTICE REGARDING THE TERM “ANCILLARY SERVICES” IN THE STATUTES AND ALLEGE THAT THE BOARD HAS ATTEMPTED TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR CRNAS INTO THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE BY ALLOWING CRNAS TO PERFORM “PAIN MANAGEMENT” PROCEDURES WITHOUT A PHYSICIAN ORDER AND WITHOUT DIRECTION AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION OF A PHYSICIAN.**

No action necessary. The petitioner asked to defer this request.

**AGENDA ITEM 6.7:**

**WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) TO ADMINISTER AND DELEGATE TO LICENSED PERSONNEL (LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES/LPNS) MEDICALLY NECESSARY ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT THERAPY AS ORDERED BY A PHYSICIAN IN THE DERMATOLOGY CLINIC.**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that the Board approves that it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse (RN) to administer and delegate to the licensed practical nurse (LNP) ultraviolet light therapy as ordered by the physician provided the compliance with the rules on delegation LAC 46:XLVII.3703 a-d is maintained and competency of the LPN is shown.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 6.8:**

**WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR THE REGISTERED NURSE (RN) TO PREPARE AND ADMINISTER TOPICAL MEDICATIONS INVOLVING THE PREPARATION OF A COMBINATION OF MEDICATIONS IF THEY ARE PREPARED FOR SINGLE USE AND ADMINISTERED BY THE PERSON PREPARING THE DOSE.**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, to defer the decision as to whether it is within the scope of practice for the registered nurse (RN) to prepare and administer topical medications involving the preparation of a combination of medications if they are prepared for single use and administered by the person preparing the dose to obtain information from the Board of Pharmacy.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 6.9:**

**WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR THE RN TO PERFORM CLASS IV LASER PROCEDURES UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A QUALIFIED PHYSICIAN.**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, to table the decision and defer back to the Practice Committee for further information and study.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 6.10:**

**WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR THE RN/APRN TO PROVIDE NEUROFEEDBACK SERVICES**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that is within the scope of practice for the RN/APRN to provide neurofeedback services provided the RN has the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to perform the procedures safely and competently and the procedure is ordered by an authorized prescriber.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, to accept the report of the Nursing Practice Committee.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

The recruitment brochure from the Nominating Committee was distributed to Board members. Nominations are due by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Concerning this year's awards announcements, it was previously requested by the Board to nominate individuals from our state. Staff has begun a member board application form and will be seeking individuals who would support the member board award.

**AGENDA ITEM 7.2**

**NCSBN DRAFT DOCUMENT**

The APRN Advisory Panel has been working on an APRN Vision Paper for almost three years with the purpose of producing a vision that will bring uniformity, simplicity and clarity to the regulation of APRN's. At their February meeting, the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Board of Directors approved a dissemination plan to obtain feedback on the draft Vision Paper.

As part of the dissemination plan, the APRN Advisory Panel is asking for feedback on the draft APRN Vision Paper. There will be an opportunity for Member Boards to have dialogue about the Vision Paper during the APRN session at the NCSBN Mid-year meeting.

In addition to soliciting comments from Member Boards, the Advisory Panel will be requesting feedback from APRN stakeholder groups (e.g. professional APRN organizations, APRN certificate programs, APRN accreditation programs, etc.). The draft Vision Paper will be discussed with APRN stakeholders during the APRN Roundtable in April 2006.

Ms. Morvant stated that the response is requested by March 31, 2006.

Ms. Griener reviewed the draft with Board members.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, to respond to the NCSBN Draft document: Vision Paper: The Future Regulation of Advanced Practice Nursing 2006, that the Board directs Board staff to ascertain comments from the Board and other appropriate stakeholders by March 15<sup>th</sup>, and to send those comments and revisions on to the National Council by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 8.1:**  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no new announcements.

**AGENDA ITEM 8.2:**  
**PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM UPDATE:**

M. Griener reported that the task force has completed their work developing the legislation for the prescription monitoring program. The legislation will be submitted by Representative Johns in this legislative session. The program will be located at the Board of Pharmacy and they will have to hire individuals to run the program. The legislature is very supportive of this program, and it is expected to pass.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report on the Prescription Monitoring Program.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 8.3:**  
**PROPOSED PURCHASE OF OFFICE BUILDING**

The Executive Director has begun to explore building availability in the Baton Rouge area. LaRS 918.20 authorizes the Board to purchase immovable property and improvements. A building with potential to meet the Board's immediate needs and to provide for growth has been located at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Board Members toured the building March 7<sup>th</sup>

A lengthy discussion ensued.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate an offer, execute a purchase agreement and enter into a loan agreement to purchase property located at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 8.4:**

**REVISION OF RULES REGARDING LICENSURE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE**

An e-mail was sent 3/5/06 and received by Ms. Morvant on 3/6/06 from Joni Nickens, President of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, requesting the Board to consider removing the 500 hour restriction for obtaining prescriptive authority from the rules. Ms. Nickens indicated that this request was made as the Association was considering now whether there would be some kind of legislative initiative. The request was hand carried to the Advisory Council meeting on 3/6/06.

Ms. Nickens was informed via email on 3/7/06, that, according to the LSBN rules, if something is requested to be put on the agenda, it has to be received 60 days prior to the meeting, unless it is of an emergency nature.

Ms. Nickens was invited to come and address the Board to state what the concerns are and why they are asking for this rule change. Ms. Nickens was not present for the meeting nor anyone representing LANP to address the concerns.

Discussion ensued regarding the request.

Motion: by Poirrier, seconded, to refer this matter to the Credentialing Committee.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

D. Ford stated that such requests normally go the appropriate committees without action from the Board.

Discussion ensued.

The motion is withdrawn.

**AGENDA ITEM A:**

**PROPOSED RULE LAC 46:XLVII.3703. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS APPLYING TO NURSING PRACTICE AND 3705. ADMINISTRATION OF ANESTHETIC AGENTS-REPORT ON RULE PROMULGATED IN LOUISIANA REGISTER ON FEBRUARY 20, 2006.**

A report on Rule LAC 46:XLVII.3703 and 3705, stating that it was now a published rule in the February 20, 2006 Register, was received by Board members.

**AGENDA ITEM B.:**

**PROPOSED RULE LAC 46:XLVII.3333. RENEWAL OF LICENSURES AND 4507 LICENSURE AS APRN-REPORT ON RULE PUBLISHED IN LOUISIANA REGISTER ON FEBRUARY 20, 2006**

A report on Rule LAC 46:XLVII.3333 and 4507, stating that it was now a published permanent rule in the February 20, 2006 Register, was received by Board members.



**AGENDA ITEM C.:**

**PROPOSED RULE LAC 46:XLVII.3529. SELECTION AND USE OF CLINICAL FACILITIES NOTICE OF INTENT PUBLISHED IN LOUISIANA REGISTER ON FEBRUARY 20, 2006.**

Proposed Rule LAC 46:XLVII.3529 is still in the public comment period. As of this date, there have been no public comments received. No action can be made by the Board.

**Motion:** by Dr. Steele, seconded, to accept the report on Agenda Items A, B, and C.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Presentations:** Presentations were made to P. Bourgeois, N. Steele, T. Ashby, and D. Ford in recognition of time served on the Board, and for their contributions, hard work and dedication.

Ms. Morvant stated that Dr. Ostrowe has completed his term on the Board.

The Louisiana State Nurse Association has notified the Board that they have submitted names to the Governor for new appointments to the Board.

**Motion:** by Poirrier, seconded, to go into executive session for the purpose of hearing the Report on Litigation.

**Voice Vote:** Ashby-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Ford-yes; Harper-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.



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**FRANKIE ROSENTHAL, PRESIDENT  
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