

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

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 22, 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 D. Olds, President, on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:

Deborah Olds, RN, President
Nora Steele, DNS, RN, C, PNP, Vice-President
Lucie Agosta, Ph.D., APRN
Bonnie Johnson, RN, MSN
Patricia Johnson, RN, MN, CNA
Carllene MacMillan, MN, RN
Michelle T. Oswald, CRNA

The following Board members were not in attendance:

Gail Poirrier, RN, DNS
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
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Credentialing/Practice Director
Joy Peterson, BSN, RN, Director of Investigations
Elaine Vallette, Dr PH, RN, Director of Education/Licensure
Janice Britton, MSN, RN
Rickie Callegan, MSN, RN, Regional Manager
Melodie Knippers, RN Regional Manager
Michelle Wells, MSHCM, BSN, RNC, Regional Manager
Danielle Smith, RN, MSN, Regional Manager
Wade Shows, Board Attorney
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney
Wanda Green, Administrative Assistant
Suzanne Armand, Court Reporter

Introduction: D. Olds established that a quorum of the Board was present

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

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to adopt the agenda.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

June 10, 2008 Disciplinary Hearings

Motion: by M. Oswald, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the Special Session Hearings held on June 10, 2008

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

June 11, 2008 General Board Meeting

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the General Board Meeting held on June 11, 2008 as corrected.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

July 22, 2008 Special Session Hearing

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the Special Session held on July 22, 2008.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Ms. Olds reported that she has been appointed to the Nursing Supply and Demand Council and will meet with that committee in November. Ms. Olds also met with the Advisory Board.

Motion: by D. Olds, seconded, to accept the Report of the President.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT:

The Report of the Vice-President and Fourth Quarter Financial Report was circulated among Board members.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Report of the Vice-President and Fourth Quarter Financial Report.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The report of the Executive Director was distributed to Board members. Each Board member received an activities report, which represents a completion of a fiscal year by each department.

Ms. Morvant reported that she has been working with staff to resolve problems with criminal background checks. There is a problem with licensing individuals before criminal background checks come back and this matter will be addressed in the next couple of months with the Board.

Image Now has been launched. Michelle Wells is sharing time between the Project Director for the Image Now Imaging Project and Regional Manager responsibilities. The ultimate goal of this project is to move the Board to a paperless system.

The Customer Call Center has been launched. Ms. Morvant reported that they are exploring changes in the telephone system that allows them to set up call center/customer center responders. Each department may approach this a little differently. The goal is for every caller is to get a live person.

Vacant positions are continuing to be filled. A Librarian has been hired for staff who will do record retention. A Credentialing Manager has also been hired, who is an APRN. Another RNP Manager is also needed who will work under Danielle Smith, as there are close to 600 cases between RNP and Monitoring to manage.

Renewals is ongoing at the present time. This is the first year renewals will be totally electronic. Only on-line applications are being accepted. A little over 10% of the nurses have renewed to date. A reminder will go out the 1st of November and then again December 1st to anyone who has not renewed

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

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswalt-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:

Ms. Olds reported that the Administrative Committee met July 22, 2008.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report of the July 22, 2008 Administrative committee.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswalt-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ms. Olds reported that the Advisory Council met October 20, 2008. The organization who were represented at the meeting were:

Louisiana State Board of Nursing
Louisiana School Nurse Organization
Louisiana School Nurse Organization, Legislative Committee
Louisiana State Nurses Association
Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Louisiana Nursing Home Association
Louisiana School Nursing Association
Louisiana Hospital Association

There was a two hour meeting. Ms. Morvant reported on what the Board was doing.

LHA spoke about their training program.

Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists reported that they had their annual meeting and 20 scholarships were awarded among CRNA students, which 3 went to students from Louisiana.

LSNO attended and appreciated the State Board of Nursing's Advisory Council's participation and also talked about some of the problems that they were seeing in the school system and there not being enough nurses to help with those needs.

The Louisiana Nursing Home Association reported that the Medical Attendant Certified Program had not started yet.

LSNA announced that the Nightingale Gala will be January 31, 2009 at the Marriot Hotel.

Ms. Olds stated that there were Board vacancies coming up, a Nurse Educator and Administrator.

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, to accept the report of the Advisory Council Meeting.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE

The Credentialing Committee did not meet. No action required by the Board.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Steele reported that the Education Committee met on July 22, 2008.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Report of the Education Committee Meeting.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

M. Oswald reported that the Compliance Committee on July 22, 2008.

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

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

NURSING PRACTICE COMMITTEE

M. Griener reported that the Practice Committee met on July 22, 2008.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Report of the Practice Committee Report.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:

Board Members received a report of the Settlement Committee Meeting held during the quarter of April through June 30th.

Motion: by D. Olds, seconded, to accept the Report of the Settlement Committee Meeting.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AGENDA ITEM A

REPORT OF RULEMAKING OF LAC 46:XLVII.3331, DENIAL OR DELAY OF LICENSURE

Ms. Morvant stated the rules for Denial or Delay of licensure have been submitted for publication in the Louisiana Register and appeared September 20. The Board will have an opportunity to act on them at the December meeting for promulgation. There has been no public comment or request for public hearing regarding these rules.

Discussion.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report on the status of rule making of revisions to LAC 46:LSVII.3331.A – Denial or Delay of License Reinstatement, or the Right to Practice Nursing as a Student Nurse.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS HELD ON OCTOBER 20-21, 2008

B. Morvant announced the names of the registrants whose file was

presented at the October 20, 2008 Hearings.

Excused: G. Poirrier and P. Johnson were excused from the disciplinary hearings held on Monday, October 20, 2008

Eric Morris Randall

Mr. Randall appeared before the Board in response to Ratification of Automatic Suspension by Board Staff and a Show Cause Order for Revocation as filed.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, that the Automatic Suspension of the Respondent's license on July 1, 2008 is hereby ratified and that the license of the registrant is suspended for a minimum of 24 months, effective upon the date of this order, after which time the registrant can apply for reinstatement contingent upon meeting the following stipulations:

Refrain from working in any capacity as a Registered Nurse. Failure to do so shall cause further disciplinary action and/or criminal charges.

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.

Submit the following payments and/or documents ordered by the Board: \$1,000.00 payment as fine, \$2,400.00 payment for cost of hearing; and evidence of completion of 15 hours of continuing education for each year of suspension in areas of Legal Accountability, Ethics, and Legal/Ethical Issues.

After completion of above stipulations, Applicant must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board, that he poses no danger to the practice of nursing or to the public and that he can safely and competently perform the duties of a Registered Nurse. He may need to personally meet with Board or staff.

If the reinstatement is approved, then he is eligible for reinstatement with probation for a minimum of three (3) years contingent upon adherence to the following stipulations:

Prior to beginning or returning to work, inform all nursing employers of these disciplinary measures and of the probationary status of license. Within 5 days, shall cause all employers to submit, in writing to the Board, that they have reviewed all pages of this Order.

Have all immediate nursing supervisors submit a performance evaluation report monthly, commencing from the first date of employment. Monthly reports are due on the first of each month.

Work in a restrictive environment as a member of a treatment team rather than alone or with a few employees. Not be employed in agency/pool/staffing, home health

services, or nursing homes. Additionally, not be employed in any unsupervised setting. Must be directly supervised by an on-site Registered Nurse.

Immediately (within 72 hours) inform the Board in writing of any change in address.

Immediately inform the Board in writing of all places of employment. If employment changes, the Board shall be immediately (within 72 hours) notified in writing.

If unemployed, inform the Board in writing on a quarterly basis.

Shall engage in the practice of professional nursing in Louisiana for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours per week for a minimum of eighteen (18) consecutive months.

By the first of each month, submit a monthly probation fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) dollars to the Board.

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, receipt of an unfavorable report, or non-receipt of reports on or before the date due shall result in the immediate suspension of this registrant's license, and shall cause a hearing to be scheduled for revocation of this registrant's license.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Excused: G. Poirrier and Ms. Oswald were excused from the disciplinary matters on October 21, 2008

Joshua Baylis Douglas

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

Motion: by C. MacMillian, seconded, that the license of this registrant is suspended and the respondent shall not be able to request license reinstatement until satisfaction of a reinstatement application requirements and upon completion of the following:

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 inpatient evaluations by a psychiatric, psychological and substance abuse evaluation by a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist and addictionist approved by the Board; shall submit all pages of this agreement to evaluator prior to start of the evaluations. 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. Shall submit copies of this agreement to all evaluators.

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 Board or Board staff. Must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that he poses no danger to the practice of nursing or to the public and that he can safely and competently perform the duties of a registered nurse. If the Board approves continued licensure, the probation period, conditions or stipulations, may be revised to ensure that patients and the public are protected.

