

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by T. Cotita, President, on Wednesday, August 14, 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, President
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, Vice President
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN, Alternate Officer
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
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP, RNP Director
William Little, JD, MPA, Director of Investigations
Jelesia Sellars, RN, Compliance Officer
Nichole Battle, Compliance Officer
Sharetha Brown, Compliance Investigator
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, LSBN Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Domoine Rutledge, JD, Board Attorney
Lauren Reed, JD, Board Attorney
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Agenda Approval:

Dr. Lyon stated that Jamie Young Smith signed a Consent Order and will be listed under the Nurse Practice Act Violations.

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes:

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-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; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Cinnamon Miller Carson

Complaint Received: 12/12/2018
Summary Suspension: 04/12/2019
Charges Filed: 04/12/2019

Ms. Carson entered the hearing room at 9:05 a.m. without counsel.

Nichole Battle was sworn in and testified as to the background of the matter.

Paula Books was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Chasity Magee was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Caitlyn O'Daniel was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Donna Moore was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board

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

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

Darla Leadmon Murphy

Complaint Received: 07/14/2016 (self-report)
Show Cause Order Filed: 06/03/2019

The hearing began at 1:45 p.m. Ms. Murphy was not present and was not represented by counsel.

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

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

Brandon Horne

Ms. C. Jones presented a Board Staff motion to rescind their July 28, 2017 delay/denial that was issued to Mr. Horne.

CONSENT ORDERS:

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Kim Michelle DeBessonnet
Timothy Lee Hollingsworth
Kellie Renee Landry
Latrese Carpenter Lesane
Sheila Barnes Mathieu
Joshua Shawn McCracken
Toi L'Shaun Mathews Parson
Jenelle Latrista Robledo
Jamie Young Smith
Deana M. Strawn**

Reinstatement

**Joe Michael Brown
Amanda Nickels Fortune
Amy Renee Gray
Megan Cashio Mayers
Kristin Martin Todd**

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:

**Kristie Thompson Henderson
Kathleen Sue Keating
Christin Carla Rodemann
Velvet Plunkett Stuckey**

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:

The following Delay/Denial by staff was presented to the Board for ratification. The record of this individual and W. Matthews' affidavit and summary were introduced as Exhibit Number 1 in globo to support the position that this delay/denial was in order:

Nicholas Paul Wolff

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:

Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, President
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, Vice President
Kenneth Alexander, MS, RRT
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN
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
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP, RNP Director
William Little, JD, MPA, Director of Investigations
Jelesia Sellars, RN, Compliance Officer
Nichole Battle, Compliance Officer
Sharetha Brown, Compliance Investigator
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, LSBN Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Domoine Rutledge, JD, Board Attorney
Lauren Reed, JD, Board Attorney
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Cinnamon Miller Carson

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

Number 7, line 3, is revised to read, "Respondent allegedly engaged in verbal and physical abuse when receiving assistance from other staff members to clean Patient LT, a 92-year-old Dementia patient, who was assigned to her care."

Delete Numbers i, ii, iii, iv.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-recused; T. Kindall-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 with the following changes:

Delete Numbers 3 and 4.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-recused; T. Kindall-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:

“It is **ORDERED, ADJUGED, AND DECREED**, that the April 12, 2019 license summary suspension issued by Board staff is hereby not ratified and Respondent’s license shall be immediately reinstated.”

Delete Numbers 1 through 7.

Number 8, “Submit payment of 0 dollars to the Board as a fine.”

Number 9, “Submit payment of 0 dollars to the Board as cost of the hearing.”

Delete 10 and 11.

Reporting is changed to read: “**This will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as 99: Other.**” Summary Suspension not ratified by the Board.

NPDB Narrative is changed to read, “**By Final Order, the summary suspension of Respondent’s Registered Nurse license on April 12, 2019 was not ratified and the license was immediately reinstated.**”

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-recused; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

(Patricia H. Wilton, Administrative Law Judge, represented the Board in the following two cases.)

Darla Leadmon Murphy

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-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.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-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 additions:

Number 8," Submit payment of \$1500 to the Board as a fine."

Number 9, "Submit payment of \$300 to the Board as cost of the hearing."

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Brandon Horne

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board adopt the Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney:

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS:

There were fifteen (15) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Kim Michelle DeBessonet
Timothy Lee Hollingsworth
Kellie Renee Landry
Latrese Carpenter Lesane
Sheila Barnes Mathieu
Joshua Shawn McCracken
Toi L'Shaun Mathews Parson
Jenelle Latrista Robledo
Jamie Young Smith
Deana M. Strawn**

Reinstatement

**Joe Michael Brown
Amanda Nickels Fortune
Amy Renee Gray
Megan Cashio Mayers
Kristin Martin Todd**

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-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 T. Kindall, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspension by Board staff on the following individuals:

**Kristie Thompson Henderson
Kathleen Sue Keating
Christin Carla Rodemann
Velvet Plunkett Stuckey**

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION

There was one (1) matter considered by the Board as Ratification of Delay/Denial.

Motion: by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denial on the following individual:

Nicholas Paul Wolff

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Wiggins-yes

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 3:06 p.m.



**T. COTITA, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**