

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19-20, 2020

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by T. Cotita, President, on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, 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, President
Laura Bonanno, PhD, DNP, CRNA, Vice President
Tavell Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, Alternate Officer
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, ACNSBC, NEABC, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Compliance Officer
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Lauren Reed, JD, Prosecuting Attorney
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Agenda Approval:

Ms. Jones reported there were no changes to the Agenda.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carried

Dr. Lyon introduced Dr. Wendi Palermo as the newest Board member. Dr. Palermo was present to observe the Hearing Panel meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

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

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

Motion Carried

Motion: by L. Bonanno, 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; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes;
T. Moffatt-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Jennifer Lynn Morrow

Complaint Received: 2/24/2020
Charges Filed: 6/19/2020
Summary Suspension: 6/19/2020

The hearing began at 9:10 a.m. Ms. Morrow was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Lauren Reed was the prosecuting attorney for the Board.

Ms. Nicole Battle, LSBN Compliance Investigator, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Mr. Donnie Westmoreland was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Kathie Pohlman was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Mr. Geoffrey S. Cazes was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Ms. Melonie Hilton was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Twenty-one (21) Exhibits were entered into the record labeled Board 1 through 21.

Nicholas Vogel

Deny/Delay Staff Action: 4/29/2020
Show Cause Order: 7/29/2020

Mr. Vogel entered the hearing room at 11:00 a.m. with his counsel, Ms. Courtney Newton.

Ms. Carrie LeBlanc Jones was the prosecuting attorney for the Board.

Ms. Kathie Pohlman was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Ms. Miranda Christopher was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Mr. Rob McKinney was sworn in and testified as a witness for Mr. Vogel virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Mr. Vogel was sworn in as a witness and testified on his own behalf.

Twenty-four (24) Exhibits were entered into the record labeled Board 1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 2 through 19.

Nine (9) Exhibits were entered into the record labeled Respondent 1 through 3, and 5 through 10.

CONSENT ORDERS:

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

Latanja Shanta Batain
Kimberly Arlene Bostick-Field
Jamie Marylyn Buckel
Monique Bianca Declouet-Dixon
Eileen Coolman Harris
Alfred Roy Kisner
Lydie Gauthier Landry
Anthony James McGuay
Lynnette Marie Watkins
Shelby Renee Woodard

Reinstatement

Aleza Walker Boyette
Beverly Ann Mathis
Dayna Moity Maxted

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

The following Automatic Suspensions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

Danielle R. Blanchard
Stacy Fruge
Jay John Palazzolo
Rebecca Nations Powers

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTION

The following Multiple Action was presented to the Board for ratification:

Kimberly Frady

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to go into Open Session.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-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, AUGUST 19, 2020:

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:

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Jennifer Lynn Morrow

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Number 6, remove “(WJGS/WKMC)”. The sentence now reads: “On February 7, 2005, Respondent was hired by Willis-Knighton Health System (a/k/a Willis-Knighton Medical Center).”

Move second sentence of Number 6 to Number 7. Number 7 now reads: "On January 10, 2020, while employed as a registered nurse at Willis-Knighton Health System, Respondent smelled of alcohol and was observed with bloodshot eyes, a flushed face, an odor of alcohol on her breath and appeared paranoid and nervous."

Number 7, Remove "On January 10, 2020" from the second sentence. The remainder of Number 7 is unchanged.

Number 10 is changed to read: "Respondent has failed to respond to any subsequent communication from LSBN. Therefore, on August 19, 2020, an administrative hearing was held. The Board reviewed documents, evidence and heard testimony."

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

Motion Carried

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

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

Motion Carried

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board adopt the Board Order with the following changes:

Number 4, "Submit \$2,500.00 to the Board as a fine."

Number 5, "Submit \$900.00 to the Board for the cost of the hearing."

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

Motion Carried

Nicholas Paul Vogel

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-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: L. Bonanno-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 following Board Order with the following changes:

Remove the first sentence after “Respondent’s” and the following sentence. The sentence now reads, “Respondent may submit a new application upon satisfactory completion of terms and conditions imposed upon him as a result of his guilty plea on March 27, 2018 in the Criminal Circuit Court of Cheatham County, Tennessee, and all pending criminal arrests, convictions, probation and parole, including any pretrial diversion programs prior to request for reinstatement.”

Number 6, insert “28 months.”

Number 8, “Prior to reinstatement, submit payment of \$2,400.00 to the Board as cost of the hearing.”

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

Motion Carried

The Hearing Panel recessed for the day with plans to reconvene following the Board Meeting on August 20, 2020.



T. COTITA, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING