

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

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by T. Kindall, President, and Presiding Officer, on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Dr. Kindall welcomed Dr. Michelle Collins as the newest Board member. Dr. Collins, who is a Certified Nurse Midwife, is the first midwife appointed to the Board.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Tavell Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP, President and Presiding Officer
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN, Vice President
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE, Alternate Officer
Denise Bottcher
Michelle Collins, Ph.D., CNM, RNC-EFM, FACNM, FAAN, FNAP
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN
Frederick Pinkney, EdD
Mimi Primeaux, MS, BSN, CRNA
Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, FAEN

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS_{BC}, NEA_{BC}, Executive Director/CEO
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Isonel Brown, MS, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer (Virtually)
Lauren Papillion, JD, Chief Compliance Officer
Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP_C, Chief Credentialing Officer
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, RNP Director
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, RNCO-Team Leader
Donald Bowman, Attorney Supervisor (Prosecuting Attorney)
Tarneisha Scott, BA, CAA, Executive Assistant to CEO
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to adopt the Agenda as presented.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 Board Meeting.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

1. Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Reports
2. 2022 Schools of Nursing Annual Reports
 1. Baton Rouge Community College – ASN
 2. Delgado Community College – ASN
 3. Dillard University – BSN
 4. Fletcher Technical Community College – ASN
 5. Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University – BSN
 6. Grambling State University – BSN
 7. Herzing University – BSN
 8. Louisiana State University Eunice – ASN
 9. Louisiana State University Health New Orleans– BSN
 10. Louisiana Tech University – ASN
 11. Loyola University – BSN
 12. McNeese State University – BSN
 13. Nicholls State University – BSN
 14. Northwestern State University – ASN and BSN
 15. Southeastern Louisiana University – BSN
 16. Southern University at New Orleans – BSN
 17. SOWELA Technical Community College – ASN
 18. University of Holy Cross – BSN
 19. University of Louisiana at Lafayette – BSN
 20. University of Louisiana at Monroe – BSN
 21. Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University – MSN
 22. Grambling State University – MSN
 23. Intercollegiate Consortium for a Master of Science in Nursing – MSN
 24. Louisiana State University Health New Orleans – MSN
 25. Loyola University – MSN
 26. McNeese State University – MSN
 27. Northwestern State University – MSN
 28. Southeastern Louisiana University – MSN
 29. Southern University Baton Rouge – MSN
 30. University of Louisiana at Lafayette – MSN
 31. University of Louisiana at Monroe – MSN

3. Continuing Education Providers - Reapproval
 1. AcheiveCE
 2. Association of Women’s Health Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)
4. Education Announcements

Dr. Kindall stated he was impressed with all the annual reports.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda Motions.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

2. Division Reports

Agenda Item 2.1

Division of Nursing Practice

Agenda Item 2.1.1

Chief Credentialing Officer

Dr. Calmes reported they have wrapped up renewal and have been busy working on the reinstatements post renewal along with completion of the renewal “yes” answers.

They are currently gearing up for the annual continuing education audit. They will be sending out information regarding the audit to the licensees

They continue to prioritize timely and efficient licensing and accountability for their contribution to the nursing workforce. This year, Dr. Calmes has attended NCSBN’s (National Council State Boards of Nursing) midyear meeting in Seattle and the APRN (Advanced Practice Registered Nurse) roundtable virtually this week.

The Division of Nursing Practice has provided four presentations to local schools in the month of March.

Dr. Calmes also presented the licensure requirements to the students at the LANP (Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners) recent Health Policy Conference in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Calmes was available for questions from the Board.

Dr. Kindall conveyed the Board’s gratefulness for all the hard work the team does along with staff.

Dr. Calmes stated she could not do the work without the work of her team.

Agenda Item 2.1.2

Education and Examination

Dr. Lyon reported they will be going to Qualtrics and will have a different system for the Annual Reports by the end of the year. Dr. Lyon thanked her executive assistant, Ms. Tarneisha Scott, and Ms. Sarah Luneau, Project Director for the Center for Nursing, who work together giving the Board a quality Annual Report that goes to the Legislature and to the Governor's office.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1

Probationary Status Reports

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1.1

Baton Rouge General Medical Center – Diploma

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board accept Baton Rouge General Medical Center's School of Nursing report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the diploma program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1.2

Chamberlain University – BSN

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board accept Chamberlain University's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1.3

Louisiana Christian University – BSN

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board accept Louisiana Christian University's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried. Dr. Couvillon was recused from the vote.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1.4

Louisiana Delta Community College -- ASN

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by F. Pinkney, that the Board accept Louisiana Delta Community College’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1.5

Louisiana State University at Alexandria – ASN

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Dr. Sarita James, Director School of Nursing, and Mary Kay Sunderhaus, Assistant Director School of Nursing at Louisiana State University at Alexandria, were present to provide information and to answer questions from the Board.

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board accept Louisiana State University at Alexandria’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1.6

Southern University at Baton Rouge - BSN

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by W. Palermo, that the Board accept Southern University at Baton Rouge’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1.7

Southern University at Shreveport – ASN

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board accept Southern University at Shreveport’s report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.1.8

William Carey University at Baton Rouge General - BSN

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by W. Palermo, that the Board accept William Carey University at Baton Rouge General's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2
New Louisiana Program

Agenda Item 2.1.2.2.1
Louisiana Christian University's Initiation of a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Degree Program

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended approval.

Motion: by W. Palermo, that the Board approve Step II from Louisiana Christian University to establish a baccalaureate of science in nursing education degree program and grant initial approval.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.3
Out of State APRN Clinical Approval

Agenda Item 2.1.2.3.1
Troy University's Request for Graduate Clinical Experience in Louisiana

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended approval.

Dr. Couvillon asked how the Board can know if a school is struggling to connect students to those experiences and how they can assist in making those connections.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by F. Pinkney, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Troy University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until April 13, 2026 for the following roles/populations:

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Master of Science in Nursing.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.4
Major Substantive Changes

Agenda Item 2.1.2.4.1
Simmons University

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended approval.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Board approve the addition of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program to the currently approved role/population at Simmons University.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.2.4.2

SOWELA Technical Community College

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon. Recommended approval.

Ms. Kristine Stout, Dean School of Nursing and Allied Health at SOWELA Technical Community College, was present to provide information and to answer questions from the Board.

Motion: by D. Bottcher, seconded, that the Board approve the substantive change request from SOWELA Technical Community College for greater than 50% increase in enrollment in the Associate of Science in Nursing degree program.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 2.1.3

Licensure and Practice

Agenda Item 2.1.3.1

Scope of Practice: RN in OB Changing Continuous Anesthesia Infusion Bag.

Dr. Calmes and Dr. Lyon reported on the Statute and the Declaratory Statement having RNs in obstetrics to be able to change continuous anesthesia infusion bags.

Discussion ensued regarding practice issues of excluding obstetric patients.

Dr. Kindall stated that he will establish a Nurse Practice Act Modernization Task Force of Board members to continue discussions going forward regarding the possibility of opening up the Nurse Practice Act for modifications to practice issues.

(Break)

(Dr. Kindall called the meeting back to order.)

Agenda Item 2.1.3.2

Temporary Permits for Internationally Educated Nurses

Dr. Lyon stated that this agenda item will be a continuation of the discussion regarding the Board's process for temporary permits for internationally educated nurses from the February 16, 2023 Board meeting.

Dr. Calmes introduced Ms. Stacey Jones, Licensing Analyst Supervisor in the Credentialing Department.

Dr. Calmes presented a historical information summary of the previous Task Force and what they were tasked with regarding temporary permits for internationally educated nurses and their recommendations from 2016 to 2019.

Dr. Calmes stated that they have a rule, 3329C, which states, "Graduates of foreign nursing schools except for certain Canadian school are not eligible for work permits."

Dr. Calmes went through the five considerations for issuing a temporary permit.

Dr. Calmes and Ms. Jones were available for questions.

Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 2.1.3.3
Practice Skills for Senior Nursing Students

This item will be taken up at the June 22, 2023 Board meeting.

Agenda Item 2.2
Compliance Division

Agenda Item 2.2.1
Chief Compliance Officer

L. Papillion reported that there were 32 open Priority 1 cases in the first quarter. Eight of the 32 were out of compliance, which was 25%. Of those 8, four have been transferred to other departments for closure or to hearings. Four are still out of compliance.

