

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2019

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by L. Bonanno, Vice President, on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, 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, Vice President
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN, Alternate Officer
Kenneth Alexander, MS, RRT
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE
Susan Saunders, BA

The following staff members were in attendance:
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Regulatory Officer
William Little, JD, MPA, Director of Investigations
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

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: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; S. Saunders-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: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; S. Saunders-yes

Motion Carried

Connie Hughes Castello (Continuation of July 10, 2019 Hearing)

Complaint Received: 11/05/2018

Summary Suspension: 05/22/2019

Charges Filed: 05/22/2019

Ms. Castello entered the hearing room at 8:05 a.m. with her counsel, Mr. Floyd J. Falcon, Jr.

Mark Anders was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ronald DeLee was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Sandra Brown was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Richard Sullivan was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Bernadine Kilbourne was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Castello.

Monica Sterling was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Castello.

Jason Hopkins was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Castello.

Kara Sullivan was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Castello.

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

Three (3) Exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Respondent 1 through 3.

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, to go into Open Session.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; S. Saunders-yes

Motion Carried

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

“Ms. Castello was present and was represented by counsel at this hearing, Floyd J. Falcon, Jr.”

Under C, Number 9, the last sentence is changed to read, “At approximately 06:02, Respondent, upon being notified by staff that she was needed due to Patient LP

having an injury and blood on her face and head, walked up to Patient LP, who was flailing while seated in a geri-chair, looked at Patient LP and walked away.”

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; S. Saunders-no

Motion Carried

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

Under Number 3, Bullet 3 is deleted.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; S. Saunders-no

Motion Carried

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

Delete Items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Item Number 2 becomes Item Number 1.

The following are changed to read:

“FURTHER, after the above stipulations have been completed, suspension is stayed, and Respondent’s license shall be reinstated with probation for a minimum of (eighteen) 18 months with the following stipulations after submission to the reinstatement process and approval from the Board staff.”

Item Number 6, “Submit payment of zero dollars to the Board as a fine.”

Item Number 7, “Submit payment of \$6,200 to the Board as cost of the hearing.”

Reporting: “This will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Base (NPDB) as F6: Substandard or Inadequate Care.”

NPDB Narrative: “By Final Order, the summary suspension of Respondent’s Registered Nurse license on May 22, 2019, was ratified and the license suspension was continued with opportunity for Respondent to request reinstatement of license after completion of stipulations. Respondent failed to practice nursing within the legal standards of nursing, failed to utilize appropriate judgement, and

failed to act, or negligently or willfully committed an act that adversely affected the physical or psychosocial welfare of a patient.”

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; S. Saunders-no

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



**LAURA BONANNO, VICE PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**