

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
5207 ESSEN LANE, SUITE 6
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70809**

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2006 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 Frankie Rosenthal, President, on Wednesday, December 6, 2006, at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel, 4728 Constitution Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance
Frankie Rosenthal, MSN, RN, CNS, CNA, President
Deborah Olds, RN, Vice-President
Nora Steele, DNS, RN, C, PNP, Alternate Officer
Gerald Bryant, MSN, RN
James E. Harper, MSN, RN, CFNP
Bonnie Johnson, MSN, RN
Carllene MacMillan, MN, RN
Michelle T. Oswald, CRNA
Gail M. Poirrier, DNS, RN
William St. John LaCorte, MD, MPH, Ex-Officio Member

The following Board Member was not in attendance:
Alan J. Ostrowe, MD, Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were in attendance:
Barbara Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director
Cynthia Morris, MSN, APRN, Assistant Executive Director
Thania Elliott, JD, MSH, RN Compliance Director
Ellienne Tate, EdD, RN, Consultant for Education/Research
Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Credentialing/Practice Director
Barbara McGill, RN Regional Manager-Disciplinary
Cathy Maher-Storm, MA, RN, Regional Manager-RNP
Melodie Knippers, RN Regional Manager
Joy Peterson, JD, BSN, RN, Regional Manager-Disciplinary
Michelle Wells, MSHCM, BSN, RNC, Regional Manager/Compliance
Lenora Thomas, Licensing Analyst
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney
Wade Shows, Board Attorney
Sabrita Pierre, Accountant
April Romero, Administrator Coordinator
Kelly Bonaventure, Executive Assistant
Suzanne Armand, Court Reporter

Introduction: President F. Rosenthal established that a quorum of the Board was Present

Opening Prayer: The meeting opened with a prayer by F. Rosenthal

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, that the President be granted the authority to reorder the agenda.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS HELD ON DECEMBER 4-5, 2006

B. Morvant announced the names of those registrants whose files were presented at the December 4-5, 2006 Hearings.

Joyce L. Parks

The matter was heard in response to charges as filed.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, that a letter of reprimand is issued and becomes a part of this registrant's permanent file. The following stipulations shall be completed prior to requesting reinstatement:

Submit a written explanation for actions, including an explanation for failure to cooperate with the Board by not furnishing in writing a full and complete explanation covering a matter requested by the board.

Failure to comply with the above orders, receipt of an unfavorable report, or non-receipt of reports on or before the date due may result in the delayed reinstatement of this registrant's license.

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

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Geralyn Bonomolo-Rivas

Appeared before the Board in response to a ratification of automatic suspension by Board staff and a request for reinstatement of licensure.

Motion: by M. Oswald, seconded, that the suspension of this registrant's license is ratified and shall not be able to request reinstatement for a minimum of two (2) years, with application 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.

Prior to reinstatement, sign an adhere to agreement with RNP for a minimum of six (6) months and then to continue for three (3) years following reinstatement.

Prior to reinstatement, submit to a comprehensive out-patient psychiatric, psychological and 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 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. If the Board approves licensure, a period of probation along with supportive conditions or stipulations

will be required to ensure that patients and the public are protected.

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

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.

Shall remain free of alcohol, alcohol-based products and all unprescribed mood altering substances. Any mood altering, addictive or dependency-inducing substances must be currently prescribed for a bona fide medical condition by a physician knowledgeable about the individual's history and the information underlying the Board's concerns. All prescribed drugs must be verified in writing to the Board on a specified form by the individual and the prescribing physician within five (5) days of this date and within five (5) days of any new prescriptions. The Board reserves the right to have an LSBN recognized addictionist review and approve the prescriptions for continued nursing practice.

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 denial of the Respondent's eligibility to reinstate.

It is further ordered, adjudged and decreed that the request for license reinstatement is denied.

Further, submit payment of \$1100.00 to the Board as cost.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Wesley Arnold

Appeared before the Board in response to charges as filed.

Recused: G. Poirrier, and D. Olds were recused from this matter.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, that the license of this registrant is reprimanded with the following stipulations:

Within sixty (60) days, submit to a comprehensive out-patient psychiatric, psychological and 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.

If found to be chemically dependent, the license of Respondent shall be probated and Respondent shall immediately sign an agreement with the RNP and cause to have submitted evidence of compliance with all program requirements for a minimum of two (2) years, and 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.

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 registrant's license. This suspension can be imposed by action of the staff subject to the

discretionary review of the Board

If found not to be chemically dependent, the nursing license shall remain unencumbered.

Within thirty (30) days, submit payment of \$100.00 to the board as a fine.

Within ninety (90) days, submit payment of \$900.00 to the Board as cost of this hearing.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswalt-yes;
Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Richard Lemoine

Appeared before the Board in response to charges as filed.

Recused: G. Poirrier was recused from this matter.

Motion: by D. Olds, seconded, that the charges be dismissed.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes;
Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Thomas Wallace

The matter was heard before the Board in response to a summary suspension ratified by Board staff and charges filed.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the license of this registrant shall continue on suspension with application 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 to a comprehensive five to seven day in-patient psychiatric, psychological and 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 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 licensure, a period of probation along with supportive conditions or stipulations will be required to ensure that patients and the public are protected.

If found to be chemically dependent, 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.

Shall remain free of alcohol and all unprescribed mood altering substances. Any mood altering, addictive or dependency-inducing substance must be currently prescribed for a bona fide medical condition by a physician knowledgeable about the individual's history and the information underlying the Board's concerns. All prescribed drugs must be verified in writing to the Board on a specified form by the individual and the prescribing physician within five (5) days of this date and within five (5) days of any new prescriptions. The Board reserves the right to have an LSBN recognized addictionist review and approve the prescriptions for continued nursing practice.

Shall submit to supervised random drug screens a minimum of twelve (12) times per year through an approved LSBN laboratory (bodily fluids (urine, blood, saliva) or hair may be tested). Additional screenings may be requested by Board staff. Written reports of same shall be submitted to the Board.

Submit written evidence of twenty (20) hours of LSBN staff approved continuing education hours to include the hours of Legal Aspects of Nursing Care, Medication Administration, Documentation, and Legal Accountability.

Submit payment of \$5000.00 to the Board as a fine; and prior to reinstatement, submit payment of \$600 to the Board as cost of this hearing.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Amended Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, that the \$5000.00 fine be paid prior to reinstatement.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Jenny Newman

Appeared before the Board in response to a delay of reinstatement of licensure ratified by the Board and a Show Cause order as to why licensure should not be delayed.

Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, that the license of this registrant is reinstated upon adherence to the following stipulations:

That prior to reinstatement, submit written evidence of completion of 30 hours of LSBN staff approved continuing education hours to include the areas of Legal Accountability, Ethics, and Legal Ethical Issues.

And submit payment of \$1,650.00 to the Board as cost of this hearing.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswald-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Quentina Renee Andrus

Appeared before the Board in response to ratification of denial of permission to enroll in clinical nursing courses issued by Board staff, request for an exception to Rule LAC 46:XLVII.3331.A.

Recused: D. Olds, C. MacMillan, G. Poirrier were recused from this matter

Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, that the Board ratify staff action for denial of approval to enter/continue in clinical nursing courses. Further, the Applicant has presented sufficient evidence for an exception, and she is approved to enter/continue in clinical nursing courses, contingent upon meeting the admission requirements established by the nursing program, with probation for a minimum of one (1) year, with the following stipulations:

Continue to submit to all recommendations of the therapist, physician or treatment team and cause to have submitted written evidence on a monthly basis of continued compliance with all recommendations, as modified by the respective professionals. This stipulation shall continue until fully discharged by the respective professionals and until approved by the Board staff.

Remain free of alcohol, and all unprescribed mood altering substances. Any mood altering, addictive or dependency-inducing substances must be currently prescribed for a bona fide medical condition by a physician knowledgeable about the individual's history and the information underlying the Board's concerns. All prescribed drugs must be verified in writing to the Board on a specified form by the individual and the prescribing physicians within five (5) days of this date and within five (5) days of any new prescriptions. The Board reserves the right to have an LSBN recognized addictionist review and approve the prescriptions for continued nursing practice.

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 in health care facilities. If employment changes, the Board shall be immediately (within 72 hours) notified in writing.

Prior to beginning or returning to clinical nursing courses, inform a designated school official of these disciplinary measures and of the probationary status. Within 5 days, shall cause the school officials to submit in writing to the Board that they have read all pages of this Order.

Have designated school official submit a performance evaluation report at the end of each semester commencing from the first date of clinical nursing courses.

Prior to request for licensure, submit payment of \$600.00 cost to the Board.

Prior to request for license, submit payment of \$500.00 fine to the Board.

By the 1st of each month, submit a monthly probation fee of \$25.00 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 approval to enter/continue/progress in clinical nursing courses. This stipulation can be imposed by the action of the staff subject to the discretionary review of the Board.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; Oswald-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS:

There were sixty-one (61) matters that appeared before the Board in the form of Consent Orders entered into by

Board staff.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the consent orders of the following registrants be accepted.

**Garry Reimonn Abshier
Becky Knotts Albert
Chad Chase Bailey
Michael Paul Ballinger
Sallie Anne Lee Bethea
Edith Platt Black
Aimee Trepagnier Breaux
Charlene Prudhomme Bright
Ronald James Brown, Sr.
Jennifer Jo Burgess
Mandy Collins Burke
Russell Cappo, Jr.
Jean Marie Chriswell
Justin John Danos
Maxine Floris Derouen
Ravon Rene Dominique
Nicklaus Patrick Doyle
James Jeffrey Dumolt
Angela Gregg Dykes
Patricia Moore Elliott
Nancy Sewell England
Chancelor C. Fontenot
Bessie Sterling Quiet
Judy Visser Golen
Mary Gimber Graffam
Cheryl Humble Grossi
Jackson Wayne Helton
Judy Smith Hesper
Diane Wilson Hibbs
Joseph C. Hill
Stephanie Deanne Ivey
Maureen Anne Landry
Duane Anthony Ledet
Bounmy Rick Luangsouphom
Antoinekia Marks
Brandi Sansone Maschmeyer
Kathleen Michele Maston
Britni N. McConnell
Joshua Shawn McCracken
David James Medus
Gregory Allen Melder
Clara Linda Miller
Leslie Lynn Miller
Miesha Anika Mims
Kristi Hill Mock
Cynthia Kara Moore
Tresslyn Patrice Neff
Dagny Christensen Odom
Bobbi Jane Pittman
Sandra Ray Reed
Saundra Badeaux Rhondus
Daniel Joseph Schulingkamp
Ralph Jacob Schwarz
Matthew Edwin Sour
Mary Jane Stockstill
Barbara Johannsen Timm
Sharon Antill Todd
Roland David Varnum
Tessia Lee Watson
Dwayne Wheeler**

Paula Deneen Henderson Woodard

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Automatic Suspensions:

There were twenty-four (24) matters heard as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff:

Motion: by N. Steele seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspensions by staff of the following registrants:

**Vivian Tyner Arbuckle
John Jacob Arnold
Sarah Pate Bowman
James Richard Boyd
Jean Hunter Carter
Pamela Shipley Combest
Cheryl P. Crochet
Chris Anthony Dipascal
Charles Leslie Fowler, III
Kelly Gorrondona Gelis
Katherine Mitchell Ginn
Lisa Marie Guillot
Chanda Wheat Harbor
Roberta Maxine Kalmanson
Roro Kay Lang
Rhonda Guin Lewis
Kristen Suzanne Maguire
Tonya Slater Richards
Cindy Lynn Corley Sanders
Glenn Bradford Seymour
Karl Mason Stephan
Linda Marie Taylor
Jeremy Ethan Trahan
Marie Ann Valente**

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

MULTIPLE ACTIONS:

Eight (8) matters were heard before the Board involving Multiple Actions by Board staff.

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, that the Board ratifies multiple actions of the following individuals:

**Terri Antoinette Connor
Carol Williams Glasgow
Anastasia Yeshon McKinney
Khalilah P. Moody
Daniel Ross Roach
Lori Stephens Sandifer
Ernest St. Romain, Jr.
Gena Doering Wharton**

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL OF STAFF ACTION:

Fifteen (15) matters came before the Board as delay or denial by staff action.

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, that the Board ratify the delay/denial of the Licensure by staff of the following individuals

**Mia Angel DeAngelis
Angelia Lynetta Flemings
Lapensza S. Jackson
Rhiannon Julie Duos King
James Fife Lumsden
Stephen Blaine McGee
Edward J. McMahan
Larry Wayne Parnell
Justin Michael Rawls
Emathious Kashara Robinson
Elizabeth Hayward Rossignol
Jason Paul Villemarette
Tammy Hingle Voelker
Tori Lynette Walker
Deanna Singleton White**

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

The Board received the written report of the Settlement Committee meeting held 10/23/06, 11/3/06 and 11/14/06. No action required by the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

September 11-12, 2006 Special Session Hearings

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, that the Board approve the minutes of the September 11-12, 2006 Special Session Hearings.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

September 13, 2006 General Board Meeting

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, that the Board approves the minutes of the September 13, 2006 General Board Meeting.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

F. Rosenthal gave a verbal report, stating that she had multiple conversations with the Executive Director concerning Board issues. Ms. Rosenthal was happy to report that she had signed her name to the bid for the purchase of the new building and also for the issuance of bonds to help pay for the building. The Johnson and Johnson gala in New Orleans was attended by F. Rosenthal, B. Morvant, N. Steele, C. Morris, D. Olds, and Dr. LaCorte.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report of the President.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT:

D. Olds presented the Vice-President's report and financial summary.
(Report on file)

Motion: by D. Olds, seconded, to accept the report of the Vice-President

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

The report from the first quarter fiscal year, July 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006, was distributed to Board members.

Ms. Morvant introduced Melodie Knippers, new staff RN Regional Manager, and reported that Dr. Elaine Vallette will be coming January 8th to the Board as the Director of Education. RN Manager for Practice position is still being recruited. A position for an additional Regional Manager for Compliance is being created.

Jeanine Ennis, Human Resources Analyst, accepted a promotional position with Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH). An employment offer is pending to an individual to fill the Human Resources Analyst position.

Three Licensure Analysts positions and two Licensure Assistant positions are still being recruited.

The Year-to-Date figures on page 11 of the Executive Director's report have to be removed as they were inadvertently left on the form from last fiscal year's numbers.

Renewals are going well. Post cards were sent out to all licensees who registered on-line last year. The licensees who did not renew on line were sent a renewal packet that offered them the opportunity to renew online and alerted them that the intent of the Board was to require on-line renewals in 2008. A full report will be given after renewals are completed.

The on-line verification system has been redesigned and is back up and running. This should reduce the number of fax verifications received from institutions trying to verify individuals for employment, but will increase the number of public record's request.

The Attorney General's opinion request regarding participation in the Nurse Licensure Compact was received, which was originally initiated on behalf of the Nursing Supply and Demand Commission. That opinion has been published and essentially says that participation in the licensure compact is unconstitutional.

As was reported by the President, the LSBN is now the owner of a building. The building cannot be occupied by the Board until after renovations are made.

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to accept the report of the Executive Director.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.1:

DISASTER RELIEF RULEMAKING – LAC 46:XLVII.3328 “DISASTER RELIEF PERMITS”

At the June meeting, the Board approved to initiate rulemaking of a proposed draft. Since that time, it was recommended by Legal Counsel to segregate Disaster Relief Permits in its own section creating Section §3328. A disaster permit affidavit form was also developed and approved by the board at the September meeting.

Motion: by G. Bryant, seconded, to accept the development of a new section to Chapter 33, §3328 “Disaster Relief Permits” for rulemaking in replacement of the previous draft approved by the board in June 2006.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.2:

2007-2008 LSBN BUDGET

The 2007-2008 Budget will go into effect July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 as as proposed.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the 2007-2008 LSBN Budget.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.3
PROPOSED 2007 MEETING DATES

The proposed 2007 meeting dates were received by Board members.

Motion: by G. Bryant, seconded, to accept the proposed 2007 meeting dates.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by G. Bryant, seconded, to accept the Administrative Committee Report of October 24, 2006.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

CREDENTIALING ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 3.1
TASK FORCE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW OF 500 CLINICAL HOURS REQUIREMENTS FOR APRNS TO QUALIFY FOR INITIAL PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY

Mr. Harper reported that the Credentialing Committee met on October 24, 2006.

The Credentialing Committee voted to direct Board staff to prepare a draft for rule making changes to LAC 46: LXVII, Chapter 45 to include prescriptive authority with initial licensure for Nurse Practitioners. This will be reviewed and sent back to the next Credentialing Committee meeting on January 23, 2007.

Ms. Nickens stated that LANP is grateful for all the work that has been done and is willing to work with the Board and Board staff in the rewriting of the rules.