If recommended by the therapist, physician or treatment team, 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.

Submit written evidence of completion of 20 hours of LSBN staff approved continuing education hours to include the areas of Legal/Ethical Issues and Chemical Dependency in Health Care Professionals.

Prior to reinstatement, submit payment of \$750.00 to the Board as fine.

Prior to reinstatement, submit payment of \$600.00 as cost of Board Hearing.

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: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Bruce Marlon Williams

The matter was heard by the Board in response to Charges as Filed.

Motion:

by B. Johnson, seconded, that the license of this registrant be suspended a minimum of two (2) years, after which time he may request a hearing. The purpose of this hearing is to show cause as to why he should be allowed to practice as a registered nurse.

Within four (4) months, submit payment of \$600.00 to the Board as cost..

Within twelve (12) months, submit a payment of \$500.00 to the Board as fine.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes;
D. Olds-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Angela Hoofman Brooks

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

Motion:

by L. Agosta, seconded, the summary suspension of license on October 3, 2008, is hereby ratified. Further, the license shall remain suspended and Respondent shall not be able to request license reinstatement until satisfaction of reinstatement application requirements and upon completion of the following:

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 a comprehensive psychiatric, psychological and substance abuse inpatient 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.

Shall submit all pages of this agreement to each evaluator prior to the start of the evaluations.

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 Respondent 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 three (3) years, and be compliant with all recommendations.

If the evaluations give any treatment recommendations or findings to warrant concern for patient safety, shall meet with 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 competently perform the duties of a Registered Nurse.

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.

Prior to reinstatement, submit payment of \$500.00 to Board as a fine.

Prior to reinstatement, submit payment of \$450.00 as cost of Board hearing.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes C. MacMillan-yes;
D. Olds-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Consent Orders:

There were sixty-eight (68) matters presented to the Board in the form of Consent Orders.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, that the Consent Orders submitted by the following registrants be accepted.

Kelly Nicole Abel
Joel Chance Airhart
Jessica Kristine Amsden
Zoe Nichol Berger
Jessica Bosch
John Stephen Brooks
Stanley Calvin Brown
Kendall Perry Case
Lydia Marie Chiaramonte
Alan Jason Childress

**Clyde James Chisholm
Stacey Shaw Cloud
Sarah Yearwood Coker
Jacques Marcel Coleman
Lisa Anne Colletta
Pamela Shipley Combest
Donna Meador Cotton
Stacey Holley Cradeur
Amy Warren Deane
Ravon Rene Dominique
Angela Gregg Dykes
Debra Shaw Eaves
Sherri Johnson Edgar
Virginia Annette Gamble
Felicia Cox Gauthier
Judy Visser Golen
Ann Wilson Gross
Karen Gotaas Hadley
Michael Lee Hebert
Corey Jayne Laborde
Keisha Winford Lewis
Angela Riles Lindsey
Daniel Champman Love
Angela Bounds Lymuel
Brian Joseph Marsolan
Ashley Haydel McDonner
Jeremy Albert McInnis
Derrick Anthony Mehal
Aimee Elizabeth Mercer
Brent O'Neal Moeller
Kimberly Croft Monk
Philip Anthony Parrino
Lisa Sarvis Pelletier
Luke John Pierce
Margaret Nichols Pistorius
Chadwick Mancil Randow
Nina Bertrand Ravey
Robina Gray Roberts
Nancy Carol Rodgers
Laurie Tarter Runco
Heather Guichet Ryan
Susan Marie Searle
Donna Beth Sebren
Samuel Allen Senegal
Fegee Watson Simms
Sunny Morales Simoneaux**

**Brittany Burns Slocum
David Barry Smith
Stephen Paul Starnes
Ashley Monique Stelly
Sandra Tammell
Natalie Ann Twardosky
Sarah Rebecca Tyndall
Mary Ellen Van Zandt
Jacqueline Parks Warren
Scott Jeffrey Weinerth
Gerhonda Maria Wesley
Kissley Rennee Wiggins
Candace Kay Wilson**

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes;
D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Automatic Suspensions

There were thirty-one (31) matters presented to the Board in the form of Automatic Suspensions

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, to ratify the Automatic Suspensions by staff of the following registrants:

