

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

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 20, 2020 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by T. Cotita, President, on Thursday, August 20, 2020, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, President
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, Vice President
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN, Alternate Officer
Kenneth Alexander, MS, RRT
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN
Frederick Pinkney, Ed.D
Jamie Wiggins, DNS-c, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, MBA, NEA-BC, Executive Director/CEO
Isonel Brown, MS, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Compliance Officer
Jennifer Wright, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, Chief Nursing Officer
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Cynthia Bienemy, PhD, RN, Director, Louisiana Center for Nursing
Marcia Carter, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Dr. Lyon introduced and welcomed Dr. Wendi Palermo and Dr. Frederick Pinkney as the new Board members.

Dr. Palermo is the Executive Director of Nursing and Health Care Initiatives for the Louisiana Community and Technical College System. She will be completing the term of Dr. Jacqueline Hill and occupies an educator's position on the Board. Dr. Palermo's entire bio is online.

Dr. Pinkney is a certified career educator, specializing in working with minority populations. He is experienced in strategic planning. He currently is a member of the Board of Directors for the Louisiana Association of Educators. Dr. Pinkney is completing Ms. Susan Saunder's position on the Board as a public consumer member.

Dr. Lyon stated that after the Consent Agenda Motions, under the Office of the Executive Director, CEO, Mr. Don Oliva with C.E. Broker will do a presentation on a monitoring product.

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, to adopt the Agenda with the ability to rearrange the Agenda items for efficiency.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes; F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2020 Board Meeting.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes; F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

1. Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Report
2. Akula Foundation - Continuing Education Approval
3. Education Announcements

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda Motions.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes; F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Board Agenda Item 3.3 **CNE Monitoring Product**

A presentation was made by Don Oliva regarding a CNE Monitoring Product.

Mr. Oliva was available to answer questions by Board members.

2. Division Reports

Agenda Item 2.1
Division of Nursing Practice

Agenda Item 2.1.1
Chief Nursing Officer

Dr. Wright attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Dr. Wright gave an update on the status of licensure. The division has continued to implement expedited processes with staff working remotely to issue credentials. Since the Governor's stay-at-home order in March, they have issued over 3,800 credentials to help the workforce in Louisiana and throughout the country.

The electronic transcript policy was finalized which assists with work remotely and facilitates expedited services.

Ms. Moffatt thanked Dr. Wright and her division for doing a phenomenal job in helping to get licenses approved.

Dr. Wright was available for questions.

Agenda Item 2.1.2
Education and Examination

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1
School of Nursing Probationary Status Report

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1.1
Louisiana's College School of Nursing Probationary Status Report

Dr. Dufrene attended the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance.

Their first-time pass rate remains 100%.

Dr. Marilyn Cooksey, Dean/Professor, Louisiana College's School of Nursing, was present, to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Dr. Bonanno congratulated Dr. Cooksey on their continued 100% first time pass rate.

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, that the Board accept Louisiana College's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in nursing education degree program.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes;

J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes;
F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Dr. Lyon requested that Dr. Dufrene give the Board a report regarding the delays in test scheduling for Louisiana graduates.

Dr. Dufrene stated that Pearson Vue is testing graduates out solidly to the middle of October, including summer graduates. They have stragglers scheduling all the way out until November. Most graduates are scheduling quickly and moving forward. Graduates still have their extended temporary permit should they need it. All of Louisiana's centers are functioning and moving along nicely. They are now at seven days a week, appointments are as early as 6:30 a.m. and the latest appointment is about 4:00 p.m., which will give them until 8:00 p.m. to finish testing.

Dr. Lyon reported that Pearson Vue is still on 50% occupancy and continues to maintain the six feet social distancing.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2

Out-of-State APRN Clinical Approval.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2.1

Bradley University's request to offer Graduate Clinical Experiences in Louisiana.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Bradley University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until August 20, 2023 for the following roles/populations:

Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN, PMC, DNP)

Dr. Bonanno expressed appreciation for including the enrollment.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes;
F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2.2

Simmons University's Request to Offer Graduate Clinical Experiences in Louisiana.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Simmons University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until August 20, 2023 for the following roles/populations:

Nurse Practitioner (RN-MSN, BSN-MSN)

Dr. Heather Shlosser was present via Microsoft Teams to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes; F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.1.2.3

Request for New Graduate Program in Louisiana

Agenda Item 2.1.2.3.1

McNeese State University's Initiation of a Graduate Nursing Education Degree Program

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance and approval.

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, that the Board accept the letter of intent and feasibility study from McNeese State University and approve Step I to establish a graduate nursing education degree program.

