

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by L. Bonanno, President, on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, President
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE, Alternate Officer
Denise Bottcher
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, NEA-BC, Executive Director/CEO
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Regulatory Officer
Barbara McGill, MSN, RN, Director of Monitoring/RNP
William Little, JD, MPA, Director of Investigations
Samantha Acosta RN Compliance Officer
Melodie Knippers, Compliance Officer
Jelesia Sellers, RN Compliance Officer
Robin Huet, RN Compliance Officer
Sharetha Brown, Compliance Investigator
Domoine Rutledge, JD, Board Attorney
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, Board Attorney
Caroline Bond, JD, Board Attorney
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR-CVR, Court Reporter

Agenda Approval:

Motion: by N. Davis, seconded, to reorder the Agenda as amended.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the Minutes of today's Hearing Panel. T. Cotita will review and approve.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;

D. Bottcher-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17 (1) to adjudicate scheduled cases and for reviewing consent orders, automatic suspensions and other disciplinary actions in the cases listed on the Agenda.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Jodi Wreyford McClellan

Complaint Filed 02/21/2017

Ms. McClellan entered the hearing room at 9:00 a.m. with counsel.

Robin Huet was sworn in and testified as to the background of the matter.

Barbara McGill was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Thomas Fain, M.D. was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Jennifer Dickson was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Nicole Battle was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. McClellan was sworn as a witness and testified in her own behalf.

Mr. McClellan was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. McClellan.

Ten (10) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 10.

Jerilynn Pierce Melton

Summary Suspension 02/02/2018

Complaint 02/02/2018

The hearing began at 3:25 p.m. Ms. Melton was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Sharetha Brown was sworn in and testified as to the background of the matter.

Herman Frank was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board

Eleven (11) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 11.

Zandrea Johnson Rayford

Complaint 10/30/2017
Amended Charges 3/9/2018

Ms. Rayford entered the hearing room at 4:15 p.m. with counsel.

Melodie Knippers was sworn in and testified as to the background of the matter.

Brandee Bocage was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Schlender Nolan was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Quntella Smith was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Rayford.

Ms. Rayford was sworn in as a witness and testified in her own behalf.

Ten (10) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 10.

Six (6) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Respondent A through F.

CONSENT ORDERS:

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Rochelle L. Bennett
Candace Christine Brisco
Shemika Denice Clemons
Christina Andrea Creech
Chanda Wheat Harbor
Susan Wingate Rivers**

Reinstatement

**Ginger Fruge Barbier
Tony Michael Chevalier
Renee Gauthier Coulon
Timothy John Fakier
Julie Ann Grafton
Sharon Torbet Turley**

Students

**Joshua Luke Hines
Richard Anthony Johnson
Krystal Bonner Kemp
Michelle Elizabeth Scherer
Jami Rowan Williams**

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS

The following Automatic Suspensions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification. The record of these individuals and B. McGill's affidavit and summary were introduced as Exhibit Number 1 in globo to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

**Nicholas Joseph Guillory
Holly Petrus Holt
Tammy LaFleur Kalb
David Sterling Little**

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:

The following Delay/Denials by staff were presented to the Board for ratification. The record of these individuals and B. McGill's affidavit and summary were introduced as Exhibit Number 1 in globo to support the position that these delay/denials were in order:

**Sha'Wayne Ashanti Lee
Constance O'Connor McManus
Elizabeth Joanne McWilliams
Cherrelle Lashay Stiner**

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS

The following Multiple Actions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Tammy Dalrymple
Amy Lynn Hawkins
Christopher Calob Woods**

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, to go into open session.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;

D. Bottcher-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2018:

Roll Call

The following Board members were in attendance:

Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, President
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE, Alternate Officer
Denise Bottcher
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN

The following staff members were in attendance:

Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, NEA-BC, Executive Director/CEO
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Carolyn Bond, JD, Board Attorney
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR-CVR, Court Reporter

Jodi Wreyford McClellan

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Number 13, Change "Alcohol Dependence" to "Alcohol Use Disorder (Moderate)."

Re-number 13 and 14 to 14 and 15.

Under 15, add documentation of phone calls.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Under "**ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED**, after the "Respondent's Registered Nurse License is suspended," add "with stay and probated for a period of five (5) years subject to completion of the following stipulations:"

Number 1 is removed.