**Phillip Paul Alongio, III
Sharon McMullen Anthony
Joel Patrick Atkinson
Christopher Don Bing
Angelia Kay Briggs
Robert Evans Burke
Virginia Coleman Byon
Brady John Castille
Tyger Asley Coston
Stephanie Ann Dianis
Michael Lee Dowing
Jade Marie Dugas
Rachelle Nicolle Ennis
Tammy Faulk
Vanessa Eubanks Harrell
Michael Warren Hendry
Patricia Allen Jenkins
Daniel Burton Lamke**

**Alexys Anne Leblanc
Marie Johnson LeJeune
Mark Christian Lueg
Kirsten Johnson Myers
Richard John Lemoine
Adeline Irwin Newsom
Toni Barnum Poirrier
Anne Verdon Prendergast
Crystal Robinson Rhodes
Mary Lewis Rinaldi
Tammy Jane Wall
Dwayne Wheeler
Leticia Jacobson Worboys**

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes;
D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:

There was one (1) matter heard by the Board as Ratification of Delay/Denial by staff.

Motion: by C. MacMillan,, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denial of licensure by staff of the following individual:

Cora Ricaud Bernard

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes;
D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

MULTIPLE ACTIONS:

There were seven (7) matters heard by the Board involving Multiple Actions by Board Staff.

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

**Amy Cureington Barlow
Darcy D. Curiel**

Alison Skaggs Eizel
Lillian Joann Ford
Melissa Renee Lair
Kimberly McAllister Rogers
Stephanie Brouillette Zuniga

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes;
D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE:

The Board received the written report of the Settlement Orders that were offered and accepted at the held 6/23/08, 7/21/08, and 9/22/08.

No Action required by the Board.

Motion: by Ms. B. Johnson, second, that the Compliance Committee be requested to review the Rules regarding the RNP program, specifically to consider a “3-strikes-and-you-are-out” policy and to deny confidential entry into RNP when diverted narcotics.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; C. MacMillan-yes;
D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES:

AGENDA ITEM 2.1

LEGISLATIVE REPORT FROM THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the update Legislative Report for 2008

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.2

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC FINGERPRINTING SYSTEM

Motion: by C. MacMillan, seconded, to accept the motion to approve the initial

purchase of one (1) desktop electronic fingerprinting system and one (1) portable system and develop procedures for implementing new system.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Ms. Morvant stated that this item is also a budget revision and will be doing that budget revision based on the motion.

AGENDA ITEM 2.3

SR NO. 152-ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Senate Resolution 152 urge and request.

This resolution “urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to establish a nursing workforce center and perform the following duties:

1. Collect, analyze and report the registered workforce data utilizing established nursing supply, demand, and predictor models to forecast registered nurse resource needs to the Louisiana Health Works Commission.
2. Evaluate registered nurse education capacity, and develop strategies for increasing educational access, retention and mobility, including opportunity for monitoring and underrepresented groups.
3. Establish a website for information concerning potential employment and educational opportunities for becoming a registered nurse in Louisiana.

Ms. Morvant stated that Board members have received additional materials which details the actual plan. This involves voting on three (3) items. There is a history given and three attachments which explains the framework for the center that is being proposed. The three attachments implement the proposal: The proposed bylaws revisions, the proposed budget amendments and the proposed establishment of the director position.

Discussion ensued.

Motion:

by N. Steele, seconded, that Board establishes a Nursing Center and adopt the proposed Bylaw provisions to do so and direct the Executive Director

to develop an Action Plan using whatever resources are appropriate for these purposes.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by C. MacMillan, seconded, that the 2008-2009 budget be amended to incorporate the changes necessary to implement the proposal for the Nursing Center and provide appropriate personnel as directed in SR 152.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by C. MacMillan, seconded, that the Board accept the job description for the director of the Nursing Center as an unclassified position until such time as a classified position can be created for that position to meet the requirements of SR 152.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

AGENDA ITEM 2.4

REPORT ON LITIGATION

2.4.1 Debra Lewis versus Louisiana State Board of Nursing

Mr. Shows updated the Board members on the status of this lawsuit. This matter is set for oral argument on December 1st, 2008 in the 19th Judicial Court. At which point, if Ms. Lewis does not prevail, she then has the right to appeal to the First Circuit Court of Appeals and eventually to the Supreme Court.

2.4.2 Spinal Diagnostics versus Louisiana State Board of Nursing

Mr. Shows updated the Board members on the status of this case. The matter had been scheduled for oral argument at the First Circuit Court of Appeal on Monday, November 3rd

CREDENTIALING ISSUES:

(No agenda items. The Credentialing Committee did not meet)

EDUCATION/EXAMINATION ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 4.1:

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE COLLEGE – NURSE ANESTHESIA PROGRAM SITE VISIT REPORT

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the Site Visit Report from Our Lady of the Lake College Nurse Anesthesia Program and grant full approval status and commend them on the 100% pass rate of their first class on the CRNA exam.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.2:

REQUEST TO CONDUCT CLINICAL EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA BY UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES COLLEGE OF NURSING

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to approve the request by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing to conduct clinical experiences at Christus Schumpert Health System in Shreveport.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.3

TERMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE NURSING PROGRAM AT NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to approve the termination of the Associate of Science Nursing Program at Nicholls State University in accordance with LAC46:XLVII.3531.A.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.4

ANNOUNCEMENT – NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AS DEAN OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH: FLETCHER

Dr. Adrienne Bethancourt has been appointed as Dean of Nursing and Allied Health: Fletcher

AGENDA ITEM 4.5

ANNOUNCEMENT – NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AS CHAIRPERSON FOR THE SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUTAE PROGRAMS IN NURSING

Dr. Sharon Hutchinson has been appointed as Chairperson for the Southern University and A&M College School of Nursing Graduate Programs in Nursing.

AGENDA ITEM 4.6

ANNOUNCEMENT – ITOEFL NOMINATIONS

Dr. Vallette reported that the Board submitted several nominations but has not heard from NCSBN who had been selected.

COMPLIANCE ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 5.1:

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 33 §3333 RENEWAL OF LICENSE B.6

Motion: by M. Oswald, seconded, to approve to initiate rulemaking for the revision of an addition to LAC 46:XLVII.333.B. Renewal of License as follows:

§3333 Renewal of Licensure

B. Requirements for renewal of license include:

6. Provide any/all information, documents, records, reports, evidence and/or items as requested by the Board/Board staff within 60 days from the date of the letter of request/notification sent by board staff, or else the RN license shall be subject to immediate invalidation by Board staff with change of status to inactive license and practice as a Registered Nurse will no longer be legal.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N.
Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 5.2

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 34 §3405 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS A. OTHER CAUSES x.ii. FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH THE BOARD BY:

Motion: By M. Oswald, seconded, to approve to initiate rulemaking for the revision of an addition to LAC46:XLVII.3405. Definitions of Terms as follows:

§3405. Definition of Terms, Other Causes

s. Failure to cooperate with the Board by:

- i. not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering a matter requested by the Board; or
- ii. *not providing information, documents/record, reports, evidence or any other requested items within the designated time period to the board office as requested by the Board/Board staff.*
- iii. not responsible to subpoenas issued by the board in connection with any investigation or hearing
- iv. not completing evaluations required by the Board.

Ms. Morvant thanked Ms. Peterson for bringing the issue to the Board's attention and drafting the language.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes; N.

Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 5.3

PROPOSED RULE AND REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 34 §3419 ALTERNATIVE TO DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS H.3.

Motion: by M. Oswalt, seconded, to approve to initiate rulemaking for the revision of an addition to LAC 46:XLVII.3419 Alternative to Disciplinary Proceedings as follows:

§3419 H. Discretionary Authority.

3. The Board may cause to be made non-confidential the records, files and information related to successful completion of an RNP program in the event that a former participant subsequently violates the Nurse Practice Act or the rules of the Board.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswalt-yes; N.
Steele-yes

Motion Carried

NURSING PRACTICE ISSUES:

AGENDA ITEM 6.1

DRAFT OF PROPOSED RULES FOR THE PICC LINE INSERTION

Ms. Griener distributed final draft of proposal rules to Board members. Committee requests a motion of these rules so that the rulemaking process can begin.

Motion: by M. Oswalt, seconded, to approve the final draft of proposed rules “peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) insertion,” with the correction to strike number “E” of the draft removed.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswalt-yes; N.
Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 6.2

RN OPINION REQUEST - The Program Coordinator of Lake Joint Effort with Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center submitted a request for practice opinion as to whether it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to remove peripheral nerve block catheters.