Dr. Peggy Wolfe, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions McNeese State University, was present to provide information and answer questions by Board members.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes; F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.1.2.4

William Carey University at Baton Rouge General's Site Visit Report

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance and approval.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board accept the Initial Site Visit Report of William Carey University at Baton Rouge General, grant full approval to the Baccalaureate of Science in nursing degree program and approve the program to initiate articulation of the LPN-RN.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes;

J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes;
F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.1.2.5

Excelsior College Accreditation - Status

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene.

Dr. Dufrene recommended that the Board discuss and act on the current accreditation status and request of Excelsior College regarding eligibility of currently enrolled students to license in Louisiana.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board receive a report at the October Board meeting regarding the ACEN appeal by Excelsior College and have further discussion.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes;
F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

(Break taken)

(T. Cotita called the meeting back to order)

Agenda Item 2.1.3

Licensure and Practice

No Report.

Agenda Item 2.1.4

Center for Nursing

Agenda Item 2.1.4.1

Louisiana Center for Nursing Updates

Please refer to Dr. Bienemy's update which was placed in Confluence.

Dr. Bienemy was available for questions from Board members.

Agenda Item 2.1.4.2

Louisiana's 2019 Nursing Workforce Demand Report

The 2019 Nurse Employer Survey (NES) represents the third statewide survey of its kind that has been conducted every four years beginning in 2010 by the Louisiana Center for Nursing (LCN). Major employers of nurses in Louisiana representing hospitals, long term care facilities, home health agencies, hospices, public health facilities, ambulatory surgery centers, rural health clinics, federally qualified healthcare centers (FQHCs) and dialysis centers were surveyed to determine the demand for nursing personnel (Registered Nurses [RNs], Advanced Practice Registered Nurses [APRNs], Licensed Practical Nurses [LPNs]), and Nursing Assistants [NAs]) in Louisiana. Additional questions such as the number of nurses hired within the last year; and hourly wage for entry level and experienced nursing personnel were added to the 2019 LCN-NES to broaden the capacity to describe Louisiana's nursing workforce. In light of the limited resources that are available to employers, healthcare administrators and policy makers, who have the responsibility of determining how economic resources will be used to address nurse supply and demand in Louisiana, the findings from the 2019 LCN-NES will assist them in making more informed, data-driven decisions based on information gained from the employers of Louisiana's nursing workforce.

A total of 1,405 health care facilities were surveyed. They received 489 surveys back, which gave them a 35% response rate. The response rate was broken down into types of healthcare facilities.

Dr. Bienemy presented a snapshot of some of the major findings from the 2019 Nurse Employer Survey. This information can be found in the Report, which was placed in Confluence.

Dr. Bienemy was available for questions from the Board.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to accept the Louisiana's 2019 Nursing Workforce Demand Report.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes; F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.1.4.3

2019 Nurse Supply Addendum Report

Dr. Bienemy presented the 2019 Nurse Supply Addendum Report. The 2019 Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) Licensure Renewal season marked the fifth year of renewals using the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Optimal Regulatory Board System (ORBS) online licensure renewal system. This is the second year that LSBN will have licensure data on all licensed registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) available through ORBS. The LSBN IT Department, Center for Nursing, and the ORBS Team have worked diligently over the last five years to ensure the quality and accuracy of the data that will be used by their stakeholders to inform policy makers related to Louisiana's RN and APRN workforce.

This Report is based on a snapshot of every RN and APRN that had an active license to practice in Louisiana on December 31st, 2019. This will be the first year that LCN (Louisiana Center for Nursing) will have the ability to begin the process of trending data since LSBN's transition to ORBS.

Dr. Bienemy gave an overview of some of the major findings found within the Report. This information can be found in Confluence.

Dr. Bienemy was available for questions.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to accept the 2019 Nurse Supply Addendum Report.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes;
F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.2 **Compliance Division**

Agenda Item 2.2.1 **Chief Compliance Officer**

Ms. Matthews reported that at the December 15, 2019 Board Meeting she shared with the Board that LSBN signed a contract with Lean Six Sigma Consultants to come to the Board and identify the inefficiencies in the investigative process and to make recommendations on how to resolve those inefficiencies.

The consultant visited the Board November 17th through November 21st to assess the investigative process and met with staff to solicit input on the department's current process for the intake of complaints, opening/assigning investigations, completing investigations and closing investigations. The consultant returned to the Board on December 8th through December 12th to continue the assessment and submitted a final recommendation at the end of February.

The first recommendation which has been implemented is assigning a Compliance Investigator 4A as a Complaint Intake Coordinator responsible for the complaint intake process thereby allowing the other investigators to focus on closing their cases instead of reviewing complaints. As of July, Miranda Christopher has assumed the position and will be responsible for the complaint-intake process.

