

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

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

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by J. Wiggins, Alternate Officer, on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN, Vice President
Jamie Wiggins, DNS-c, MBA, RN, , NEA-, FACHE, Alternate Officer
Tim Cotita, RN, BSN, MSHCE
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN- BC, CNE
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN
Mimi Primeaux, MS, BSN, CRNA

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS, NEA, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Compliance Officer
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, RNCO-Team Leader
Tia Williams, Compliance Investigator
Lauren Reed, JD, Prosecuting Attorney
Jasimiel T. Jones, MLIS, Paralegal
Domoine Rutledge, JD, Hearing Officer
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Dr. Lyon reported there were no changes to the Agenda.

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes;
A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the minutes of today's Hearing Panel. T. Moffatt will review and approve.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes;
A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

Kristianne Elizabeth Matranga

Summary Suspension: 02/04/2021
Charges Filed: 02/04/2021

The hearing began at 9:10 a.m. Ms. Matranga was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

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

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

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

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

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

Thirty-five (35) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 35.

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

Barbara Ene-Ebute Ogbonna

Automatic Suspension: 02/09/2021
Request for Reconsideration: 02/19/2021

Ms. Carrie Jones represented the Board in this matter.

The hearing began at 1:30 p.m. Ms. Ogbonna was not present for the hearing. Mr. David R. Aden, counsel for Ms. Ogbonna, was present.

Mr. Aden presented the Request for Reconsideration on behalf of Ms. Ogbonna and one (1) exhibit was entered into evidence labeled Petitioner 1.

Ms. Jones presented the LSBN's Memorandum in Opposition to Petition for Reconsideration and three (3) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 3.

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

Alexis Funmilayo

Charges filed: 01/20/2021
Continued from: 02/10/2021

Ms. Funmilayo entered the hearing room at 1:30 p.m. and was represented by her attorney, Mr. David R. Aden.

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

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

Eleven (11) exhibits were entered into evidence by the Board labeled Board 1 through 11.

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

CONSENT ORDERS

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Christie Dudenhefer Bozzelle
Eileen Coolman Harris
Carah Wright Howell**

Reinstatement of Licensure

**Layla Jea Briolo
Haley Sudduth Compton
Qvondra Santrice Davis
Martha Smith Gatlin
Delois Vanosdell Law
Angela Marie Pizzo
Valarie Morales Rehm
Teisha Daigle Theriot
Lisa Kim Tran**

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS

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

**Hillary Michelle Hebert
Barbara Ene-Ebute Ogbonna
Fallon Deneem Page**

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF

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

**Nicholas Anthony Brown
Gabrielle Smith**

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, to return to Open Session

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes;
A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS HELD ON MARCH 10, 2021

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:

Tracey Moffatt
Jamie Wiggins
Tim Cotita
Jennifer Couvillon
Ann Carruth
Mimi Primeaux

Barbara Ene-Ebute Ogbonna

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, that it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Petitioner's Request for Reconsideration of Board staff's February 9, 2021, automatic suspension of her Louisiana RN license is denied.

It is FURTHER, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the February 9, 2021, automatic suspension of Petitioner's Louisiana RN license is **ratified** and **affirmed**.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

Kristianne Elizabeth Matranga

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

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes, J. Wiggins-yes, T. Cotita-yes, J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

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

Submit payment of \$2,500 to the Board as a fine.
Submit payment of \$1,380 to the Board as cost of the hearing.

Under Reporting, delete H6, add Code F2, "Unable to practice safely by reason of alcohol or other substance abuse."

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes;

A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

Alexis Funmilayo

Motion: by A. Carruth, seconded, that the case stands in recess until April 15, 2021, following the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes;
A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS

There were twelve (12) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Christie Dudenhefer Bozzelle
Eileen Coolman Harris
Carah Wright Howell**

Reinstatement of Licensure

**Layla Jea Briolo
Haley Sudduth Compton
Qvondra Santrice Davis
Martha Smith Gatlin
Delois Vanosdell Law
Angela Marie Pizzo
Valarie Morales Rehm
Teisha Daigle Theriot
Lisa Kim Tran**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes, J. Couvillon-yes;
A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

There were three (3) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff. W. Matthews' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board ratify the Multiple Actions on the following individuals:

**Hillary Michelle Hebert
Barbara Ene-Ebute Ogbonna
Fallon Deneem Page**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes;
A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF

There were two (2) matters considered by the Board as Ratification of Delay/Denial. C. Jones' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these Delay/Denials were in order:

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

**Nicholas Anthony Brown
Gabrielle Smith**

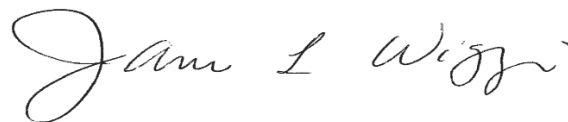
Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes;
A. Carruth-yes; M. Primeaux-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



**J. WIGGINS, ALTERNATE OFFICER
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**