

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

**MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019**

**Call to Order:** The Hearing Panel of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by T. Cotita, President, on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance:

Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE, President  
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN, Alternate Officer  
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN  
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE  
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN  
Jamie Wiggins, MS, RN, FACHE

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  
William Little, JD, MPA, Director of Investigations  
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP, RNP Director  
Robin Huet, RN, Compliance Officer  
Jelesia Sellars, RN, Compliance Officer  
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, LSBN General Counsel  
Domoine Rutledge, JD, Board Attorney  
Lauren Reed, JD, Board Attorney  
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

**Agenda Approval:**

Dr. Lyon stated there was one change to the Agenda. Under Ratification of Automatic Suspensions, remove Cristina Andrea Creech.

**Motion:** by T. Kindall, seconded, to adopt the Agenda as amended

Voice Vote: Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by J. Manning, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the Minutes of today's Hearing Panel. J. Manning will review and approve.

Voice Vote: Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by T. Kindall, 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: Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**Karey Lyn Thigpen**

Show Cause Order Filed: 04/02/2019

The Hearing began at 9:05 a.m. Ms. Thigpen was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

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

Jason McDaniel was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Six (6) Exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board Exhibit 1 through 6.

**Rhonda Yvette Maberry**

Show Cause Order Filed: 04/03/2019

Ms. Maberry entered the hearing room at 11:25 a.m. and was represented by her counsel, Mr. Dylan C. Utley.

Jelesia Sellars was sworn in and testified to the background of the matter.

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

Seven (7) Exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 7.

Two (2) Exhibits was entered into evidence labeled Respondent 1 and 2.

**Zellisha Maria Dejean**

Show Cause Order Filed: 04/08/2019

Mr. Dejean entered the hearing room at 2:00 p.m. and was not represented by counsel.

Jelesia Sellars was sworn in and testified to the background of the matter.

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

Six (6) Exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board Exhibit 1 through 6.

**Suprenia Wilson Washington**

Show Cause Order Filed: 04/12/2019

Ms. Washington entered the hearing room at 3:10 p.m. and was not represented by counsel.

Jelesia Sellars was sworn in and testified to the background of the matter.

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

Seven (7) Exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Exhibit 1 through 7.

**Erica Nicole Edwards**

Show Cause Order filed: 04/08/2019

Ms. Edwards entered the hearing room at 4:45 p.m. and was not represented by counsel.

Jelesia Sellars was sworn in and testified to the background of the matter.

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

Six (6) Exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Exhibit 1 through 6.

**CONSENT ORDERS:**

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

**Nurse Practice Act Violations**

**Katelyn Joye Courville**  
**Jeffrey Marion Koon**  
**Laura Claus Franks**  
**Shelli Melissa Green**

**Kristie Thompson Henderson  
Kiona Tonaë Lynum  
Kathleen Marie Persell  
Gretchen Bufkin Spencer  
Meagan Veronica Veillion  
Alecia Shattuck Wever  
Shannon Michele Wright**

**Reinstatement of Licensure**

**Lisa Jones Baker  
Laura Nicole Candella  
Katherine Couch Devillier**

**Students**

**Sara Cox**

**RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:**

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

**Jeremy Heath Allen  
Jodi Marie Beavers  
Holly Elizabeth Connor  
Raquel Loretta Foster  
Daniel Andrew Moore  
Mark Richard Nichols  
Heather Guichet Ryan  
Rachelle Claire Stephenson  
Patricia Modica Workman**

**Motion:** by T. Kindall, seconded, to go into Open Session.

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019:**

**Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance:  
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Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE  
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Lauren Reed, JD, Board Attorney

Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

**Karey Lyn Thigpen**

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

Respondent was not present and not represented by counsel.

Number 11 on page 4 is changed to read Number 12.

Number 12, Bullet 1, second sentence is changed to read, "The complainant presented photographs of medication packages reportedly found on Respondent's nightstand bearing the names of current or previous residents of Camelot Place Nursing Home."

First Number 12 on page 5 is changed to read Number 13.

Second Number 12 on page 5 is changed to read Number 14.

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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

Number 9, "Payment of \$5,000 to the Board as a fine."

Number 10, "Payment of \$880 to the Board as cost of the hearing."

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**Zellisha Marie Dejean**

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

Respondent was present and not represented by counsel.

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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

*OPTION #2*

"It is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the Registered Nurse license of this Respondent is suspended for three (3) years, suspension stayed. Respondent shall."

Number 1 is changed to read: "Work in a restrictive environment of a treatment team rather than alone or with a few employees. Additionally, not to be employed in any unsupervised setting and must be directly supervised by an onsite Registered Nurse, not be employed in any agency/pool/staffing, home health services or nursing home."

Number 2 is changed to read: "Submit evidence of compliance with all court-ordered probation and/or parole community service and restitution."

Number 3 is changed to read: "Within three (3) months submit written evidence of completion of LSBN staff approved continuing education hours in the areas of Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nursing (4.6 Hours), Righting a Wrong: Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing (3.0 Hours), and Do you Reflect a Positive Image of Nursing (1.0 Hour). See LSBN website, monitoring – Resources for CE courses."

Strike Numbers 4 through 7. Renumber 8 through 12 to 4 through 8.

Number 5, "Submit payment of 0 dollars as a fine."