The second recommendation was to replace the position of Director of Investigations with team leaders who will assist the Compliance Investigators and RN Compliance Officers with the daily task of closing investigations. Based on the recommendation, in July Geneve Carter, who is an APRN, FNP, joined the board and will serve as team leader for the RN Compliance Officers. Nicole Battle will serve as team leader for the Compliance Investigators.

The third recommendation was to install a visual management system to track the investigations. The screen has been mounted on the wall in the Compliance area.

Ms. Matthews will keep the Board updated with any additional recommendations.

Ms. Matthews was available for questions.

Agenda Item 2.2.2
RN/Monitoring Department

Ms. Matthews reported that in March, due to COVID-19 and the Governor's Stay at Home Order, the RNP/Monitoring Department suspended drug testing for all participant's; however, participants were still required to check in with Affinity daily.

Effective May 28, 2020, urine and hair drug screening were resumed. RNP participants are required to submit to hair testing due to the period since their last drug screen.

Payments for Monitoring/RNP participants will remain suspended until further notice from the Governor regarding the health emergency and further notice from Dr. Lyon.

Agenda Item 2.2.3
Compliance

Ms. Matthews updated the Board on the Priority 1 cases out of compliance. As of the last report, there were 50 out of compliance Priority 1 cases.

Currently, they have 33 out of compliance Priority 1 cases.

Eight cases were out of compliance 4 to 6 months.
Four cases were out of compliance 7 to 9 months.
Fourteen cases were out of compliance 10 to 12 months.
Seven cases were out of compliance 13 to 15 months.

Ms. Matthews was available to answer questions.

Dr. Lyon commended Ms. Matthews on the job she is doing on getting these cases closed.

Agenda Item 2.2
RNP/Monitoring

No Report

Agenda Item 2.3
Division of Administration

Agenda Item 2.3.1

Chief Administrative Officer

Agenda Item 2.3.1.1

LA Compliance Questionnaire

Ms. Brown requested the Board’s acceptance and approval of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and the LSBN Board Resolution.

The audit is being conducted by Pinell and Martinez. Their contract is with the Louisiana Legislative Auditors through fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

The document will be signed by the Chief Executive Officer, Board President and Vice President.

Ms. Brown was available for questions

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board accept and approve the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes; F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board accept and approve the LSBN Board Resolution with one edit to change the date from the 19th to the 20th.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes; F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.3.2

Information Technology

Agenda Item 2.3.2.1

Request for IT Expenditure

Ms. Brown reported that the Division of Administration and the Office of Information Technology are seeking to purchase 67 new laptops for all line employees, plus an additional 2 laptops to test and use for image generation for a total of \$207,000. This IT expenditure will strengthen the agency’s capability and readiness to deliver mission critical business functions during Covid-19 and any other future declared emergencies.

The purchase will be made under the terms of the Office of State Purchasing (OSP) featured contract for Dell computers. Included with the purchase of the laptops will be 5 years of warranty, device tracking software, a tote bag, and a docking station.

Discussion ensued regarding also obtaining an extra monitor, mouse, and keyboard to go along with the laptop.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board approve IT expenditure for 69 laptops with the addition of a monitor, mouse, and a keyboard for each laptop.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes;
F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.3.3

Human Resources

Ms. Brown stated that Human Resources is approaching open enrollment for health insurance in October. Human Resources will be communicating with staff regarding those efforts.

They now are in the PES Evaluation System. They will be evaluating staff on their performance for the prior fiscal year. In addition, they will be making their planning and performance goals for this current fiscal year.

Agenda Item 2.3.4

Finance/Records Management

The Accounting Department is conducting their fiscal audit based on 2019's fiscal year.

They currently have 64 full-time employees, one part-time classified employee, and 17 temporary part-time positions, and two job appointments.

Ms. Brown was available for questions.

Agenda Item 2.4

Division of Legal Affairs

Ms. Jones will present her Litigation Report during Executive Session.

Agenda Item 2.4.1

Chief Legal Officer

Since the last Board meeting, Ms. Jones has participated in the NLC (Nurse Licensure Compact) Commissioner meeting, the 2020 NCSBN Annual Meeting as an alternate delegate, and the OLRC meeting. These were all done through virtual platforms.

Ms. Jones has been working with the Hearings Department and the IT Department and has done self-studies on Microsoft Teams so the Board can use these platforms as the law has been amended to allow for meetings to be done virtually during declared emergencies.

Agenda Item 2.4.2 **Hearings**

Ms. Jones reported that the Board had their first regular hearing after the pandemic yesterday. The Hearings Department has been working well remotely.

Ms. Jones commended the staff as they continue to be flexible to take on additional responsibilities.

Dr. Bonanno requested that if possible, all witnesses on behalf of the Board be physically present for hearings.

Discussion ensued regarding having meetings recorded and live streamed in the future, and to be able to access and preserve recorded telephone conversations with respondents.

