

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

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2008  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

- Call to Order:** The meeting of the Education Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order by Dr. Nora Steele at 1:10 p.m. on October 22, 2008, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing located at 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Presiding:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP, Chairperson
- Roll Call:** Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP  
Carllene MacMillan, MN, RN  
Bonnie Johnson, MSN, RN
- Staff:** Barbara L. Morvant, RN, MN  
Executive Director
- Elaine Vallette, DrPH, RN  
Director of Education/Licensure
- Crystal Patterson  
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Stacey Pleasant  
Licensing Analyst, Education Department
- Guests:** Shirley Cashio, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)  
Elizabeth Battalora, DrHSc, MSN, RN (Louisiana College)  
Dorothy Lary, DNS, MSN, RN (LSU-Alexandria)  
Dianne Webb, MSN, RN (Northwestern State University)  
Jennifer Beck, MS, RN (Our Lady of the Lake College)  
Barbara Moffett, PhD, RN (Southeastern)  
Emily Doughty, MSN, RN (University of Louisiana Monroe)  
Theresa de Bêche-Thibodeaux, MN, RN (LSU-Eunice)
- Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** Chair suggested two additions to the minutes:  
-add place for Chairman's signature to the minutes  
- page 3 should reflect that Dr. Tremblay did give an overview

**Motion:** by Ms. Johnson that the minutes of July 22, 2008 be accepted with additions.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

**New Business:** Voice vote: MacMillan-yes; Johnson-yes. Motion carried.

**Renewal of Approval  
of Panola College ADN  
Program to Conduct  
Clinical Offerings in  
Louisiana:**

Staff commented on the rules regarding this issue and approvals of other out of state schools utilizing facilities in Louisiana for clinical courses.

Discussion ensued.

**Motion:** by Ms. Johnson to approve the request of Panola College to conduct clinical offerings at LSU or Willis Knighton in Shreveport for their maternal child nursing course effective January 2009 through December 2010.

Seconded by Ms. MacMillan

Voice vote: MacMillan-yes; Johnson-yes. Motion carried.

**Nursing Shortage:**

Staff commented on mandated articulation plan. Most of the programs have submitted their articulation plan information with their *Annual Reports*.

Discussion ensued regarding articulation and efforts to get more LPNs into RN programs.

**Old Business:**

**Policy on Conditional  
Approval for Programs  
in Nursing:**

Staff commented on wording on 3.C. in the Rules and Regulations regarding conditional approval and that the issue was discussed with the Board's attorney for clarification.

**Motion:** by Ms. MacMillan to recommend approval of the revised policy *Conditional Approval for Programs in Nursing*.

Seconded by Ms. Johnson  
Voice vote: Johnson –yes; MacMillan-yes; Motion carried.

**Request from  
Louisiana State  
University Health  
Sciences Center School  
of Nursing Related to  
Faculty Qualifications:**

Deferred until next meeting as a paper on national trends, other board rules, and accrediting standards is being composed.

**Nurse Refresher  
Courses:**

Deferred until next meeting as staff is still gathering data.

**FYI:**

Chair announced that she has been appointed to a national committee with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing called Regulatory Implications of Innovations Through Nursing Education.

Theresa de Beche-Thibodeaux was appointed Interim Nursing Program Director on July 1, 2008 following the retirement of Bonnie Johnson.

Dr. Mary Stewart is no longer the Dean of the Fall School of Nursing at William Carey University and a search for a new dean is underway.

Dr. Randy Moffett, former President of Southeastern Louisiana University, has been appointed President of the University of Louisiana System effective July 3, 2008. Dr. John Crain, Provost and Vice-President of Academic Affairs, has been appointed as the Interim President.

Dr. David Manuel was appointed as Chancellor for Louisiana State University at Alexandria.

Our Lady of the Lake College Associate Degree in Nursing Program was Granted Continuing Accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission for eight years (Next Visit – Spring 2016).

Phyllis Pederson, CRNA, MHS has been appointed to the permanent position of Director of the Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia Program at Our Lady of the Lake College.

Dr. Sharon Hutchinson has been appointed Chairperson for the Southern University and A&M College School

of Nursing Graduate Programs in Nursing. She replaces Dr. Cheryl Taylor who served as Interim Chair.

Ann H. Cary, PhD, MPH, RN, A-CCC has assumed the position of Director, School of Nursing at Loyola University New Orleans.

Dr. Susan Hart was appointed as the Director of the ADN Program at Southwest Mississippi Community College following the retirement of Jane McGrew on June 30, 2008.

Adrienne Bethancourt, DNS, RN was appointed as Dean of Nursing and Allied Health on August 1, 2008 at Fletcher Technical Community College following the resignation of Marcia Guidry.

Notification was received from Southern University and A&M College School of Nursing of minor curriculum changes in the BSN Program.

The School of Nursing at the University of Louisiana at Monroe has temporarily relocated due to extensive water damage during Hurricane Gustav.

Dr. Raymond Gitz has been appointed to the position of Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs at Our Lady of Holy Cross College. Dr. Patricia M. Prechter's title has changed to Associate Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs and Chair of Nursing and Allied Health.

**Adjournment:** 2:04 p.m.



**Respectfully submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Elaine C. Vallette, DrPH, RN**  
**Director of Education/Licensure**

**Approved:**



**Chairperson:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Nora Steele, DNS, RN C, PNP**