They have two new investigators and along with the other most recent hire are now completing their CLEAR NCIT training.

Regarding RNP/Monitoring, Palmetto came and gave the Board an update in which Ms. Papillion participated. Dr. Lupin from Affinity gave an MRO (Medical Review Officer) update. Mr. Bowman was invited to participate in that. Their three case managers and RNP all gave presentations.

Ms. Papillion attended the FARB (Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards) 2023 Forum on Professional Regulation. The forum was well attended by other nursing boards across the country as well as a strong presence from other Louisiana boards, the Attorney General's office, including

presentations from those Louisiana members. Attorneys Rayna Witt and Donald Bowman also attended.

NCSBN (National Council of State Boards of Nursing) recently hosted their virtual APRN (Advanced Practical Registered Nurse) Roundtable in which Ms. Papillion presented.

Ms. Papillion was available for questions.

Dr. Kindall stated that Ms. Papillion gave an excellent presentation.

Agenda Item 2.2.2

RNP/Monitoring

Ms. Beckwith reported that staff continue to increase awareness of RNP Monitoring.

They have provided six RNP (Recovering Nurse Program) presentations to date.

On January 24, 2023, RNP held an RNP annual group facilitated meeting via TEAMS with all RNP Monitoring staff and they had 12 of the 14 RNP group facilitators to participate. The group facilitators provide nurse support groups for the RNP participants.

Ms. Beckwith is currently enrolled in LAC (Louisiana Action Coalition) nurse leadership nine-month mentorship program.

On January 31, 2023, Ms. Beckwith presented her mid-point meeting via TEAMS. She will complete the program on April 25th.

On February 2, 2023, Dr. MRO (Medical Review Officer) with Affinity, visited LSBN to provide drug screening updates on increasing awareness.

On February 6, Ms. Beckwith participated in a TEAMS meeting with LSNA (Louisiana State Nurses Association) Executive Directors on increasing awareness among RNP participants about Sister Lucy Leonard, SLL RNP.

They also discussed the possibility of implementing an educational offering: A statewide CE for one contact hour to nurses who review the RNP presentations.

On February 13, 2023, Palmetto Addiction Recovery Center, which is one of LSBN Board recognized treatment centers out of Rayville, Louisiana, visited LSBN and provided updates on their treatment protocols. They provided information on their newest luxury drug rehab center called Red Hill Recovery, Delhi, Louisiana. They are also interested in that facility becoming a Board recognized treatment facility as well.

On February 15, Beverly Parnell, one of the program managers, did an RNP presentation at Holy Cross Nursing School in New Orleans, Louisiana.

From February 22 to February 24, Ms. Beckwith attended the 15th Annual Mississippi Addiction Conference in Flowood, Mississippi.

On March 17th, Ms. Beckwith was a guest speaker for the LCTCS (Louisiana Community and Technical College System) Deans and Directors virtual meeting to bring awareness of the LSBN RNP presentations that are available upon request.

On March 23, Ms. Beckwith was contacted by LDHOPH (Louisiana Department of Health Office of Public Health) Bureau of Community Preparedness to resume collaboration with the RNP through their Opioid to Action Grant to increase the awareness of the RNP.

On March 24, Kathie Pohlman provided a virtual RNP presentation for Northwestern State University in Shreveport, Louisiana for their monthly evidence-based journal club meeting with nursing students.

On March 31, Ms. Beckwith traveled to Alexandria to increase awareness of the RNP by attending their CLTCT (Central Louisiana Technical Community College) Annual Healthcare Fair. There were 25 employees and schools of nursing. Ms. Beckwith has received several requests for an RNP presentation at this event.

On April 6, Rachael Waters with University Health Florida Recovery Center, Gainesville, Florida, visited LSBN to provide a presentation and an application to add becoming a board recognized provider as a partial hospitalization provider and outpatient treatment and evaluation center.

On April 11, Lynette Butler, and Ms. Beckwith went to FranU School of Nursing in Baton Rouge for an RNP presentation.

As of March 30th, RNP monitoring had 459 participants, 289 are RNP, 170 monitoring, 147 confidential participants, and 142 disciplinary.

Ms. Beckwith was available for questions.

Agenda Item 2.2.3 **Compliance**

Ms. Carter reported that currently, there are 5 2020 cases, 105 2021 cases, 196 2022 cases and 91 2023 cases under investigation.

Currently, they have several compliance investigators that are taking the CLEAR training.

Ms. Carter will complete the Louisiana Action Coalition Nurse Leadership Institute 9 month _____ program along with Ms. Beckwith on August 25, 2023.

The Investigations Department has made five site visits to several hospitals to meet with staff and CNOs.

On February 17, 2023, Compliance Investigators met with the FDA.

On March 13, 2023, compliance officers did a site visit to Willis Knighton and Brentwood Hospital.

On April 4, 2023, compliance officers did a site visit to UMC (University Medical Center) at Ochsner.

Ms. Carter thanked the compliance investigators and compliance officers for all their hard work.

Ms. Carter was available for questions.

Dr. Lyon stated that they meet monthly and go through an average of 40 to 60 complaints.

Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 2.3
Division of Administration

Agenda Item 2.3.1
Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Brown was present virtually and reminded Board members that the Board of Ethics Disclosure Report is due May 15, 2023 and they are required to submit the report. Ms. Brown sent Board members an email with the form.

Each year Board members are also required to complete an on-line training in Ethics and Sexual Harassment.

Every three years Board members are required to complete a defensive driving course.

Ms. Brown was available for questions.

Agenda Item 2.3.2
Information Technology

No Report.

Agenda Item 2.3.3
Human Resources

No Report.

Agenda Item 2.3.4
Administrative Services

No Report.

Agenda Item 2.4
Division of Legal Affairs

Agenda Item 2.4.1
Chief Legal Officer

No Report

Agenda Item 2.4.2
Hearings

No Report.

Ms. Jones reported that Mr. Bowman will be taking over the position as prosecuting attorney in May.

(Lunch Break)

(Dr. Kindall called the meeting back to order.)

3 Office of the Executive Director/CEO

Agenda Item 3.1
2022 LSBN Annual Report

Dr. Lyon presented the 2022 LSBN Annual Report to the Board. Report attached.

Upon approval of the Board, the Annual Report will be forwarded to the Governor's office, the Senate and House leaders and all other interested parties.

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, that the Board approves the 2022 Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) Annual Report.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.2
2022 Nursing Education Capacity Report

Dr. Lyon presented the 2022 Nursing Education and Capacity Report to the Board. Report Attached.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, to accept the 2022 Nursing Education Capacity Report.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Agenda Item 3.3
80% NCLEX-RN Pass Rate

Dr. Lyon provided information regarding 80% NCLEX-RN pass rate as it relates to first time test takers. The item was opened for evaluation and discussion.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Wendy Bailes, Director School of Nursing, University of Louisiana Monroe, was present (virtually) to provide information and answer questions from the Board.

Dr. Sandra Brown, Dean, Southern University Baton Rouge, was present (virtually) to provide information and answer questions from the Board.

Dr. Staci Taylor, BSN Chair, Southern University Baton Rouge, was present to provide information and answer questions from the Board.

Dr. Kindall stated that action will be taken on this item at the June Board meeting.

Agenda Item 3.4
2023 Legislative Session Bills

Dr. Lyon gave a brief overview of the 2023 Legislative Bills that she and Ms. Jones are tracking.

4. Reports

Agenda Item 4.1
Report of the President

Report Posted.

Agenda Item 4.2
Report of the Vice President

Report Posted

Agenda Item 4.3
Report of the Executive Director

Report Posted.

Dr. Lyon updated the Board on Operation Nightingale.

Motion: by F. Pinkney, seconded, to accept the report of the President, Vice President, and the CEO/Executive Director as submitted.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

5. Professional Development

Nothing presented.

6. National Council State Boards of Nursing

No Report

7. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8. Executive Session

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel Issues.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

After returning from Executive Session, the Board Meeting was adjourned.

Motion: by F. Pinkney, seconded, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



**T. KINDALL, PRESIDENT, and PRESIDING OFFICER
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**