3 Office of the Executive Director/CEO

Agenda Item 3.1 **Board Committees**

Dr. Lyon inquired as to whether Board members desired to keep the following individual task force committees: The Clinical Capacity Task Force, the Articulation Model Task Force, and the Internationally Educated Nurses Task Force.

Dr. Bonanno stated that the Board should keep the Internationally Educated Nurses Task Force as there could be future issues which may come up but saw no reason to keep the Clinical Capacity Task Force and the Articulation Model Task Force.

Discussion ensued regarding a future retreat for strategic planning.

Agenda Item 3.2 **LAC Culture of Health Summit**

Dr. Lyon reported that the Louisiana Action Coalition has decided to continue to have the Summit, which will be held virtually on the 27th and 28th of October.

The Board's support for the last 2 years' Summits has been \$1800 each year, but the costs are reduced this year because it is a virtual conference. The cost for the Board this year is to pay for the Continuing Nursing Education units not to exceed \$700.00. The cost is estimated to be between \$500 - \$700 depending when the program can be finalized and the CNE application submitted to LSNA.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to approve the support for the LAC Culture of Health Summit (Virtual) to be held October 27 & 28, 2020.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes;
F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

4 Reports

Agenda Item 4.1

Report of the President

Report Posted

Agenda Item 4.2

Report of the Vice President

Report Posted

Agenda Item 4.3

Report of the Executive Director

Report Posted.

Dr. Lyon reported that from January through July, there were 9,064 phone calls coming into the agency.

As of August 16, 2020, 7,021 multi-state licenses have been issued.

Ms. Manning commended Dr. Lyon and Mr. Cotita on the video they made to celebrate nurses, stating that it was very touching and heartfelt.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to accept the reports of the President, Vice President and CEO/Executive Director.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes;
F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

(Lunch Break)

(Mr. Cotita called the meeting back to order.)

5. Professional Development

No presentation made.

6. National Council State Boards of Nursing

Agenda Item 6.1 **2020 Annual Meeting**

Agenda Item 6.1.1 **Elections**

The following are the new elected officers for the NCSBN.

President Elect

Jay Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing.

NCSBN Board of Directors:

President - Jim Cleghorn, MA, Executive Director, Georgia Board of Nursing
Director-at-Large, Anne Coghlan, MSc, RN, Executive Director and CEO, College of Nurses of Ontario
Director at Large, Amy Fitzhugh, JD, Chief Legal Officer, North Carolina Board of Nursing
Director-at-Large, Cathy Borris-Hale, MHA, RN, Nurse Specialist II, District of Columbia Board of Nursing
Director-at-Large, Mark Majek, MA, PHR, SHRM-CP, Director of Operations, Texas Board of Nursing

Members of the Leadership Succession Committee (LSC):

Tammy Buchholz, MSN, RN, CNE, FRE, Associate Director for Education, North Dakota Board of Nursing
Jennifer Laurent, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, Board Member, Vermont Board of Nursing

Agenda Item 6.1.2 **APRN Compact**

It was reported by Dr. Lyon that the APRN Compact did pass despite a lot of opposition from organized groups. The opposition centered around the 2080 hours for transition to practice and the fact that the Commission will not have an advisory group of APRNs to advise the Commission. Since the reason

for the Commission is to regulate the rules of the new APRN Compact Commission and not to regulate scope of practice, delegates to the annual meeting did not feel that an APRN Advisory Group was not warranted.

Agenda Item 6.2
NLC Meeting

Dr. Lyon was not able to attend the NLC (Nurse Licensure Compact) meeting. Ms. Jones attended the Meeting and represented Dr. Lyon.

Ms. Jones stated there were no contested matters at the meeting, everything passed without any major discussion or contention.

Agenda Item 6.2.1
Legislative Update

The Legislative Update shows the 32 new states that are all Compact states. There is pending legislation in Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

Agenda Item 6.2.2
Policy Committee Report

Dr. Lyon attached reports from the Policy Committee. Dr. Wright was appointed to the NLC Policy Committee. Their charge is related to developing and approving policies to assist in implementation of the Nurse Licensure Compact. Ms. Jones attended the NLC Meeting and represented Dr. Lyon. Report is attached.

Dr. Couvillon inquired as to how CE's are handled relative to consortium states doing the CEs based on the CE demo from CE Direct. Dr. Lyon stated it should not impact it.

Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 6.2.3
Compliance Committee

Dr. Lyon was appointed to the Compliance Committee.

Report is attached.

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments

8. Executive Session

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel Issues.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; K. Alexander-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; W. Palermo -yes; F. Pinkney-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

After returning from Executive Session, the Board Meeting was adjourned.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Cotita', written over a horizontal line.

**TIM COTITA, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**