Motion: by B. Johnson, seconded, to accept the Credentialing Committee Meeting Report of October 24, 2006.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion G. Poirrier, seconded, to accept the report of the Administrative Committee.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

EDUCATION/ EXAMINATION ISSUES

N. Steele stated that the Education Committee met on October 24, 2006 and made the following recommendations:

AGENDA ITEM 4.1:
REPORTS FROM PROGRAMS ON LSBN ANNUAL REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1.1 Our Lady of the Lake College

Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, to acknowledge the report from our Lady of the Lake College reflecting the status of the accelerated program housed at Tulane University Hospital and Clinic including a list of assigned faculty and a summary of physical resources.

Acknowledge the report from Our Lady of the Lake College relative to the recommendations to report efforts to achieve 100% masters in nursing prepared faculty.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

4.1.2 Southeastern LA University

Motion: by C. MacMillan., seconded, to acknowledge the report from Southeastern Louisiana University reflecting that 100% of the faculty is masters in nursing prepared faculty as of July 10, 2006.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.2:

BATON ROUGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE: PROPOSAL FOR NEW PROGRAM DOCUMENTING COMPLETION OF STEP II OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND REQUEST FOR AN INITIAL SITE VISIT FOR STEP III

Motion: by N. Steele, seconded, to acknowledge documentation for Step II §3533.B and authorize a site visit to be made by Board staff prior to the December Board meeting to facilitate action by the Board on initial approval of the program to authorize admission of students as early as Spring 2007. Initial approval will be based on authorization to initiate the program by the Board of Regents and on information gathered by a site visit to verify that the standards of the Board in §3533 are documented.

And pursuant to the site visit, N. Steele made the following addendum to the previous motion.

That the Baton Rouge Community College be authorized to initiate the associate of science in nursing program when the following stipulations are met:

Approval from the Board of Regents.

Approval from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Commission on Colleges.

Approval of the first cohort of students by the LSBN relative to criminal history records.

Further, that once all stipulations are met, the executive director of LSBN be authorized to notify the Baton Rouge Community College that all requirements are met that they may begin the program.

The earliest feasible admission date would be the beginning of fall 2007 semester.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.3

REQUEST OF EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY FOR THE USE OF BRENTWOOD HOSPITAL IN SHREVEPORT FOR STUDENT CLINICAL TEACHING

Motion: by N. Steele, second, for approval of the request of East Texas Baptist University for the use of Brentwood Hospital in Shreveport for student clinical teaching.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.4

DELGADO/CHARITY SCHOOL OF NURSING PROPOSAL FOR A DISTANT EDUCATION PROGRAM TO BE DELIVERED TO MONROE

Recused: N. Steele recused herself from this agenda item.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, to approve request of Delgado/Charity School of Nursing to proceed with implementation of the distant education initiative of offering their program in the Monroe area when the following stipulations are met:

Verification of employment of qualified faculty for the Monroe area.

Written evidence of cooperation and collaboration with other programs using the clinical facilities.

Provide copies of contractual agreements with clinical facilities.

Host an on-site visit by an LSBN representative to verify resources.

Further, if stipulations are met and the program is offered, it is recommended that Delgado/Charity School of Nursing provide evaluation data to the LSBN on the program outcomes once the first cohort of students complete the program and have taken the NCLEX-RN examination.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 4.5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.5.1 Grambling University: Changes in Personnel

Grambling University announced that Dr. Betty Smith has been named Dean, College of Professional Studies and that Dr. Rhonda Hensley has been named Acting Associate Dean, School of Nursing

4.5.2 ULL and LSU-E recipient of gratis faculty by Opelousas General Hospital

University of Louisiana at Lafayette announced that they are recipients of a gratis faculty position from Doctors Hospital of Opelousas

4.5.3 Southern University-Baton Rouge, Interim Chair of baccalaureate program

Southern University-Baton Rouge announced that Dr. Jacqueline Hill has been named Interim Chair of Baccalaureate Program replacing Mrs. Mary Abadie

4.5.4 Our Lady of the Lake College to offer accelerated program in New Orleans and Baton Rouge

Our Lady of the Lake College announces that accelerated program offered in New Orleans and in Baton Rouge

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

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

COMPLIANCE ISSUES

AGENDA ITEM 5.1

RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF DRUG SCREENING IN THE RECOVERING NURSE PROGRAM

M. Oswalt reported that the Compliance Committee met October 24, 2006 and made the following recommendation:

Motion: by M. Oswalt, seconded, to approve to increase the frequency of drug screening to 18-24 times during the first year of the monitoring and a minimum of 12 times for the second year.

