

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING  
3510 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD., SUITE 501  
METAIRIE, LOUISIANA 70002**

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2002 BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order:** This regular meeting of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Patsy McClanahan, President, on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, at the office of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 3510 North Causeway, Suite 601, Metairie, Louisiana 70002.

**Roll Call:** The following members were in attendance:

Patsy McClanahan, MSN, RDMS, RNCNP, President  
Deborah Ford, MSN, RN, CNA, Vice-President  
Patricia Bourgeois, MSN, CNS, RN, Alternate Officer  
Oswald Ferry, EdD, CRNA  
Elsie Crapanzano, MSN, RN  
Karen Moody, PhD, RNC  
Eli Sorkow, MD. (Ex-Officio)

The following members were excused:

Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA  
Kathleen Cooper, MN, CNS, CCRN

The following staff members were in attendance:

Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director  
Cynthia Morris, MSN, RN, Assistant Executive Director  
Barbara McGill, MSN, RN, Compliance Director  
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Credentialing Director  
Patricia Ladner, MN, RN, Nursing Consultant for Practice  
Michelle Wells, MSHCM, BSN, RN, C, CPUR, Regional Manager  
Deborah Humphrey, MSN, APRN, Credentialing Manager  
Sue Masters, BSN, RN, Regional Manager  
E. Wade Shows, Board Attorney  
Julie Comeaux, Executive Services Assistant

**Introduction:** President P. McClanahan established that a quorum of the Board was present.

**Opening Prayer:** The meeting opened with a prayer by P. Bourgeois.

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

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Moody-yes

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**December 3-4, 2001 - Hearings**

**Motion:** by K. Moody, seconded, that the Board approves the minutes of the Disciplinary Hearings held on December 3-4, 2001.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Moody-yes

Motion Carried

**December 5, 2001 General Meeting:**

**Correction:** by P. Bourgeois, on Agenda Item 4.9, that Northwestern State University should be changed to University of Louisiana at Monroe.

**Motion:** by O. Ferry, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the December 5, 2001, General Meeting.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; Ferry-yes; Moody-yes

Motion Carried

**January 22, 2002 - Special Call Meeting**

**Motion:** by K. Moody, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the January 22, 2002, Special Call meeting.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ford-yes; Ferry-yes; Moody-yes

Motion Carried

**Late Arrival:** E. Singleton arrived at 8:45 a.m. and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

**ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS HELD MARCH 18, 2002:**

B. Morvant announced the names of those registrants whose files were presented at the Monday, March 18, 2002, Disciplinary Hearings.

**Mitchell, Robin** The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges filed.

**Excused:** K. Moody and O. Ferry were excused from this hearing.

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that the license of this registrant be suspended for a minimum of six months and within 60 days submit to a comprehensive psychiatric, psychological and substance abuse evaluation by a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and addictionist, 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 the 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 the Board staff.

If the evaluations give any treatment recommendations as to warrant concern for patient safety, shall meet with the Board or Board staff. Must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that she does not pose danger to the practice of nursing or to the public and that she can safely and confidently perform the duties of a registered nurse.

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

If found to be chemically dependent, immediately sign an agreement with the Recovering Nurse Program and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements for a minimum of two years.

Prior to reinstatement, pay a fine of \$500 and hearing costs of \$300 to the Board.

Failure to comply with the above orders, receipt of an unfavorable report or nonreceipt of reports on or before the date due shall result in immediate suspension of this registrant's license for a minimum of two years.

**Voice Vote:** D. Ford-yes; Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Singleton-yes;

Motion Carried

**Shull, Sandra** The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges as filed.

**Recused:** D. Ford and O. Ferry were recused from this hearing.

**Motion:** by E. Crapanzano, seconded, that the license of this registrant is suspended for a minimum of twelve (12) months, with application for reinstatement contingent on meeting the following stipulations:

Within sixty-days (60), submit to a comprehensive psychiatric, psychological and substance abuse evaluation by a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and addictionist, 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 the 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 the Board staff.

If found to be chemically dependent, immediately sign an agreement with the Recovering Nurse Program and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements for a minimum of two years. Have supervised random drug screens, done monthly, through an approved LSBN laboratory. The Board staff may request additional screenings. Written reports of it shall be submitted to the Board.

Immediately, within 72 hours, inform the Board in writing of any change of address. Within six months, submit payment of \$1500 hearing costs and a \$500 fine.

Failure to comply with the above orders, receipt of an unfavorable report or nonreceipt of reports on or before the date due shall cause a hearing to be scheduled for revocation of this registrant's license.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Singleton-yes  
Motion Carried

**Eakalata, Patricia** The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges as filed.

**Motion:** O. Ferry, seconded, that the license of this registrant be suspended and shall not be able to request reinstatement until she appears before the Board to show cause.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ford-yes;  
Singleton-yes; Ford-yes

Motion Carried

**Loew, Cynthia** Cynthia Loew appeared before the Board in response to charges as filed.

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the license of this registrant be suspended for a minimum of one year and until registrant appears before the Board and show cause as to why she should be allowed to practice as a registered nurse.

Submit to a comprehensive psychiatric and/or addictionist evaluation 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 the 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 the Board staff.

If found to be chemically dependent, immediately sign an agreement with the Recovering Nurse Program and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements.

Submit written evidence of completion of a minimum of 20 hours of LSBN staff approved continuing education hours of individualized remediation to include an evaluation of needs related to documentation of legal accountability in medical administration, which programs must be sponsored by an approved provider in an accredited post-secondary educational institution whose faculty holds masters degrees in nursing, and must meet the needs, and an evaluation of the learning outcomes of the program.

Submit a payment of \$750 to the Board for hearing costs, \$200 fine prior to instatement.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion Carried

**Robinson, Willena**

The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges and a Show Cause Order filed.

**Motion:**

by O. Ferry, seconded, that a letter of reprimand be issued and become a part of this registrant's permanent file regarding the incident which brought this registrant before the Board, that is, failure to complete continuing education requirements. And further, that a request for reinstatement is denied until such time as she shall submit a completed application. Prior to that, she will submit a payment of \$800 to the Board.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry- yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Woodard, Paula**

The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges filed and amended.

**Motion:**

by E. Singleton, seconded, that the license of this registrant be suspended and she shall not be able to request reinstatement for a minimum of 12 months, with application for reinstatement contingent upon meeting the following stipulations:

Shall immediately surrender her current RN license to Board staff to be retained in the 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 payment of \$500 to the Board prior to request for reinstatement.

Submit to comprehensive outpatient psychiatric, psychiatric and substance abuse evaluation by a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and/or addictionist 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 the 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 the Board staff.

If found to be chemically dependent, immediately sign an agreement with the Recovering Nurse Program and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements.

Submit evidence of completion of all Board ordered stipulations.

Present documented evidence of unencumbered license in any and all jurisdictions.

Submit a payment of \$500 to the Board.

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

Shall request a hearing before the Board to show cause as to why she should be reinstated.

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

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion Carried

**Kelley, Linda**

The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges as filed.

**Motion:**

by D. Ford, seconded, that the license of this registrant be suspended for a minimum of six months after which time she may request a hearing for the purpose of reinstatement with her application for reinstatement contingent upon meeting the following stipulations:

Immediately surrender current RN license to the Board staff to be retained in the registrant's file. Refrain from working in any capacity as a Registered Nurse. Failure to do so shall cause further disciplinary and/or other charges.

Prior to reinstatement pay \$150 for hearing costs and a fine of \$500.

Submit to a comprehensive psychiatric, psychological and/or substance abuse evaluation by a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and addictionist 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 the 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 the Board staff.

If found to be chemically dependent, immediately sign an agreement with the Recovering Nurse Program and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements.

Submit evidence of completion of all Board ordered stipulations.

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

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

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion Carried

**AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:**

There were sixteen (16) matters heard before the Board as revocation of automatic suspension by Board staff.

