

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

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026, SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Call to Order:** The Search Committee Meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by A. Bulliard, President, and Presiding Officer, on Monday, February 2, 2026, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**Roll Call:** The following Search Committee members were in attendance:  
Amie Bulliard, MSN, RN, CPHQ, President, and Presiding Officer  
Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, FAEN, Vice President  
Michelle Collins, Ph.D., CNM, RNC-EFM, FACNM, FAAN, FNAP  
Katrina O’Con, PhD, DNAP, CRNA, FAANA  
Fredrick Pinkney, EdD

The following Search Committee members were not in attendance:  
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN, Alternate Officer  
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA

The following staff members were in attendance:  
Alicia Edmond Wheeler, JD, Executive Counsel  
Carl Nagin, BSCS, Technology Manager  
Scott Bonnette, IT  
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

**Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** by D. Spann, seconded, to adopt the Agenda as presented.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Present were Anita Byrne, Rudy Gomez and Camille Fruge from SSA Consultants.

**Motion:** by K. O’Con, seconded, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of candidates for the Executive Director vacancy.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; M. Collins-yes; K. O’Con-yes; F. Pinkney-yes;  
D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

**1. Executive Session**

a. Discussion of candidates for Executive Director vacancy

**Motion:** by F. Pinkney, seconded, to return to Open Session

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; M. Collins-yes; K. O’Con-yes; F. Pinkney-yes;  
D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by D. Spann, seconded, that the Board invite the following to interview on February 26, 2026 with the Search Committee:

**Airica Powell-Steed, Ed.D, MBA, RN, CSSMBB, FACHE, FAAN**  
**Carmen Hill-Mekoba, DNP, APRN-BC**  
**Cynthia Ingram, DNP, MSN, BSN, NEA-BC**  
**Elizabeth Rochin, PhD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, C-ONQS**  
**Janet Von Roeder, DNP, RN, MBA, NEA-BC, CPHQ**  
**Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC**  
**Siobhan Trotter, DNP, APRN, AGNP-C**  
**Mary ‘Sheree’ Stephens, RN, MSN, CPHQ**  
**Shawn Wolkart, MSN, RN**

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-abstain; M. Collins-yes; K. O’Con-yes; F. Pinkney-yes;  
D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

**8. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** by D. Spann, seconded, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

*Amie C Bulliard*

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**A. BULLIARD, PRESIDENT, and PRESIDING OFFICER  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**