

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by L. Bonanno, President, on Monday, January 29, 2018, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, President
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE, Alternate Officer
Jolie Harris, DNS, RN, NEA, CAS
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN
Patricia Prechter, EdD, MSN, RN

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, NEA-BC, Executive Director/CEO
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Regulatory Officer
Barbara McGill, MSN, RN, Director of Monitoring/RNP
Theresa Lockhart, RN Compliance Officer
Nicole Battle, Compliance Investigator
William Little, JD, Director of Investigations
Domoine Rutledge, JD, Board Attorney
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, Board Attorney
Caroline Bond, JD, Board Attorney
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR-CVR, Court Reporter

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Harris-yes; J. Hill-yes;
P. Prechter-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Harris-yes; J. Hill-yes;
P. Prechter-yes

Motion Carried

Lakeisha Nichol Bethley

(Hearing continued from 9/20/17 and reconvened for the second day of testimony)

Complaint Filed 5/16/2017

Amended and Supplemental Complaint Filed 11/24/16

Amended and Supplemental Complaint Filed 08/14/2017

Ms. Bethley entered the hearing room at 8:30 a.m. with counsel.

Amie Janes was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Wendy G. Chandler was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Richard Hinton was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Kimberly Kornegay was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Sara Albriton, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Theresa Lockhart was sworn in and testified as to the background of Charges D, E and F.

Daryl Armstrong was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Chasidy Guthrie was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Beverly Lewis was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Bethley.

Debra Winzer was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Bethley.

Sandra McCarthy was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Bethley.

Derrish Scurfield was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Bethley.

Lakeisha Nichol Bethley was sworn in and testified as a witness in her own
behalf.

Three (3) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 12-14

One (1) exhibit was entered into evidence labeled J-1

One (1) exhibit was entered into evidence labeled R-4

Three (3) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Proffer 1, 2, 3

(Hearing recessed at 9:56 p.m.)

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2018

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by L. Bonanno, President, on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:

Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, President
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE, Alternate Officer
Jolie Harris, DNS, RN, NEA, CAS
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN
Patricia Prechter, EdD, MSN, RN

The following staff members were in attendance:

Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, NEA-BC, Executive Director
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Regulatory Officer
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Suzanne C. Armand, CCR-CVR, Court Reporter

Lakeisha Nichol Bethley

(Hearing continued from January 29, 2018 and reconvened for the 3rd day of testimony)

Complaint Filed 05/16/2017

Amended and Supplemental Complaint Filed 11/24/16

Amended and Supplemental Complaint Filed 08/14/2017

Ms. Bethley entered the hearing room at 9:50 a.m. with counsel.

Ms. Bethley was previously sworn and resumed testifying in her own behalf.

Theresa Lockhart was previously sworn and testified as a witness in rebuttal.

Nichole Battle was previously sworn and testified as a witness in rebuttal.

Daryl Armstrong was previously sworn and testified as a witness in rebuttal.

Motion: In lieu of Sara Albriton's testimony, a stipulation was entered between counsel as to what she would testify to if called as a witness in rebuttal. One (1) exhibit was entered into evidence labeled J-2 by J. Hill, seconded, to go back into Open Session.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Harris-yes; J. Hill-yes; P. Prechter-yes

Motion Carried

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, President
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Nakeisha Nichol Bethley

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Page 4, Number 35, the third bullet, "St. Joe" was changed to "St. Joseph."

Page 7, Number 38, the third bullet was changed to read, "On July 25, 2014, Respondent received a verbal warning for failing to appropriately provide nursing care and failing to intervene while caring for a patient on a ventilator in the Intensive Care Unit. On this date, the Respondent's patient's ventilator mode was CPAP in preparation for extubation. The Respondent admittedly

did not enter the patient's room during a time period when patient was in distress.

The Nurse Manager heard a call for Respiratory stat and entered the room. The patient's oxygen saturation decreased to 65% and systolic blood pressure had decreased to the 80's. The Nurse Manager removed the patient from the ventilator, provided 100% oxygen via manual ventilation support which stabilized the patient, improving vital signs to baseline. During this time, the Nurse Manager heard a "Code Blue" called. He instructed that the "Code Blue" be cancelled. The Respiratory Therapist adjusted the ventilator. Following this incident, the physician voiced concern regarding the Respondent's ability to care for the patient. The Charge Nurse assumed care of the patient."

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Harris-yes; J. Hill-yes;
P. Prechter-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Harris-yes; J. Hill-yes;
P. Prechter-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following additions:

Page 11, Number 10, "Submit payment of \$3500 to the Board as a fine."

Page 11, Number 11, "Submit a payment of \$10,950 to the Board as cost of the hearing."

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Harris-yes; J. Hill-yes;
P. Prechter-yes

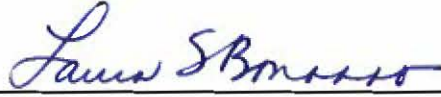
Motion Carried

Adjournment:

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to adjourn.

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The Hearing Panel adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



LAURA BONANNO, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING