

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

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 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 N. Steele, Vice-President, on Wednesday, June 11, 2008, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Nora Steele, DNS, RN, C, PNP, Vice-President
James E. Harper, MSN, RN, CFNP, Alternate Officer
Bonnie Johnson, RN, MSN
Patricia Johnson, RN, MN, CNAA
Carllene MacMillan, MN, RN
Michelle T. Oswald, CRNA
Gail Poirrier, RN, DNS

The following Board members were not in attendance:
Deborah Olds, RN, President
Alan J. Ostrowe, MD, Ex-Officio Member
William St. John LaCorte, MD, MPH, 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
Wade Shows, Board Attorney
Jeffrey Rice, In-house Counsel
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney

Wanda Green, Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Armand, Court Reporter

Introduction: N. Steele established that a quorum of the Board was present

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

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

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 18, 2008 Disciplinary Hearings

Motion: by C. MacMillan, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the Special Session Hearings held on March 18, 2008.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

March 19, 2008 General Board Meeting

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the General Board Meeting held on March 19, 2008 as corrected.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

No Report submitted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The report of the Executive Director was distributed to Board members .
There were no additions to the Report.

Motion: by M. Oswald, seconded, to accept the report of the Executive Director.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2008

B. Morvant announced the names of the registrants whose file was
presented at the June 10, 2008 Hearings.

Excused: D. Olds, and N. Steele were excused from the disciplinary hearings held
on Tuesday, June 10, 2008

Scott Jeffrey Weinerth

The matter was heard by the Board as a Ratification of Summary
Suspension. Mr. Weinerth was not present, but was represented by legal
counsel.

Motion: by M. Oswald, 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; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

Karen Morrow Glash

The matter was heard by the Board as a Ratification of Summary Suspension and Charges as Filed.

Motion:

by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the Board Ratify the Summary Suspension by Staff against this individual as the Board finds that the public health, safety, and welfare required this emergency action.

Further, license shall remain suspended and respondent shall not be able to request reinstatement until completion of the following stipulations:

Immediately surrender 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 to outpatient psychiatric, psychological 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 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 for a minimum of five (5) years and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements for a minimum of one (1) year prior to requesting reinstatement.

Submit payment of \$500 fine to the Board.

Submit payment of \$450 cost to the Board.

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

After completion of above, the respondent may meet with Board or Board Staff and request license reinstatement and to present evidence to show cause as to why respondent should be allowed to practice as a registered nurse.

If approved for license reinstatement, respondent shall be reinstated with probation and monitoring to ensure patient safety.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

Kim Marie Markiewicz

The matter was heard before the Board as a Show Cause Order and Charges as filed.

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, that the respondent's application for licensure by endorsement is denied. That the respondent's temporary permit is revoked and respondent is ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000 and reimbursement for Board costs of \$600 for the total payment due to the Board of \$1,600.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

Consent Orders:

There were thirty-six (36) matters presented to the Board in the form of Consent Orders.

Motion: by P. Johnson, seconded, that the Consent Orders submitted by the following registrants be accepted.

Michael Stephen Abernathy
Innis H. Addison
Kenneth Gerald Armand

**Eamon Christopher Badon
Tammy Frey Boone
Tony Michael Chevalier
Teresa Cohoon Conner
Elinor Woods Donovan
Jade Marie Dugas
Susan Scida Emmel
Patricia Todd Escalona
Jimmie Carl Etheridge
Rachel Calix Garcia
Chanda Wheat Harbor
Jody Ray Hart
Montrice Shalbrell Hartwell
Stephen Andrew Hinson
John Harold Kellogg
Kathleen Ann Lafleur
Arlo Arellano Laurentz
Aimee Elizabeth Mercer
Charlotte Grant Merrill
Miesha Anika Mims
Geraldyn Michelle Moss
Tammy Pettis Mulhearn
Michael Stephen Randall
Suzanne Abadie Schick
Samuel Allen Senegal
Shelly Hughes Shaw
Brittany Leah Turner
Robert Clarence Villio, III
Latisha Guinn Walker
Amy Jennifer Warren
Veronica Anne White
April Sullivan Wilson
Sonya Bordelon Wood**