Number 2 is renumbered to Number 1 and shall read: "Respondent shall comply with the following conditions:"

Number 1, Bullet Point 1, "Sign and follow a five-year RNP contract."

Number 1, Bullet Point 2, "Submit to an RNP approved outpatient treatment program for chemically dependent professionals."

Number 1, Bullet Points 3 and 4 are removed.

Number 2, First sentence changed to read: "Shall submit to supervised random drug screens as per the RNP contract." with the remainder of Number 2 deleted.

Number 4, "Submit a payment of \$1,000 as a fine."

Number 5, "Submit a payment of \$2550 as cost of the hearing."

Under, "**Reporting**," Number F2 is changed to 99: "potential inability to practice safely by reason of alcohol or other substance abuse."

Under the **Narrative**, “Respondent’s license is suspended with stay and probated for a period of five (5) years subject to completion of stipulations.”

The **Narrative** now reads:

“By Final Order, Respondent’s Registered Nurse license is suspended with stay and probated for a period of five (5) years subject to completion of the stipulations after Respondent self-injected 50 mcg of Fentanyl and failed to document administration, waste, or otherwise account for 2 mg of Morphine. Further, Respondent received a diagnosis of Alcohol Use Disorder (moderate).”

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Jerilynn Pierce Melton

Motion: by T. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

“The Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel at the hearing.”

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Number 9, “Submit payment of \$2500 to the Board as a fine.”
Number 10 Submit payment of \$450.00 as cost for the hearing.”

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes;
T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Zandrea Johnson Rayford

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Change "Carrie LeBlanc Jones" to "Caroline Bond, Attorney."

"Respondent was present and was represented by counsel at the hearing."

Number 23, In the first sentence delete "fraudulently approving skilled nursing visits for two employees and" and delete the word "the" between the words "endorsing" and "checks."

Number 23 now reads:

"On March 28, 2014 and April 11, 2014 while employed as a Registered Nurse and Director of Clinical Services at Visiting Nurses Agency of Greater New Orleans, LLC, Respondent misappropriated agency payroll funds by fraudulently endorsing checks by using Respondent's Limited Liability Company account (Z. Johnson & Associates, LLC). Specifically,"

Number 24 iii third paragraph, change the spelling of the word "statue" to "statute."

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes;
T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes;
T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Number 2, "Submit payment of \$2500 to the Board as a fine."

Number 3, "Submit payment of \$2800 to the Board as cost for the hearing."

Under **NPDB Narrative**, delete "by altering payroll rosters". Add the word "of" between "convicted" and "Conspiracy."

The **NPDB Narrative** will now read:

By Final Order, Respondent's license is revoked after Respondent misappropriated agency funds and was convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud and Wire Fraud."

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes;
T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS:

There were seventeen (17) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: by N. Davis, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act Violations:

**Rochelle L. Bennett
Candace Christine Brisco
Shemika Denice Clemons
Christina Andrea Creech
Susan Wingate Rivers**

Reinstatement:

**Ginger Fruge Barbier
Tony Michael Chevalier
Renee Gauthier Coulon
Timothy John Fakier
Julie Ann Grafton
Sharon Torbet Turley**

Students

Joshua Luke Hines
Richard Anthony Johnson
Krystal Bonner Kemp
Michelle Elizabeth Scherer
Jami Rowan Williams

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes;
T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Cotita, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Order for a Nurse Practice Act Violation on the following individual:

Dr. Kindall is recused

Chanda Wheat Harbor

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes;

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

There were four (4) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspension by Board staff.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspensions on the following individuals:

Nicholas Joseph Guillory
Holly Petrus Holt
Tammy LaFleur Kalb
David Sterling Little
(Change the Automatic Suspension to eliminate the APRN designation.)

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Bottcher-yes;
T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION

There were four (4) matters considered by the Board as Delay/Denial.

Motion: by Cotita, seconded, that the Board ratify the following delay/denial:

**Sha'Wayne Ashanti Lee
Constance O'Connor McManus
Elizabeth Joanne McWilliams
Cherrelle Lashay Stiner**

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Botcher-yes;
T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS:

There were three (3) matters considered by the Board as Ratification of Multiple Actions.

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, that the Board ratify the Multiple Action on the following individuals:

**Tammy Dalrymple
Amy Lynn Hawkins
Christopher Calob Woods**

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. Cotita-yes; D. Botcher-yes;
T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, to adjourn

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 10:40 p.m.



**L. BONANNO, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**