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

**Brad Champagne, Tina Chaisson, Anna Clements, Peter Coble, Robert Craig, Penny Emmert, Julie Fletcher, Diana Goodwin, Laurel Hegwood-Phelps, Shauna Jenkins, Michael Peifer, Denise Pritchett, Shelley Stewart, Deborah Welshons, Diane Thomas, Elizabeth Wallace**

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion Carried

**CONSENT ORDERS:**

There were forty-four (44) matters that came before the Board as a request for acceptance of consent orders.

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the consent orders submitted by the following registrants be accepted:

**Brian Anthony Badeaux, Edwina Green Black, Lisette Deramee Boudreaux, Rolland Lee Buckner, Thomas Darren Carpenter, Mandy Lynn Chaisson, Courtney Verberne Chancey, William E. Craig, II, Dorothy Andereson Dean, Michell Ruffins Dixon, Whitney Ann Doiron, Carrie Ann Ducote, Elizabeth Reeves Durham, Daniel Paul Estevez, Alexandra Marie Fahrenholtz, Denise Deffes Fauchoux, Daniel L. Fulton, Keenan Glover, Lisa Marie Grafe, Valeria Avery Granger, Olinda Gros, Theresa Mary Healey, Tara Trapani Ingraham, Robert Hugh Johnson, Lesley Holloway Jones, Kellie Burkett Lawson, Sarah Miley Malley, John Victor Mills, Twyla Ann Paulson, Eddie R. Pendarvis, Jr., Bennie Kyle Richardson, Lurlene Brown Roberts, Mechel Maddox Rogers, Keith Aaron Schultz, Steven Ray Sharbono, Glenda Cauley Slaughter, Kristin Peeples Smith, Kimberly Propst Spillman, Andras Szita, Cheryl T. Von Almen, Christy Bosch Vincent, Connie Warde-Selmanoff, Miranda Hart Williams, Iris Rainey Winegeart.**

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**MULTIPLE ACTIONS:**

One (1) matter came before the Board with multiple actions.

**Motion:** by E. Singleton, seconded, that the Board ratify the automatic suspension by staff of **Kelli Trentcosta Ruiz** and approve the subsequent consent order.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

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

Four (4) matters came before the Board as a request for ratification of staff action to delay or deny licensure of progression in clinical courses.

**Motion:** by K. Moody, seconded, that the Board ratify the delay/denial of licensure by staff for the following individuals:

**Adam Jacob Hale, Demetrus Johnson, David Neale Peterson, and  
Jonah S. Smith**

**SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:**

The Board received the written report of the Settlement Committee meetings held 1/24/02 and 2/19/02. No action required by the Board.

**ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS HELD MARCH 19, 2002:**

B. Morvant announced the names of those registrants whose files were presented at the Tuesday, March 19, 2002, Disciplinary hearings.

**Hudson, Jr., Harry Russell**

The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges as filed.

**Motion:** by K. Moody, seconded, that the license of this registrant be suspended and that he shall not be able to request reinstatement for a minimum of one (1) year and until the registrant can appear before the Board and show cause as to why he should be allowed to practice as a registered nurse.

Further, that he within one (1) year submit payment of \$150 in hearing costs and a \$500 fine.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion Carried

**Rigdon, Deborah Date**

The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges as filed.

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that the license of this registrant be suspended and shall not be able to request reinstatement for a minimum of three years and until this registrant can appear before the Board and show cause as to why she should be able to practice as a registered nurse.

Submit to a comprehensive psychiatric, psychological and/or substance abuse evaluation by a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and/or addictionist 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 the 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 the Board staff.

If the evaluations give any treatment recommendations or findings to warrant concern of the patient safety shall meet with the 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 confidently perform the duties of a registered nurse.

That 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. Or if the Board approves continued licensure a probation period, conditions or stipulations may be revised to ensure that patients and the public are protected.

If found to be chemically dependent, immediately sign an agreement with the Recovering Nurse Program and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements.

Prior to reinstatement, submit a payment of \$450 for hearing cost and \$1,000 for a fine.

Further, failure to comply with the above orders, receipt of an unfavorable report or nonreceipt of reports on or before the date due may result in further disciplinary action.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Miller, Theresa Mixon**

The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges as filed.

**Motion:** by E. Singleton, seconded, that the license of this registrant is suspended for a minimum of twelve (12) months after which time this registrant can appear before the Board and show cause as to why she should be allowed to practice as a registered nurse.

Submit payment of \$150 in hearing costs and \$500 fine to the Board prior to request for reinstatement.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Wilson, April**

The matter was heard before the Board in response to charges as filed.

**Recused:** P. Bourgeois was recused from this hearing.

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that the license of this registrant be suspended for a minimum of two (2) years and with the application for reinstatement contingent upon meeting the following stipulations:

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

Within 60 days submit to a comprehensive psychiatric, psychological and/or substance abuse evaluation by a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and addictionist 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 the 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 the Board staff.

If the evaluations give any treatment recommendations or findings to warrant concern for patient safety shall meet with the 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 confidently perform the duties of a registered nurse.



That 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. Or if the Board approves continued licensure a probationary period, conditions or stipulations may be revised to ensure that the patients and the public are protected.

If found to be chemically dependent, immediately sign an agreement with the Recovering Nurse Program and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements for a minimum of three (3) years.

Prior to reinstatement, submit a payment of \$150 for hearing costs and fine of \$500.

**Voice Vote:** Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Catrett, Wendy**

Wendy Catrett appeared before the Board in response to a denial of licensure by endorsement by Board staff and appeal denied.

**Motion:** by O. Ferry, seconded, that the license by endorsement is granted upon completion of the endorsement application requirements. Staff action is reversed.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes; McClanahan-yes

Motion carried

**Pond, Susan**

Susan Pond appeared before the Board in response to charges filed and a show cause order as filed.

**Recused:** O. Ferry and E. Crapanzano were recused from this hearing.

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that a letter of reprimand is issued and become a part of this registrant's permanent file regarding the incident which brought this registrant before the Board, particularly practicing without a license, and that the following stipulations shall be completed prior to request for licensure.

Submit written evidence of completion of five (5) hours of LSBN staff approved continuing education to include areas of Legal Accountability, Ethics and Legal Ethical issues.

Submit a payment of \$1000 fine and \$600 hearing costs to the Board.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Moody-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:**

P. McClanahan presented a written report (Report on file).

Ms. McClanahan recommended that the Board staff look at the possibility of having a 1-800 number so that it might be easier for persons to call in and to be more user friendly for the public.

**Motion:** O. Ferry, seconded, that the report of the President be accepted and also that the Executive Director and staff look into the possibility of having a 1-800 number.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion Carried

**REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT:**

D. Ford presented the Vice-President's Report and Financial Summary

(Report on file).

**AGENDA ITEM 2.1 AND AGENDA ITEM 2.2:**  
**REVIEW OF VICE PRESIDENT REPORT FOR JULY 1, 2001 - DECEMBER 31, 2001**

Discussed in Vice President's Report.

**Motion:** by O. Ferry, seconded, to accept the report of the Vice-President.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Ford; Crapanzano-yes; Ferry-yes; Moody-yes;  
Singleton-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by O. Ferry, seconded, to accept the second quarter financial statement report for July 31, 2001 through December 31, 2001.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ferry-yes; Moody-yes; yes;  
Singleton-yes

Motion carried

Ms. Morvant stated that the Board has saved \$17,000 by not using the hotel for Board meetings.

**Motion:** by P. McClanahan, seconded, to accept the proposed revisions to the 2001-2002 Budget.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Moody-yes;  
Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:**

B. Morvant presented a report on the activities of the Board for the quarter October 1, 2001 to December 31, 2001 (Report on file.).

Ms. Morvant handed out the statistical data as of January 31, 2001, reflecting the database on the licensees' statistical data at the end of 2001. Ms. Morvant stated the annual report is in the process of being completed.

Ms. Morvant stated she has been asked to serve on the Louisiana Hospital Association (LHA) Work Force Task Force. That Task Force was pulled together by LHA to address health care professional work force development. The outcome of this LHA Task Force was to propose legislation to establish a new Health Workforce Commission.

There was a small amount of money that was authorized for funding of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission in 2001 that had not been spent by DHH, which was for staffing of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission. That position was never filled, created, or funded. Ms. Morvant has agreed that the Board of Nursing will go forward with staffing the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission and its committees.

Ms. Morvant reported that the Civil Service has made an upgrade in the MS series, which is the classified series for RN positions, and all health care provider positions. This pay upgrade moves the positions at MS67s to MS69s, and those at MS69s to MS71s. Therefore, the Executive Director as appointing authority can provide pay equity to LSBN by adopting a policy providing a 10.5 percent pay adjustment for the RN staff effective March 1, 2002. The policy further provides the opportunity to hire RNs into the third quartile.

Ms. Morvant requested that the Board consider granting the unclassified staff the same pay equity adjustment as the classified RN positions.

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, to have the unclassified employees pay scale adjusted in line with the percentage increase for the MS67 and the MS69 effective March 1, 2002.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ferry-yes; Moody-yes;  
Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, to accept the report of the Executive Director.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes, Moody-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

P. McClanahan stated that the Administrative Committee met on January 22, 2002. There were no other recommendations at this time.

**Motion:** by O. Ferry, seconded, to accept the report of the Administrative Committee.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried.

**ADVISORY COUNCIL:**

D. Ford reported that the Advisory Council met on September 10, 2001, as well as March 18, 2002, and submitted the minutes from those meetings.

**Motion:** by O. Ferry, seconded, that the report of the Advisory Council be accepted.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE:**

E. Singleton reported the Credentialing Committee met on January 23, 2002, and made the following recommendations.

**AGENDA ITEM 3.1:**

**REQUEST TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO LAC 46:XLVII.3329, ACCEPT FOR RULEMAKING.**

**Motion:** by E. Singleton, seconded, to adopt the proposed amendments to LAC 46:XLVII.3329 with the additional changes for rulemaking.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

P. Bourgeois reported that the Education Committee met on January 22, 2002. Ms. Bourgeois had an excused absence and O. Ferry was made Chair in her absence. The following recommendations were presented to the Board.

**AGENDA ITEM 4.1:**

**REVIEW OF THE 2000-2001 NURSING PROGRAMS ANNUAL REPORTS.**

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois; seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the 2000-2001 Annual Reports and continue the "full approval" status for the following nursing programs:

Diploma Program:

Baton Rouge General Medical Center School of Nursing

Associate Degree Program:

Delgado Community College/Charity School of Nursing

Louisiana State University at Alexandria

Louisiana State University at Eunice

Louisiana Tech University

Nicholls State University  
Northwestern State University  
Our Lady of the Lake College

Baccalaureate Programs:

Louisiana State University Health Science Center  
McNeese State University  
Northwestern State University  
Our Lady of Holy Cross College  
Southeastern Louisiana University  
Southern University  
University of Louisiana at Lafayette  
William Carey College

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

P. Bourgeois addressed a concern with the Annual Report of the University of Louisiana at Monroe. At the time of the Annual Report the UAL-Monroe did not meet the standards under Faculty Organization, LAC46 XLVII.3515.B.8. The number of faculty exceptions shall not exceed 20 percent of the number of full time nurse faculty employed in the program. This was determined after the January committee meeting. On March 6, 2002, the program wrote a letter that, indeed, the exception percentage was 24.1 in the fall 2001. The correct rate of the exception is 16%.

In order to assist the oversight in the future, the staff will revise the request for faculty exceptions form to require the nursing program to calculate the percentage.

A discussion ensued concerning the matter.