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

Automatic Suspensions

There were eleven (11) matters presented to the Board in the form of Automatic Suspensions

**John C. Comstock
Kristen M. Entrekin
Craig Matthew Estle
Joseph Paul Gelis
Kenneth Shane Leger
Kim Sevin McCarty
Bobby McGhee
Lisa Patriquin Many
Lisa Picard Powers
John Eric Rentrop
Bennie Kyle Richardson**

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION OF APPROVAL FOR CLINICAL NURSING COURSES:

There was one (1) matter heard by the Board as Ratification of Automatic Suspension of approval for clinical courses:

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspension of approval for Clinical Nursing by the Staff of the following Registrant:

Kelly Nicole Abel

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:

There were four (4) matters heard by the Board as Ratification of Delay/Denial by staff.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the Board ratify Ratification of Delay/Denial by Staff Action.

**Kevin Earl Connolly
Carolyn Diane Hogg
Steve Landon Southerland
Shaquana Rachel Thomas**

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswalt-yes; G. Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

MULTIPLE ACTIONS:

There were five (5) matters heard by the Board involving Multiple Actions.

Motion: by M. Oswalt, seconded, that the Board Ratify Multiple Actions by Staff on the following individuals:

**Rachelle Nicolle Ennis
Julie Shirley Holder
Jill Earhardt Osborn
Sally Mahoney Spann
Brenda Cade Usry**

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswalt-yes; G. Poirrier-yes

Motion Carried

SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Board received the written report of the Settlement Committees held 3/31/08 and 4/21/08. No Action required by the Board.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT (JANUARY 1, 2008 TO MARCH 3, 2008)

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

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

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswalt-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;

N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

Dr. Steele reported that the Administrative Committee met on April 22, 2008 and reported on the new building.

Ms. Morvant reported that the staff moved into the 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, location on February 11, 2008. Some problems with the air conditioning system are being worked out. Ms. Morvant will be meeting with the architect and contractors to go through the final punch lists after the Board meeting.

Staff has moved out of the Essen building, which has been closed down. The lease on the Metairie space is completed and hopefully all will be moved out of that building by June 13, 2008.

Ms. Morvant thanked staff for all their hard work in the move to the new building.

The Administrative Committee made the following recommendation for Participation in NURSUS.

Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the Administrative Committee's recommendation for Participation in NURSUS.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE:

(No agenda items)

G. Poirrier stated that the Credentialing Committee met April 22, 2008 and there were no recommendations.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the Credentialing Committee Report of April 22, 2008.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;

N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

EDUCATION/EXAMINATION ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 4.1:

Annual Reports – Graduate Degree Programs in Nursing

Dr. Vallette reported that the Education Committee met on April 22, 2008 and made the following recommendations:

To accept the ANNUAL REPORT from the graduate program preparing candidates for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure and continue full approval status for the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing.

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, to approve the ANNUAL REPORT from the graduate program preparing candidates for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure and continue full approval status for the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing.

Recused: G. Poirrier was recused from this matter.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Dr. Vallette recommended approval of the ANNUAL REPORT from the following graduate programs preparing candidates for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure and continue full approval status for Grambling State University, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Loyola University, Northwestern State University, and Southern University and to accept the ANNUAL REPORT from Our Lady of the Lake College graduate program and continue initial approval.

Motion:

by G. Poirrier, seconded, to approve the Committee's recommendation to accept the ANNUAL REPORT from the following graduate programs preparing candidates for Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licensure and continue full approval status for Grambling State University, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Loyola University, Northwestern State University, and Southern University and to accept the ANNUAL REPORT from Our Lady of the Lake College graduate program and continue initial approval.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Dr. Vallette recommended that the Board through Barbara Morvant begin dialogue with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to ensure that schools of nursing that offer a masters program receive the pass rate of all their candidates and that those results also be sent at the same time to the Board of Nursing for credentialing/licensing status.