Number 6, "Submit payment of \$300 to the Board as cost of the hearing."

***OPTION 2 NPDB Narrative: By Final Order, Respondent's Louisiana Registered Nurse license is suspended for three (3) years, suspension stayed, after Respondent pled guilty to Health Care Fraud in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.***

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**Erica Nicole Edwards**

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

Respondent was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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

*OPTION 2*

“It is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the Registered Nurse license of this Respondent is suspended for three (3) years, suspension stayed.”

“Respondent whose license is currently inactive may reapply for active status under the stipulations outlined.”

Number 1 is changed to read, “Work in a restrictive environment of a treatment team rather than alone or with a few employees. Additionally, Respondent may not be employed in any unsupervised setting and must be directly supervised by an onsite Registered Nurse, not be employed in any agency/pool/staffing, home health services or nursing home.

Number 2 is changed to read, “Submit evidence of compliance with all court-ordered probation and/or parole, community service, or restitution plans.”

Number 3 is changed to read, “Within three (3) months Respondent will provide written notice to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Staff of approved continuing education hours in the areas of Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nursing (4.6 Hours), Righting a Wrong: Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing (3.0 Hours), and Do you Reflect a Positive Image of Nursing (1.0 Hours). See LSBN website, monitoring – Resources for CE courses.”

Strike Numbers 4 through 7. Numbers 8 through 12 are renumbered 4 through 8.

Number 5, “Submit payment of 0 dollars as a fine.”

Number 6, “Submit payment of \$120 to the Board for cost of the hearing.”

**NPDB Narrative will read:**

***OPTION #2 NPDB Narrative: “By Final Order, Respondent’s Louisiana Registered Nurse license is suspended for three (3) years with stipulations, suspension stayed, after Respondent pled guilty to Health Care Fraud in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana.”***

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried



**Rhonda Yvette Maberry**

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

Respondent was present and was represented by counsel, Mr. Dylan C. Utley.

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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

*OPTION #2*

Number 2, changed to read, "Submit evidence of compliance of all court-ordered probation and/or parole, community service, and restitution."

Number 9, "Submit payment of 0 dollars as a fine."

Number 10, "Submit payment of \$860 to the Board as the cost of the hearing."

***OPTION #2 NPDB Narrative: "By Final Order, Respondent's Louisiana Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licenses are suspended for three (3) years with stipulations, after Respondent pled guilty to Health Care Fraud in United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana."***

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**Suprenia Wilson Washington**

**Motion:** by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following modification:

Respondent was present and not represented by counsel.

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Strike Bullet 2 under Number 3.

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board adopt the Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

*OPTION #2*

“It is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that the Registered Nurse license of this Respondent is suspended for three (3) years, suspension stayed with stipulations. Respondent shall.”

Number 1 is changed to read, “Work in a restrictive environment of a treatment team rather than alone or with a few employees. Additionally, not to be employed in any unsupervised setting and must be directly supervised by an onsite Registered Nurse, not to be employed in any agency/pool/staffing, home health services or nursing home.”

Number 2 is changed to read, “Submit evidence of compliance with all court-ordered probation and/or parole, community service, and restitution.”

Number 3 is changed to read, “Within three (3) months submit written evidence of completion of LSBN staff approved continuing education hours in the areas of Professional Accountability & Legal Liability for Nursing (4.6 Hours), Righting a Wrong: Ethics & Professionalism in Nursing (3.0 Hours), and Do you Reflect a Positive Image of Nursing (1.0 Hours). See LSBN website, monitoring – Resources for CE courses.”

Strike Current Numbers 4 through 7. Renumber 8 through 12.

Number 5, "Submit payment of 0 dollars as a fine."

Number 6, "Submit payment of \$650 to the Board as cost of the hearing."

**Option #2 NPDB Narrative: "By Final Order, Respondent's Louisiana Registered Nurse and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse licenses are suspended for three (3) years with stipulations, after Respondent pled guilty to Health Care Fraud in United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana."**

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**CONSENT ORDERS:**

There were fourteen (14) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

**Motion:** by T. Kindall, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders on the following individuals:

**Nurse Practice Act Violations**

**Katelyn Joye Courville  
Shelli Melissa Green  
Kristie Thompson Henderson  
Jeffrey Marion Koon  
Kiona Tonaë Lynum  
Kathleen Marie Persell  
Gretchen Bufkin Spencer  
Meagan Veronica Veillion  
Alecia Shattuck Wever  
Shannon Michele Wright**

**Reinstatement of Licensure**

**Lisa Jones Baker  
Laura Nicole Candella  
Katherine Couch Devillier**

**Students**

**Sara Cox**

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:**

There were nine (9) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff.

**Motion:** by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspensions by Board staff on the following individuals:

**Jeremy Heath Allen  
Jodi Marie Beavers  
Holly Elizabeth Connor  
Raquel Loretta Foster  
Daniel Andrew Moore  
Mark Richard Nichols  
Heather Guichet Ryan  
Rachelle Claire Stephenson  
Patricia Modica Workman**

Voice Vote: A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;  
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by J. Manning, seconded, to reject the Consent Order of **Laura Claus Franks** and return the matter back to staff for conversion to an Automatic Suspension for a third violation of her RNP agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** by T. Moffatt, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 5:55 p.m.



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