

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 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, July 11, 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
Teresita McNabb, RN, MSHSA, NE-A, CLNC, FACHE, Vice President
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE, Alternate Officer
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN
Kenneth Alexander, MS. RRT, Consumer Member

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
Lauren Reed, JD, Board Attorney
Robin Huet, RN Compliance Officer
Miranda Christopher, Compliance Investigator
Tim Gilmore, 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: In the case of Melanie Cox Belanger, she has agreed to an Investigative Agreement. This will be heard as a Motion to Dismiss.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-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: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

Jeri Cameron Eubanks

Summary Suspension 03/02/2018
Complaint 03/02/2018

The hearing began at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Eubanks was not present and was not represented by counsel.

Miranda Christopher was sworn in and testified as to the background of the matter.

Robin Huet was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Renee Potier was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

April Easley was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Karin Ryan was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

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

Rhonda Hebert Anderson

Summary Suspension 03/01/2018
Complaint 03/02/2018

Ms. Anderson entered the hearing room at 3:20 p.m. without counsel.

Tim Gilmore was sworn in and testified as to the background of the matter.

Lacey Carriger was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Patient S.D. was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

J.D. was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Anderson was sworn in and testified on her own behalf.

Eight (8) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board 1 through 8.

CONSENT ORDERS:

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Tabitha Shepherd Lacy
Jena Green Morgan
Michelle Elizabeth Scherer
Vinessia Shelbia**

Reinstatement

**David Sterling Little
Lucretia Moore Peters**

Students

**Daniel Joseph Bourgeois
Brittany L. Dodge
Gloria Demaude Green
Keith Allen Morel, Jr.**

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:

**Richard Anthony Johnson
Dorothy Mae Sheppard
Eileen Schaefer White**

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS

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

Amy Poole Duff
Bridget Tynan Johnson
Amanda Thereasa Pennucci-Anderson

Motion to Dismiss Charges

The following Motion to Dismiss Charges went on record as presented.

Melanie Cox Belanger

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

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

ACTIONS ON DISCIPLINARY MATTERS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2018:

Roll Call

The following Board members were in attendance:

Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, President
Teresita McNabb, RN, MSHSA, NE-A, CLNC, FACHE, Vice President
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE, Alternate Officer
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN
Kenneth Alexander, MS. RRT, Consumer Member

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
Lauren Reed, JD, Board Attorney
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Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, Board Attorney
Caroline Bond, JD, Board Attorney
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR-CVR, Court Reporter

Jeri Cameron Eubanks

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

Ms. Eubanks was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

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

Number 9 submit a payment of \$5,000 as a fine.

Number10, submit a payment of \$1,650 for the cost of the hearing.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

Rhonda Hebert Anderson

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

The Respondent was present and was not represented by counsel.

Item 6, change "100 Norco" to "approximately 100 Norco," and "37 Norco" to "approximately 37 Norco".

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

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

Under Item No. 3, Bullet No. 3 is deleted.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

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

Number 9 submit a payment of \$2,000 as a fine.

Number10, submit payment of \$1,380 for the cost of the hearing.

Under Reporting: Delete “and 16: Misappropriation of Patient Property or Other Property.”

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

Motion to Dismiss

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to confirm the dismissal of the hearing on the charges against **Melanie Cox Belanger**.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS:

There were ten (10) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Tabitha Shepherd Lacy
Jena Green Morgan
Michelle Elizabeth Scherer
Vinessia Shelbia**

Reinstatement

**David Sterling Little
Lucretia Moore Peters**

Students

**Daniel Joseph Bourgeois
Brittany L. Dodge
Gloria Demaude Green
Keith Allen Morel, Jr.**

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

There were three (3) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspension by Board staff.

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

**Richard Anthony Johnson
Dorothy Mae Sheppard**

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspension by Board staff on the following individual:

T. Cotita was recused

Eileen Schaefer White

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Kindall-yes; T. McNabb-yes;
T. Moffatt-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:

**Amy Poole Duff
Bridget Tynan Johnson
Amanda Thereasa Pennucci-Anderson**

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; T. Moffatt-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to adjourn

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



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