Motion:

by B. Johnson, seconded, to approve the Committee's recommendation that the Board through Barbara Morvant begin dialogue with the National Council State Boards of Nursing to ensure that schools of nursing that offer a masters program receive the pass rate of all their candidates and that those results also be sent at the same time to the Board of Nursing for credentialing/licensing status.

Discussion ensued concerning the motion.

Amended Motion:

by G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the Committee's recommendation that the Board through Barbara Morvant begin dialogue with the National Council State Boards of Nursing to ensure that schools of nursing that offer a masters program receive the pass rate of all their candidates from certifying agencies and that those results also be sent at the same time to the Board of Nursing for credentialing/licensing status

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.2:**Site Visit Report – OLOL College Associate Degree in Nursing Program**

Dr. Vallette recommended to approve the site visit report and recommend continuing full approval of the Associate Degree Program at Our Lady of the Lake College with the following recommendation:

Technology support for the School of Nursing should be sufficient to meet the educational needs of the students in a timely manner.

Motion:

by B. Johnson, seconded, to approve the recommendation by the Committee to accept the site visit report and recommend continuing full approval of the associate Degree Program at Our Lady of the Lake College with the following recommendation:

Technology support for the School of Nursing should be sufficient to meet the educational needs of the students in a timely manner.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.3:**Site Visit Report – Baton Rouge Community College**

Dr. Vallette recommended to approve the site visit report and continue initial approval of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Baton Rouge Community College.

Motion:

by G. Poirrier, seconded, to approve the recommendation by Committee to accept the site visit report and continue initial approval of the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Baton Rouge Community College.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 4.4**Site Visit Report – ICMSN**

Dr. Vallette recommended to accept the site visit report and continue full approval of the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN) with the following commendation:

Commend the deans and program coordinators on exemplary administrative communication.

Motion:

by B. Johnson, seconded, to approve the site visit report and continue full approval of the Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing (ICMSN) with the following commendation:

Commend the deans and program coordinators on exemplary administrative communication.

Recused:

G. Poirrier was recused from this matter.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.5:**Performance of Louisiana Schools on NCLEX-RN**

Dr. Vallette recommended to accept the report on the performance of Louisiana schools on NCLEX-RN.

Motion:

by B. Johnson, seconded, to approve the report on the performance of Louisiana schools on NCLEX-RN.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 4.6:
Nursing Shortage

Dr. Vallette recommended to accept the minutes from the February 13, 2008 task force meeting on Improving Matriculation in Nursing Education: General Education Through Distance Learning for Nursing. In addition, recommend that Dr. Tremblay from the Board of Regents be invited to discuss the findings from the task force and to find out more about the CALL initiative and to request his input regarding regulatory implications. Also recommend that additional information be added to the LSBN website regarding nursing education requirements and articulation options.

Motion:

by G. Poirrier, seconded, to approve the recommendation to accept the minutes from the February 13, 2008 task force meeting on Improving Matriculation in Nursing Education: General Education Through Distance Learning for Nursing. In addition, recommend that Dr. Tremblay from the Board of Regents be invited to discuss the findings from the task force and to find out more about the CALL initiative and to request his input regarding regulatory implications. Also recommend that additional information be added to the LSBN website regarding nursing education requirements and articulation options.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.7:

Proposal for a Master of Nursing – Nursing Education Track – LSUHSC

Dr. Vallette recommended to accept the proposal from LSUHSC School of Nursing for a Master of Nursing – Nursing Education Track

Motion:

by G. Poirrier, seconded, to approve the recommendation to accept the proposal from LSUHSC School of Nursing for a Master of Nursing – Nursing Education Track

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.8:**Reports from Schools on Conditional Approval**

Dr. Vallette recommended to approve the report on Faculty Attrition, Faculty Workload, and FT/PT Ratios from Northwestern State University, ADN Program and continue conditional approval based on less than 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate only.

Motion:

by C. MacMillan, seconded, to approve the recommendation to accept the report on Faculty Attrition, Faculty Workload, and FT/PT Ratios from Northwestern State University, ADN Program and continue conditional approval based on less than 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate only.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.9**Revision of the LSBN School ANNUAL REPORT Form**

Dr. Vallette recommended to approve the revised draft of the *ANNUAL REPORT for Undergraduate Nursing Programs* for use as a pilot for the 2007-2008 report year.

Motion:

by B. Johnson, seconded, to approve the recommendation to accept the revision draft of the *ANNUAL REPORT for Undergraduate Nursing Programs* for use as a pilot for the 2007-2008 report year.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.10:**Request to Consider the ADN to MSN from the University of Phoenix as Equivalent to Having the BSN**

Dr. Vallette recommended recognition of graduates of the MSN Bridge Programs at the University of Phoenix as having preparation equivalent to a baccalaureate and a master's in nursing (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4) for those individuals seeking faculty positions in Louisiana nursing programs.

Motion:

by G. Poirrier, seconded, to approve the recommendation for recognition of graduates of the MSN Bridge Programs at the University of Phoenix as having preparation equivalent to a baccalaureate and a master's in nursing (LAC 46:XLVII.3515.B.4) for those individuals seeking faculty positions in Louisiana nursing programs.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.11:**Request to Conduct Clinical Testing at BRGMC by Excelsior College**

Dr. Vallette recommended to approve the request by Excelsior College to conduct clinical testing experiences at Baton Rouge General Medical Center for candidates in Louisiana who meet direct licensure requirements in the state.

Motion:

by G. Poirrier, seconded, to approve the recommendation to approve the request by Excelsior College to conduct clinical testing experiences at Baton Rouge General Medical Center for candidates in Louisiana who meet direct licensure requirements in the state.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion:

by G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the Education Committee report of April 22, 2008 as submitted to the Board.

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

Motion Carried

COMPLIANCE ISSUES:

AGENDA ITEM 5.1:

Approve Revised LAC 46:XLVII.3331 Denial or Delay of Licensure, Reinstatement, or the Right to Practice Nursing as a Student Nurse

M. Oswald reported that the Compliance Committee met on April 22, 2008, and made the following two recommendations:

Motion: M. Oswald, seconded, to approve revisions to LAC 46:XLVII.3331 Denial or Delay of Licensure Reinstatement, or the right to practice nursing as a student nurse to initiate rule making.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion.

Ms. Oswald stated that if the revisions go to rule making and become effective, it will not affect current applicants or anyone who has a suspended license getting reinstated.

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

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 5.2:

Approve the revised Drug Testing Policy

In December 2007, the Board approved a revised policy on drug testing. Since then, a Medical Review Officer with a lab company has recommended that periodic hair testing be considered for people who have multiple dilute specimens. This recommendation has been added to the policy. In addition, the lab recommends an increase in the basic drug screens to include testing for 13 new drugs at an increased cost of \$2.00 per person.

Motion: by M. Oswald, seconded, to approve the revised Drug Testing Policy

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

Motion Carried

Motion: by M. Oswald, seconded, to accept the Report of the Compliance

Committee.

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

Motion Carried

NURSING PRACTICE ISSUES

J. Harper reported that the Practice Committee met on April 22, 2008 and made the following recommendations:

AGENDA ITEM 6.1:

Review of draft of Declaratory Statement and guidelines on IV therapy to include PICC Line Infusion and Competencies.

Ms. Griener stated that after staff consulted with legal counsel, it was recommended that instead of issuing a Declaratory Statement, that they write rules on PICC line insertion, radiographic verification of placement and removal.

At Ms. Morvant's request, Mr. Rice put the Declaratory Statement in a rulemaking format, but definitions need to be added. If the Board chooses to approve the Declaratory Statement, Ms. Griener suggested that it be sent back to the Practice Committee and then send it on to rulemaking unless the Board so chooses to have it come back to the Board.

Mr. Harper stated that it would be his preference to send it back to the Practice Committee to address these definitions prior to proceeding with rulemaking.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, that Agenda Item 6.1 be referred back to the Practice Committee for appropriate refining of rulemaking and then the matter be brought back to the Board.

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

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 6.2

Whether it is within the Scope of Practice for a Qualified RN to perform a medical screening exam (MSE) under the direction of a physician to rule out labor per the

Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), within AWHONN (Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nursing) guidelines.

Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the Practice Committee's recommendation to the Board for approval of the Declaratory Statement for a qualified RN to perform a medical screening exam (MSE) under the direction of a physician to rule out labor per the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), within AWHONN (Association of Women's Health, Obstetrical and Neonatal Nursing) guidelines.

Discussion ensued regarding the motion.

Recused: P. Johnson was recused from this matter

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

Abstention: C. MacMillan

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 6.3:

Review of Board Staff Research Regarding Various Aesthetic and Cosmetic Procedures

Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the Practice Committee's Recommendation to the Board to direct Board staff to investigate establishing a Task Force to review aesthetic and cosmetic procedures.

Discussion ensued

Substitute Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, to direct the Executive Director and/or Board staff to communicate with the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, a meeting date, to discuss potential Task Force development and objectives.

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

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, to accept the Report of the April 22, 2008 Practice Committee as submitted.

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

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 7.1

NCSBN 2008 Delegate Assembly

Ms. Morvant reported that the NCSBN 2008 Delegate Assembly will be August 4th through August 8th, in Nashville, Tennessee. Delegates have to be elected by the Board. Typically, the Executive Director and the President would serve as delegates, then Board members and staff would be alternates to those positions as appointed.

Motion:

by M. Oswalt, seconded, to nominate the President and the Executive Director as delegates with a Board member and a staff member who are attending as alternates.

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

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 8.1

Legislative Tracking Report for 2008 Regular Legislative Session

Board members received a copy of the status of the bills which are being tracked.

An additional resolution, Senate Resolution 93, has just been filed, which urges and requests the Nurses Supply and Demand Commission, the LSU system and Southern University system, to study educational obstacles for LPNs becoming RNs.

A resolution is being drafted that deans and directors have spearheaded in terms of requesting the Board to establish a nursing center. Staff is meeting with some senators about it. This resolution has not been filed yet. It is hopeful that it will get in before the end of session.

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

NOMINATIONS TO THE LOUISIANA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MIDWIFERY

The Louisiana Advisory Committee on Midwifery is a Committee to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners that advises the LSBME regarding the regulation of direct entry midwives. In accordance with the La Rev. Statutes 37:3242, one member of the Louisiana Advisory Committee on Midwifery shall be a registered nurse with obstetrical experience or a certified nurse midwife selected from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. The LSBN has just been notified by Governor Jindal's office that the term of office for the current member has expired and has requested a list of names immediately. Therefore, the list of names must be determined at the LSBN June meeting.

Emails went out to every certified nurse midwife on Licensure roster in good standing, explaining the position and asking those interested in nomination to submit their names.

Break: A break was taken at this time.

AGENDA TEM 8.2 (CONTINUED)

Four individuals submitted their name for consideration: Mary Alice DeCoursey, Sally E. Cook, Margaret Guthrie Tennyson and Carrie Ducote Aillet.

Mary Alice DeCoursey's name was withdrawn for consideration.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by C. MacMillan, seconded, that the LSBN forward to the Office of the Governor for consideration to the Louisiana Advisory Commission the names of Sally E. Cook and Margaret Guthrie Tennyson.

Discussion.

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

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, to go into Executive Session to hear the Report on Litigation.

Voice Vote: J. Harper-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; M. Oswald-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; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; Ms. Oswald-yes; G. Poirrier-yes;
Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**NORA STEELE, VICE-PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**