Motion: By N. Steele, seconded, that in relation to nursing practice, the Board adopted opinion Npop08.03 which states: That it is within the scope of practice for a registered nurse to remove peripheral nerve block catheters (interscalene/femoral/sciatic/lumbar plexus).

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 6.3

RN OPINION REQUEST – The Chair of the Evidence Based Practice Council with Thibodaux Regional Medical Center submitted a request for practice opinion whether it is within the of practice for a registered nurse to administer care for patients with an On-Q C-bloc, including: removal of the catheter, increasing and decreasing rate of infusion in accordance with physician’s order, and re-starting infusion once stopped.

Motion: by C. MacMillan, seconded, to direct staff to schedule meeting between persons of interest to discuss statutory changes regarding the administration of anesthesia agents in postoperative continuous nerve blockage systems.

Discussion ensued.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

AGENDA ITEM 7.1

NCSBN DELEGATE ASSEMBLY NEWS RELEASES**DELEGATE ASSEMBLY ACTIONS
AWARDED HONOREES
ELECTION RESULTS**

Ms. Morvant reported that the NCSBN Delegate Assembly was held the first week of August, 2008. Dr. Steele attended, as well as Ms. Movant, Dr. Vallette and P. Griener. There are three press releases that report on the activities of Delegate Assembly.

Ms. Morvant reported that they celebrated the 30th anniversary of National Council of State Boards of Nursing. The 25th anniversary books were given out to attendees. The authors were present to sign the books. A signed copy was bestowed to the LSBN. Ms. Morvant as well as Merlyn Maillian, who was the Executive Director 22 years prior to Ms. Morvant becoming the executive director, both signed the book as well to put into the Board's art history.

AGENDA ITEM 7.2**NCSBN INDUCTS SECOND GROUP OF FELLOWS OF THE NCSBN REGULATORY EXCELLENCE INSITUTE**

Ms. Morvant reported she was on that committee. The initial project was not at the level of fellowship. Board members and staff will be encouraged to pursue credential at an earlier time in their career so that regulatory researchers can be develop to add to evidenced based policy development. In the future, more emphasis will be on researching.

AGENDA ITEM 7.3**NCSBN UNIFORM CODE LICENSURE REQUIRMENTS (UCLR) CONFERENCE**

The Conference is being held the end of the first week of November.

AGENDA ITEM 7.4**NCSBN WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS – NEBRASKA ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE BOARD**

NCSBN issued a press release welcoming the Nebraska Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Board as a member.

AGENDA ITEM 7.5**NCSBN BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENDORSES THE CONSENSUS MODEL FOR APRN REGULATION: LICENSURE, ACCREDITATION & CERTIFICATION**

The NCSBN issued a press release endorsing the Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation and Certification.

AGENDA ITEM 7.6

NCSBN CENTER FOR REGULATORY EXCELLENCE GRANT PROGRAM

The deadline to apply to NCSBN for the 2009 Center for Regulatory Excellence Grant Program is December 1, 2008.

AGENDA ITEM 7.7

NCSBN SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF LPN/RNs WORKING IN DIALYSIS UNITS

The NCSBN has issued a statement on the scope of practice of LPN/RNs. This statement has been placed on the agenda for the Practice Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 8.1

PROPOSAL TO CO-SPONSOR LOUISIANA NURSING SUMMIT

The purpose of the summit is to bring together Louisiana nursing educators, employers of registered nurses, and nursing regulators to impact the nursing shortage and improve patient care outcomes through collective efforts to enhance: (1) student recruitment, (2) student retention and graduation, (3) transition to the RN role for new graduates, and (4) registered nurse retention in the workplace.

LSBN along with LSNA, LNF, LONE, LaCANE, and LANO are wanting to be co-sponsors.

The Summit is scheduled to take place on March 20, 2009 in Baton Rouge.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to approve LSBN to serve as a co-sponsor for the Louisiana Nursing Summit.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswald-yes;
N. Steele-yes

Motion Carried.

PRESENTATION:

Dr. Vallette presented a photo from a graduate of Delgado Community College, Scott

Miroddi along with an American Flag. Mr. Miroddi graduated in May from Delgado Community College. He is also a member of the military and a Black Hawk Helicopter pilot, trying to get into nursing school. LSBN has been trying to help him get tested and working with him.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; B. Johnson-yes; P. Johnson-yes;
C. MacMillan-yes; D. Olds-yes; M. Oswalt-yes;
N.. Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

DEBORAH OLDS, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING