

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

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 2008 BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Deborah Olds, President, on Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at the Cook Conference Center, 3848 Lakeshore Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

**Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance:  
Deborah Olds, RN, President  
Nora Steele, DNS, RN, C, PNP, Vice-President  
James E. Harper, MSN, RN, CFNP, Alternate Officer  
Carllene MacMillan, MN, RN  
Bonnie Johnson, RN, MSN  
Gail Poirrier, RN, DNS  
William St. John LaCorte, MD, MPH, Ex-Officio Member

The following Board members were not in attendance:  
Patricia Johnson, RN, MN, CNA  
Michelle T. Oswalt, CRNA  
Alan J. Ostrowe, MD, Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were in attendance:  
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Thania Elliott, JD, MSH, RN, Director of Compliance and Monitoring  
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Credentialing/Practice Director  
Joy Peterson, BSN, RN, Director of Investigations  
Elaine Vallette, Dr PH, RN, Director of Education/Licensure  
Rickie Callahan, Regional Manager  
Melodie Knippers, RN Regional Manager  
Michelle Wells, MSHCM, BSN, RNC, Regional Manager  
Danielle Smith, RN, MSN, Regional Manager  
Cathy Maher-Storm, MA, RN, Regional Manager-RNP  
Jennifer Germond, Credentialing Manager  
Crystal Edwards, Licensing Analyst  
Charlann Kable, Licensing Analyst  
Christel Fulton, Licensing Analyst  
Sabrita Pierre, Administrative Program Director  
Carl D. Nagin, Jr., IT Analyst  
Wade Shows, Board Attorney  
Roy Hebert, CPA  
Jeff Rice, In-house Counsel  
Suzanne Armand, Court Reporter  
Wanda Green, Administrative Assistant

**Introduction:** D. Olds established that a quorum of the Board was Present

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with a prayer by C. MacMillian

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, to go into Executive Session to discuss disciplinary cases

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Automatic Suspensions:**

The following Automatic Suspensions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification. The records of each individual and J. Peterson's affidavit and summary were introduced as Exhibit Number 1 in globo to support the position that the automatic suspensions were in order.

**Geoffrey Norris Blansett  
Nina Horn Carroll  
Donna Beth Dushane  
Rachel Calix Garcia  
Miranda Marie Hart  
Michael Lee Hebert  
Patricia Allen Jenkins  
Daniel Burton Lamke  
William Brad Miller  
Rodrick Rochelle Shanks  
Monika Milligan Sherrill  
Timmy Dale Stringer  
Joan Denise Vanderlick  
Laura Vercher West**

**Summary Suspensions**

The following Summary Suspension by staff was presented to the Board for ratification. The records of each individual and J. Peterson's affidavit and summary were introduced as Exhibit Number 1 in globo to support the position that the automatic suspensions were in order.  
The following Summary

**Jody Ray Hart**

**RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:**

The following individuals were presented to the Board for ratification of delay/denial by staff action. The record on these individuals and the affidavit of J. Peterson was introduced as Exhibit

1.

**Jennifer Jane Heath  
Gloria Elizabeth Mejia  
Sharon Deice Oser  
Victor Veron Manning**

**Motion:** by C. MacMillan, seconded, to go back into regular session

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

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

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**December 18, 2008 Special Session Hearings**

**Correction:** Page 5, the "Investigation Agreement," those were not considered for action and language should be stricken.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded that the Board approve the minutes of the December 18, 2008 Special Session Hearings with corrections.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**December 19, 2008 General Board Meeting**

**Correction:** Page 4 of 18, motion on Debra Lewis. The language, "Submit a payment of \$1350 to the Board as cost of investigation to the Board and Hearing," is in error and should be stricken.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the March 19, 2008 General Board Meeting with corrections..

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-

yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**January 22, 2008 Special Call Meeting**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2008 Special Call Meeting.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:**

D. Olds reported that the Board will be meeting in the new facility for the next Board Meeting.

**REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

**AGENDA ITEM 2.1:**

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT (OCTOBER 1, 2007 – DECEMBER 31, 2007)**

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

Dr. Steele reported that the Administrative Committee met on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Since then, she and Ms. Morvant had a conference call with Roy Hebert, the CPA for the Board, helping them to understand some of the financial report information.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the report of the Vice-President and the Second Quarter Financial Statement Report be accepted.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

The report of the Executive Director was distributed to Board members.

In addition, Ms. Morvant stated that Board members received a copy of the 2008 Statistical Report, which reflects over 50,000 licensed registered nurses in 2007. The complete annual report is being compiled and will be available to the public by March 30, 2008.

Ms. Morvant reported that staff moved into the new facility on February 11<sup>th</sup>. A special acknowledgement was given to Sabrita Pierre for all of her hard work in the past two years of negotiations with the Bond Commission, architects, Architect Board, contractor bidding, and staff packing.

Discussion ensued.

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

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:****ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008**

B. Morvant announced the names of the registrants whose file was presented at the March 18, 2008 Hearings.

**Excused:** M. Oswalt, P. Johnson were excused from the disciplinary hearings held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008

**Jody Ray Hart**

The matter was heard by the Board in response to Ratification of Summary Suspension by Board Staff.

**Motion:** by C. MacMillian, seconded, that the Board ratify Summary Suspension by staff against this individual as the Board finds that the public health, safety and welfare required this emergency action.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Laura Vercher West**

The matter was heard by the Board as a Ratification of Automatic Suspension and a Show Cause Order for revocation of license.

**Recused:** P Johnson and Michelle Oswald were recused from this hearing.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the Board ratify the action taken by the staff against this individual for Automatic Suspension of License and that the license of this registrant is revoked.

Further, within 60 days, shall submit cost of \$600 to the Board.

A copy of this final order shall be served upon the respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**CONSENT ORDERS:**

There were thirty-seven (37) matters that came before the Board in the form of Consent Orders entered into by Board staff.

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the consent orders submitted for the following registrants be accepted.

**Phillip Paul Alongio  
Laura Almond Barnes  
Aminia Hinton Benson  
Robin Allen Bibbens  
Charlene Prudhomme  
Bridget Guidry Brown  
Stanley Calvin Brown  
Tangela Tieuel Carter  
Monica Hogue Derouen  
Stephanie Ann Dianis  
Angela Eason Dykes  
Rachelle Nicole Ennis  
Pennie Favalora Esteves  
Mary Grace Fauchaux  
Melissa Brinkley Ford  
Anita Carter Grimes  
Janis Rodriguez Hornsby  
Keione Wilson Jackson**

**Sharon Jean Johnson**  
**Lisa Nicole Kellogg**  
**Susan Budge Lambert**  
**Tiffany Shavonne Lampkin**  
**Alexys Anne LeBlanc**  
**Joshua Sabin Lewis**  
**Linda Johnston Mahoney**  
**Jacqueline Jordan Marshall**  
**Robert Alan Martin**  
**Geralyn Michelle Moss**  
**Glenda Forbito Peveto**  
**Elizabeth Danielle Rees**  
**Diane Salvesson Robbins**  
**Tammy Kuhlmann Severson**  
**Felicia Walpool Shepherd**  
**Brittany Burns Slocum**  
**Nicole Kercher Smith**  
**Gwendolyn Denise Thornton**  
**Dana Hill Toler**  
**Evona Lee Vicks**  
**Scott Jeffrey Weinerth**

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The following matter came before the Board individually as a consent order entered into by Board staff:

**Geralyn Michelle Moss**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the consent order in the matter matter of Geralyn Michelle Moss.

**Recused:** D. Olds was recused from this matter.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The following matter came before the Board individually as a Consent Order entered into by Board staff:

**Phillip Paul Alongio**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, the Consent Order submitted by this registrant is accepted provided the individual agrees to the modifications to

incorporate the following changes and/or additions.

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.

These stipulations include:

1. Shall submit to therapeutic monitoring for at least six (6) months to one year.
2. Shall immediately enroll in and comply with the RNP.
3. Shall be on probation and monitoring for the first three (3) years as a licensed registered nurse.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Automatic Suspensions:**

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

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

**Geoffrey Norris Blansett  
Nina Horn Carroll  
Rachel Calix Garcia  
Miranda Marie Hart  
Michael Lee Hebert  
Rodrick Rochelle Shanks  
Monika Milligan Sherrill  
Timmy Dale Stringer  
Joan Denise Vanderlick**

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes



Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL OF STAFF ACTION:**

Three (3) matters came before the Board as ratification of delay or denial by staff action.

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, that the Board ratify the delay/denial of the licensure by staff of the following individuals

**Victor Vernon Manning  
Gloria Elizabeth Mejia  
Sharon deice Oser**

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**MULTIPLE ACTIONS:**

Seven (7) matters were heard before the Board involving Multiple Actions by Board staff.

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, that the Board ratify multiple actions of the following individuals:

**Donna Beth Dushane  
Jennifer Jane Heath  
Patricia Allen Jenkins  
Danielle Roig Kestler  
Daniel Burton Lamke  
William Brad Miller  
Shelly Adair Young**

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:**

There was no meeting of the Settlement Committee.

Ms. Morvant requested that Agenda Item 2.2, Proposed 2007-2008 Budget Revisions be held to the end.

**AGENDA ITEM 3.1****REVIEW OF NURSING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR ANNUAL RELICENSURE (RENEWAL)**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the Credentialing Committee report of January 22, 2008 as submitted to the Board.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Ms. Poirrier reported that the materials submitted to the Board for Credentialing Practice were submitted by Peggy Griener. It is a review of Nursing Continuing Education Requirements for Annual Re-licensure (Renewal).

Ms. Giener stated that this motion is to change the policy for those people who fail to complete the CE requirements in that the first time it occurs, that they receive a letter of warning and 30 days to complete the requirements. The first offence is an informal reprimand instead of a reprimand. This was passed by the Credentialing Committee at the last meeting. No action required by the Board.

Ms. Poirrier asked that the revised date on the policy will read December 2007.

The LSBN received a list of 37 nurses to be delayed/denied licensure renewal for 2008 due to default on their student loans.

**Voice Vote:** Olds-yes; Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswalt-yes;  
B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**EDUCATION/ EXAMINATION ISSUES**

N. Steele stated that the Education Committee met on January 22, 2007 and made the following recommendations:

**AGENDA ITEM 4.1****SITE-VISIT REPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT SHREVEPORT, ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the site visit report and grant full approval of the Associate Degree Nursing Program at Southern University

at Shreveport with the following commendations:

1. Commend the School for the University administrative support of Dr. Tucker and the nursing program.
2. Commend the School for its early initiation of the LPN to RN track.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.2**

**SITE VISIT REPORT FOR LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AT EUNICE ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM**

**Motion:** By N. Steel, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the diploma program in nursing program at Baton Rouge General Medical Center and commend them on their 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.3**

**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF LSBN RULES AND REGULATIONS (LAC 46:XLVII.3529) RELATIVE TO APPROVAL OF HOSPITALS USED FOR CLINICAL PRACTICE BY PROGRAMS IN NURSING**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to recommend clarification of LAC 46:XLVII.3529) as follows:

“Hospitals should be accredited by the JCAHO” does not imply a requirement if all other state and/or federal government requirements are satisfied and the nursing program has determined that the hospital meets the specific teaching needs of their students.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.4:**

**ANNUAL REPORTS – UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS IN NURSING**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the diploma program in nursing at Baton Rouge General Medical Center, and commend them on their 100% NCLEX rate.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Baton Rouge Community College.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana State University at Eunice.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Louisiana Tech

University.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Nicholls State University.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at McNeese State University.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Northwestern State University and place on conditional approval due to less than 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate. In addition, request that Dr. Planchock submit additional information for clarification of numbers of faculty and faculty resignation rates in the ADN Program..

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Our Lady of the Lake College School of Nursing.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the associate degree in nursing program at Southern

University at Shreveport.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Dillard University, remove from conditional approval, restore full approval, and commend them for their 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Louisiana College and continue full approval.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Louisiana State University Health Science Center.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at McNeese State University

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Nicholls State

University

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Northwestern State University. In Addition, request that Dr. Plachock submit additional information for clarification of numbers of faculty and faculty resignation rates in the BSN Program.

The Education Committee has received information that they will be looking at at their next meeting.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Our Lady of Holy Cross College.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southeastern Louisiana University

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at Southern University at Baton Rouge. In additional, staff is to clarify use of ADN prepared preceptors in acute care settings.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report and continue full approval of the baccalaureate program in nursing at University of Louisiana at Monroe.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Annual Report from the baccalaureate program in nursing at William Carey College and continue full approval.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.5**

**REPORTS FROM SCHOOLS ON CONDITIONAL APPROVAL – DILLARD UNIVERSITY – NCLEX-RN RESULTS, GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY – NCLEX-RN RESULTS**

It was recommended by the Committee to remove Dillard University from conditional approval status and restoring full approval due to 100% NCLEX-RN pass rate for 2007.

(A motion was made concerning the recommendation during the prior Agenda Item.)

It was recommended that the Board continue conditional approval of Grambling State University and require a special Board of Hearing in April 2008 and that Fall 2008 admissions be placed on hold until after the April hearing.



After consultation with the Board's legal counsel, the recommendation is not consistent with the Board's rules and the recommendation was withdrawn.

Four recommendations have been drafted for the Board to consider. These recommendations are consistent with the Committee's discussions and intent and are as follows:

That Grambling State University be granted only "conditional approval" status for the third consecutive year due to a less than 80% NCLEX-RN passage rate of its graduates.

That Grambling State University be required to provide continuing progress reports relative to plans initiated and other efforts made by the institution to increase the success rates of its graduates taking the NCLEX-RN for presentation at each regularly scheduled meeting of the Education Committee of the LSBN.

That LSBN provide continuing support to Grambling State University's efforts to increase the success rates of its graduates taking the NCLEX-RN to the extent allowed by law and in consideration of the resources available.

That Grambling State University be placed on notice that if the NCLEX-RN passage rates of its graduates continue to not meet the established standards upon receipt and after review of the 2008 results, the Board will have no option other than to enforce the provisions of LAC 46:XLVII.3535 which provide, in pertinent part, for the suspension of the institution's ability to admit new students to its program until such time as the Board has determined that all applicable standards have been met.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4.6**

#### **REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, recommend to commend Ochsner Medical Center and Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center for developing a research project that is aimed at alleviating RN workforce issues and that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing would like to be updated on the obstacles or barriers to this process.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.7**

**UPDATE ON REVISION OF THE LSBN SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT FORM**

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to recommend Board staff use the draft of the revised Annual Report form for Undergraduate Degree Programs in Nursing for the 2007-2008 report year.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion.

G. Poirrier recommend that the Board commend the committee's work on this item.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

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

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 7.1**

**REPORT ON THE NCSBN MID-YEAR MEETING**

Ms. Morvant and Ms. Griener attended the Mid-Year Meeting. NCSB has made the materials from this meeting available on the Member Only Web site. This material will be sent out to all Board members for their perusal.

The first day was the Educational Workshop for EO's and presidents on Crucial Conversations. National Council has sent to the Board the book and tape for Educational activity.

The second day was an update on the current research and activities on National Council. It will be noted on the Web site that a joint dialog document will be coming out on Advanced Practice in August that will have to be voted on. The focus of this is to gain consensus among the nursing community on Advanced Practice education, credentialing and titling. Ms. Morvant and Ms. Griener plan to have the draft forwarded to

the Credentialing Committee for review.

National Council is doing considerable research on transition to practice, particularly with RN graduates. Some research data will be coming out.

The third day was a whole day on international regulation. It addressed how nursing is regulated in other countries.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Report on the NCSBN Mid-Year Meeting.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 8.1**

**HCR 2002 OF 2007 LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE REPORT (EMTALA)**

Mr. Harper stated that HCR 2002 of the 2007 Legislature Committee Report mandated that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing do somewhat of a study to determine whether or not it was within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to perform medical screening exams, particularly in the hospital setting in the emergency room department. This bill was set forth by the Rural Hospital Committee.

The Committee met on two separate occasions. During the interim of the first and second meeting, the actual group who had proposed the bill had requested that it be removed. However, it was already mandated by the legislature that it be reviewed.

The Committee reviewed the matter in depth with all of the members as appointed by state legislature. It was determined that everyone was in complete agreement that it was not within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to perform this medical screening exam. This recommendation was returned back to the state legislature by the March 1 deadline..

Ms. Griener reported that the Committee took under advisement the issue of the obstetrical nurse ruling out labor, which is being dealt with by the Practice Committee.

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 8.2**

**LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT FOR 2008 SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

House Bill 1, seems will impact members of the Board of Nursing in that there are new reporting requirements for Board members. The Law goes into effect in 2009. Ms. Morvant stated that she will review this with Counsel and give Board members a good report as to what it will mean to Board members.

Attached is a draft bill related to the direct service worker. This is a draft of a DHH proposed bill that will be coming up in the regular session. Ms. Griener and Ms. Morvant met with DHH over the unresolved issue of joint rule making direct service workers. At the end of the meeting it was agreed that the purpose of both groups was to ensure safety to the public and that only trained individuals will be given medications, even if in a home setting. The Board was asked to consider amendments to the original legislation authorizing direct service workers to give medications. The only thing that really changes substantively is that instead of 12 months, it will be three years for them to fully implement the proposal. This will allow them to meet with the DHH quarterly and to evaluate the data and the outcome of that program.

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the report for the 2008 Special Legislative Session.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Break:** A short break was taken at this time.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Ms. Olds reported that the Advisory Council met on March 17, 2008. Present were Ms. Morvant, a representative from the Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives, the Louisiana School Nurses Association, the Louisiana School Nurses Association, Legislative Committee, Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurses, Director of Education, Louisiana Hospital Association, a representative from DHH, Executive Director from LSNA, a representative from the Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Louisiana Nursing Home Association, Louisiana State Nursing Organization, and the Board of Regents.

At the meeting, Ms. Morvant went over the agenda and gave a report on the Board's activities. The Nurse Anesthetists Association gave a report

as well as the school nurses.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** by D. Olds, seconded, to accept the report of the Advisory Council.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

### **COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

There was no meeting of the Compliance Committee.

### **NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Harper reported that the Practice Committee met on January 22, 2007 and made the following recommendations.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6.1**

**OPINION REQUEST: WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A SPECIALITY TRAINED PICC RN TO VERIFY BY RADIOGRAPHIC CONFIRMATION CATHETER TIP PLACEMENT IN THE SUPERIOR VENA CAVA AND TO AUTHORIZE USE OF THE CATHETER PRIOR TO THE RADIOLOGIST'S VALIDATION OF THE PICC PLACEMENT. (LAFAYETTE GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER)**

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, to direct Board staff to draft a Declaratory Statement and guidelines on IV therapy to include PICC line infusion and competencies for the committee to review in April.

Dr. LaCorte asked for clarification of the motion.

Bekki Starns, PICC line nurse at North Oaks Hospital, commented that in their PICC line program at North Oaks, just because an order for a PICC line is given does not mean that it is placed. They have screening tools that they use on every patient to look at their increased risk for DPT or phlebitis, whether there is physical movement, things that would be contraindications for PICC line placements. All of those things are in place that they use on each patient to determine their need for a PICC line and for any possible contraindications to that. Ms. Starns stated that she could provide to the Board assessment forms and policies from their hospital.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 6.2**

**OPINION REQUEST: WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A QUALIFIED RN TO PERFORM A MEDICAL SCREENING EXAM (MSE) TO RULE OUT LABOR PER THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT AND LABOR ACT (EMTALA). (WOMEN'S HOSPITAL OF BATON ROUGE)**

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, that Board direct staff to develop a Declaratory Statement to include AWHONN (Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nursing) guidelines for a qualified RN to perform a medial screening exam (MSE) under the direction of a physician to rule out Labor per the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) and submit to the next committee for review in April.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM 6.3**

**OPINION REQUEST: WHETHER IT IS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A QAUALIFIED RN WORKING IN A HOME CARE SETTING TO MEASURE INTRAOCULAR PRESSURE OF THE PATIENT AT HOME USING A NON-CONTACT TONOMETER: TONOPEN SL. (PINNACLE HOME HEALTH)**

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, that the Board adopt the following opinion:  
  
That is within the scope of practice for a qualified RN working in a home care setting to measure intraocular pressure of the patient at home using a non-contact tonometer.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the report of the Nurse Practice Committee

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**AGENDA ITEM A:****REPORT ON RULEMAKING OF LAC 46:XLVII.3335 CONTINUING EDUCATION – NURSING PRACTICE**

The rules on Continuing Education - Nursing Practice have been promulgated. No action required.

**AGENDA ITEM B:****REPORT ON RULEMAKING OF LAC 46:XLVII.3331, DENIAL AND DELAY**

The Board accepted these rules for rulemaking at the last meeting. Ms. Morvant discovered that the language in the revisions were not specific to the Code. Mr. Rice reviewed that with Ms. Morvant and agreed that it would be more appropriate if the language in those rules related to a specific Louisiana code, how the crimes are cited.

This will be sent back to the Compliance Committee. Ms. Morvant anticipates at the Credentialing Committee, Ms. Elliott and Mr. Rice will have a redraft for the Committee to deal with that issue.

There are some other issues which have come up related to individuals who have been summarily suspended and how the rules apply to someone who has been summarily suspended. The Committee should review that and make sure that the wording is clear on what the intent is.

**AGENDA ITEM 2.2****PROPOSED 2007-2008 BUDGET REVISIONS**

Proposed revisions include the following:

1. Increase legal council by \$50,000. The contract for Wade Shows is currently at 85% of the contract expended with six (6) months remaining. The Spinal Diagnostics lawsuit was an unanticipated expenditure
2. Increase office expenditure by \$275,000. The Sparkhound consultants have recommended reconfiguration of the IT system. On suggestion from Sparkhound, through their IBM business partner, it was suggested to go with the Storage Analysis Network Blade proposal. The cost for this project is \$230,592 for equipment expenditure. An additional forthcoming expenditure is estimated at \$45,000 for a total of \$275,000.

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, to adopt the revisions of the 2007-2008 Budget.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by N. Steele, seconded, that the report of the January 22, 2008 Administrative Committee meeting be accepted with corrections.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by J. Harper, seconded, to go into Executive Session to hear the Report on Litigation and to discuss strategies involved in litigation.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** by G. Poirrier, seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

**Voice Vote:** J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; G. Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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**DEBORAH OLDS, PRESIDENT**  
**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**