Active RNs 24 times the first year

Suspended RNs working toward compliance and students – 18 times the first year

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by M. Oswalt, seconded, to accept the report of the Compliance Committee.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

NURSING PRACTICE ISSUES:

Ms. Olds reported that the Practice Committee met on October 24, 2006 and made the following recommendation:

AGENDA ITEM 6.1:

CLARIFICATION OF DECLARATORY STATEMENT REGARDING THE “ACCEPTANCE OF VERBAL ORDERS” SPECIFICALLY “AN RN DELEGATING THIS FUNCTION TO AN LPN” (ST. TAMMANY PARISH HOSPITAL)

Motion: D. Olds, seconded, to amend the Declaratory Statement regarding the Transmission and Acceptance of Verbal Orders specifically removing the language *for said licensed practical nurse’s patient*.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by D. Olds, seconded, to accept the report of the Practice Committee

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Ms. Morvant reported there were no new agenda items for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

LSBN will be hosting the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) mid year meeting which will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana in April.

AGENDA ITEM 8.1:

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 134 OF THE 2006 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION – PRELIMINARY REPORT

A representative of the Board of Regents, representatives from the LSBN, and of the LSBPNE, met on November 1, 2006 to study the feasibility of expanding nursing programs in order to alleviate the nursing shortage crisis that exists in Louisiana. Discussion focused on identifying initiatives in place and suggesting others that could be recommended.

Discussion ensued

AGENDA ITEM A:

REPORT ON RULEMAKING OF LAC 46:XLVII.3305. OFFICIAL OFFICE OF THE BOARD AND 3339. VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE.

On August 20, 2006, the Fiscal and Economic Statement was submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Office and approved. On September 20, 2006, the Notice of Intent was published in the Louisiana Register. There have been no comments or requests for public hearing received. Therefore, the final rule is scheduled to be published in the December 20, 2006 Louisiana Register.

Motion: by J. Harper, seconded, to approve revisions for promulgation to Rule LAC 46:XLVII.3305 Official Office of the Board and 3339. Verification of Licensure no earlier than December 20, 2006 and no later than September 20, 2007.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM B:

REPORT ON RULEMAKING OF LAC46:XLVII.3329 TEMPORARY PERMITS

On November 20, 2006, the Fiscal and Economic Statement was submitted to the Legislative Fiscal Office for approval. Publication of the Notice of Intent is planned for the December 20, 2006 Louisiana Register.

Motion: by D. Olds, seconded, to accept the report and timeline of rulemaking to LAC46:XLVII.3329 Temporary Permits.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-

yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ELECTIONS:

Motion: by M. Oswalt, seconded, to nominate D. Olds as president for the year 2007.

D. Olds agreed to serve as president for the year 2007.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by M. Oswalt, seconded, to nominate N. Steele as vice-president for the year 2007.

N. Steele agreed to serve as vice-president for the year 2007

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by M. Oswalt, seconded, to nominate J. Harper as alternate officer for the year 2007.

J. Harper agreed to serve as alternate officer for the year 2007

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

Presentations:

F. Rosenthal's gavel was retired and presented to her in appreciation for serving as president of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing for 2006. Ms. Rosenthal also was recognized for her service and contributions to the nursing profession and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing from 1999 to 2006.

D. Olds was recognized for her service and contributions to the nursing profession and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing from 2003 to 2006.

Dr. LaCorte was recognized for his services and contribution to the nursing profession and to the State Board of Nursing from 2003 to 2006.

AGENDA ITEM 2.7:
REPORT ON LITIGATION

Spine Diagnostic versus the Louisiana State Board of Nursing remains the only matter in litigation. The matter arose from an opinion of the Board regarding a CRNA's ability to administer certain regional anesthetics and procedures involving regional blocks. Spine Diagnostics filed a lawsuit in opposition to the Board's decision.

Mr. Shows updated the Board on the status of this lawsuit.

Motion: by G. Poirrier, seconded, to adjourn.

Voice Vote: Bryant-yes; Harper-yes; Johnson-yes; MacMillan-yes; Olds-yes; Oswalt-

yes; Poirrier-yes; Rosenthal-yes; Steele-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Frankie Rosenthal

**FRANKIE ROSENTHAL, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

APPROVED: MARCH 14, 2007