**Motion:**

by D. Ford, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the 2000-2001 Annual Report and continue the "full approval" status for the University of Louisiana at Monroe with the stipulation that a letter be forwarded to the program that the Board recognizes that they were not in compliance with the standard for faculty exceptions and that any future such occurrence may lead to a probationary status.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:**

by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the Annual Report from Dillard University and restore "full approval" status based on an NCLEX-RN pass rate of 93.7 percent for 2001.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:**

by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the Annual Report from Louisiana College and restore "full approval" status based on an NCLEX-RN pass rate of 91.6 percent for 2001.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:**

by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the Annual Report from McNeese State University, ADN program and place them on "conditional approval" for an NCLEX-RN pass rate of 75 percent for 2001.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the Annual Report from Grambling University BNS Program and place them on "conditional approval" for an NCLEX-RN pass rate of 75.5 percent for 2001.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the Annual Report from Nicholls State University, BSN program, and commend them for 100 percent pass rate for first time writers on the NCLEX-RN for 2001.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:** by P. McClanahan, seconded, that the Board send a letter to Nicholls State University in recognition of their accomplishment of 100 percent pass rate.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.2:**

**DILLARD UNIVERSITY, DIVISION OF NURSING, BSN PROGRAM SITE - VISIT REPORT**

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing accept the joint LSBN/NLNAC site-visit on October 30 - November 1, 2001, and grant continuing "full approval" status to Dillard University School of Nursing.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.3:**

**ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY, BSN PROGRAM, ALCORN STATE, MISSISSIPPI REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO UTILIZE LOUISIANA CLINICAL FACILITIES**

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing re-approve Alcorn State University, BSN Program, Natchez, Mississippi to utilize Louisiana clinical facilities at East Louisiana State Hospital in Jackson, Louisiana for clinical experiences for the requested rotation in the months of June 2002 to July 2003, pending receipt of the \$250.00 review fee.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.4:**

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY MINOR CURRICULUM CHANGES**

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approve the minor curriculum changes requested by McNeese State University BSN Program.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**AGENDA ITEM 4.5:**

**REQUEST FOR EQUIVALENCY OF FACULTY QUALIFICATIONS COMMENSURATE WITH REQUIREMENTS TO LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4.**

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recognize the Master in Nursing for William E. Sullivan and grant his request for equivalency of a baccalaureate and a masters in nursing (LAC 46XLVII.3515.B.4), and that the masters be considered a generic masters in nursing. Based on this approval, Mr. Sullivan is academically qualified for a faculty position in a Louisiana nursing program.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

A discussion ensued regarding whether the matter should have been directed to the Credentialing Committee.

P. McClanahan recommended that the matter be tabled until additional information from Mr. Sullivan's file could be obtained during break.

**Break:** A break was taken at 10:00 a.m.

**Motion:** by O. Ferry, seconded, to reconsider the original motion on Agenda Item 4.5.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:** by K. Moody, seconded, that the action be delayed to grant the request to recognize the Master in Nursing for William E. Sullivan and his request for equivalency of a baccalaureate and a masters in nursing, (LAC 46XLVII.3515.B.4), and that the Masters be considered a generic masters in nursing until such time as the Education Committee can explore what is acceptable and set up guidelines in this matter.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4.6:**

#### **REQUEST FOR FACULTY EXCEPTIONS TO LAC 46XLVII.3515.B.3**

**Motion:** by P. Bourgeois, seconded, that the Board grant the following exception to faculty qualifications as follows: LSU at Eunice: Jean Catherine Stute Broussard, Heidi Hartenstein Benoit; Northwestern State University: Sunnie Elaine Smith Hooten; University of Louisiana at Monroe: Catherine Olga Smith Campbell, Janice Ann Brantly Britton.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:** by O. Ferry, seconded, that the Education Committee Report be accepted.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

#### **COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE:**

There was no meeting of the Compliance Committee in January.

#### **NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE:**

D. Ford stated that the Nursing Practice Committee met on January 22, 2002, and made the following recommendations:

**AGENDA ITEM 6.1:****REGISTERED NURSE PERFORMING A CARDIAC STRESS TEST**

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that the Board maintains that it is not within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to independently perform a cardiac stress test. However, it is within the scope of practice of a registered nurse to perform a physiologic cardiac stress test when the physician provides direct supervision as defined by the Medicare or Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)\* and that the said registered nurse has the documented knowledge, skills, and abilities.

\*Direct Supervision in the office setting means the physician must be present in the office suite and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the procedure. It does not mean that the physician must be present in the room when the procedure is performed. Reference: Medicare Provider News - June 2001.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**AGENDA ITEM 6.2:****RECONSIDER NURSE PRACTICE OPINION 01.08**

The Board received request for reconsideration of nurse practice opinion 01.08 regarding RN's following standing orders for number LAC 46:XLVII.3703.D: *Executing Health Care Regimes as Prescribed by a Licensed Physician, Dentist, or Authorized Prescriber-carrying out the medical orders of a physician, dentist or authorized prescriber licensed in Louisiana. Registered Nurses may execute standing orders of an authorized prescriber provided the said prescriber initiates the standing orders and provided, further, that the said orders do not require the nurse to make a medical diagnosis or to engage in prescriptive activity.*

**Motion:** by D. Ford, seconded, that the Board reaffirm LAC 46:XLVII.3703.D and that the medical staff in conjunction with nursing staff of each institution would determine how the order is initiated in each facility.

A discussion ensued regarding the motion.

O. Ferry called the question.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

A vote was then taken on Ms. Ford's original motion.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**Motion:** by O. Ferry, seconded, that the report of the Nursing Practice Committee be accepted.

**Voice Vote:** Bourgeois-yes; Crapanzano-yes; Moody-yes; Ferry-yes; Ford-yes; Singleton-yes

Motion carried

**SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:**

B. Morvant stated that the Board received the Settlement Committee Report on Disciplinary matters in Special Session February 19, 2002. A list of new meeting dates for the Settlement Committee was distributed along with a revised copy of the minutes. No action required by the Board.

**SPECIAL TASK FORCE/SUBCOMMITTEES:****JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

P. McClanahan stated the Joint Administrative Committee met on January 4, 2002 and February 22, 2002. It was reported that prior to the last meeting held there were 346 APRNs with prescriptive privileges.

The annual review was done at the February 22, 2002 meeting. Ten percent of the current folders of APRNs that have prescriptive authority along with Board staff and any APRN that serves on that committee were reviewed.

The next meeting of the Joint Administration Committee will be in Baton Rouge on April 12, 2002.

The rules and regulations limited for prescriptive authority for controlled substances will be published in the Louisiana Register of March 20, 2002.

D. Humphrey reported that as of March 19, 2002, there were a total of 436 active APRNs with prescriptive authority.

Dr. Sorkow reported that he was now a collaborating physician working with the McNeese School of Nursing.

**AGENDA ITEM A:**

**LAC46 XLVII, CHAPTER 45, ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE**

Ms. Morvant stated that the promulgated rules for controlled substance prescriptions by APRNs will be in the March Louisiana Register and is effective as of March 20, 2002.

**AGENDA ITEM B:**

**LAC46 XLVII.3505, APPROVAL FOR SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT FEE.**

Ms. Morvant stated that the rule is in the process of promulgation. There has been no request for public hearing regarding the rules as of the deadline March 11, 2002. The Board will be able to act on it in the July meeting if there is no objection by the Oversight Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM 7:**

**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING**

P. McClanahan stated that the Mid-Year Conference took place March 4-6, 2002. B. Morvant, C. Morris, M. Wells, K. Moody and P. McClanahan attended parts of the meeting and related points of interest.

**AGENDA ITEM 8:**

**OTHER BUSINESS**

W. Shows reported that the staff has tried to streamline the presentations of disciplinary matters before the Board and asked for feedback from the Board members.

A discussion then ensued.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Motion:** by E. Singleton, seconded, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of hearing the Report on Litigation, Agenda Item 2.3.

The Board went into Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. to hear the Report on Litigation as published under Agenda Item 2.3.

The Board resumed in open session at 12:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.



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**PATSY MCCLANAHAN, PRESIDENT**  
**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**