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

MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2026, BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by A. Bulliard, President, and Presiding Officer, on Thursday, June 25, 2026, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Amie Bulliard, MSN, RN, CPHQ, President, and Presiding Officer
Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, FAEN, Vice President
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN, Alternate Officer
Michelle Collins, Ph.D., CNM, RNC-EFM, FACNM, FAAN, FNAP
Gilbert G. Humbert, MSN, RN
Sarita V. James, PhD, RN, CNE
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA
Paul Molbert
Melissa Nunn, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC/AC, CNE, NEA-BC, CNEcl
Frederick Pinkney, EdD

The following Board member was not in attendance
Katrina O'Con, PhD, DNAP, CRNA, FAANA

The following staff members were in attendance:
Shawn Wolkart, MSN, RN, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
Isonel Brown, MS, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer
Alicia Edmond Wheeler, JD, Executive Counsel
Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP$_C$, Chief Credentialing Officer
Chancelor Fontenot, MSN, RN, RN Program Consultant
Carl Nagin, BSCS, Technology Manager
Jerome Skrandel, IT Scott Bonnette, IT
Larry McGee, IT
Sarah Luneau, Public Information Director/Interim Executive Administrative Assistant
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Approval of the Agenda:

Ms. Spann requested to move Announcements and Communications to the forefront of the Agenda rather than at the end of the Agenda.

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

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Bulliard welcomed Ms. Wolkart as the new Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

Ms. Wolkart introduced herself to the Board and gave a brief overview of her professional 27-year nursing career.

Ms. Bulliard recognized Ms. Wheeler, Ms. Brown, and Dr. Calmes for their amazing job in the transition period of Dr. Lyon's retirement and Ms. Wolkart coming onboard as the new Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

Ms. Bulliard acknowledged Ms. Denise Botcher, Dr. Jennifer Couvillon, and Dr. Jennifer Manning, who have served for many years as Board members, and presented each with a plaque in recognition for their service on the Board.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: by G. Humbert, seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2026, April 30, 2026, and May 19, 2026, Board Meetings.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Unfinished Business

LACANE/LSBN Workgroup: Clinical Clearance for Nursing Students - Dr. Monique Calmes

Dr. Calmes presented an update on the LACANE/LSBN Workgroup which had been formed to look at the clinical clearance for nursing students within the state. They have met twice and because of those meetings, the Workgroup entered a report at the Spring LACANE meeting to update them on the discussion they had. It was agreed that a survey needed to go out to their membership to inquire about some of the processes that have to do with the background checks for students.

The workgroup sent a survey to all the members of LACANE to ask these questions regarding the background checks. The survey was open until May 31st. They expect to have the results in early Fall. Once the results have been obtained from the survey, they will present that to LACANE at the fall meeting and then bring it back to the Board if there is a recommendation made.

Dr. Calmes was available for questions.

Dr. Collins stated it would be helpful to see what other state boards of nursing are doing or the timeline they have regarding background checks.

Dr. Calmes replied that she would investigate the timeline in other states regarding these background checks.

Discussion ensued

1. **Consent Agenda Motions**
    a. Education Announcements
        i. SOWELA Technical Community College
        ii. South College
        iii. Baton Rouge Community College
        iv. Frontier Nursing University
        v. University of Holy Cross
        vi. University of Holy Cross
        vii. William Carey University
        viii. Chamberlain University
        ix. Grambling University
        x. LSU Alexandria
        xi. Liberty University

Motion: by M. Nunn, seconded, to accept the above Consent Agenda Motions.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-absent; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

2. <u>Division Reports</u>

<u>Agenda Item 2.a</u>
Division of Nursing Practice

<u>Agenda Item 2.a.i</u>
Chief Credentialing Officer - Dr. Monique Calmes

Dr. Calmes reported that within the Nursing Division, they have been implementing back office preparatory work for the Annual CE Audit. They audit three percent of the licensees that have renewed the previous year. The notifications are set to go out late this week.

There was an article in the April edition of the Examiner for anybody who wants to review the current processes regarding CEs.

Dr. Calmes was available for questions.

Agenda Item 2.a.ii
Education and Examination - Mr. Chancelor Fontenot

Agenda Item 2.a.ii.1
Request for Full Approval Status

Agenda Item 2.a.ii.1.a
Tulane University

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended approval

Dr. Kelly Smith, Director of Academic Affairs, Tulane University, was present (virtually) to provide information and answer questions by the Board.

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, that the Board approve the request from Tulane University's Program of Nursing for full approval status of their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-absent; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.a.ii.2
Major Substantive Change

Agenda Item 2.a.ii.2.a
Holy Cross University

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended approval

Dr. Lisa Sullivan, Provost, Ms. Shawna Mitchell-Johnson, Faculty Member, and proposed Interim Chair, Nursing Department, Holy Cross University, were present (virtually) to provide information and answer questions by the Board.

Motion: by M. Nunn, seconded, that the Board approve the major substantive change notification from the University of Holy Cross reporting a turnover rate of more than 25% among full-time faculty.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-absent; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.a.ii.2.b
Southern University

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended approval

Dr. Sandra Brown, Dean of Southern University's College of Nursing and Allied Health Director of Academic Affairs, Southern University, was present to provide information and answer questions by the Board.

The Board thanked Dr. Brown and staff for doing their due diligence on the Substantiative Change, commenting that their packet was phenomenal.

Motion: by F. Pinkney, seconded, that the Board approve the major substantive change request from Southern University, College of Nursing and Allied Health, to add a Post Masters Certificate (PMC) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) to their current approved graduate program.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-absent; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

<u>Agenda Item 2.a.ii.2.c</u>
McNeese State University

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended approval

Ms. Jennifer Barrow, BSN Program Coordinator, McNeese State University, was present (virtually) to provide information and answer questions by the Board.

Motion: by G. Humbert, seconded, that the Board approve the major substantive change request from McNeese State University College of Nursing & Health Professions, Department of Undergraduate Nursing, of a major curriculum revision to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Generic/Traditional Pre-licensure Program.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-absent; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

<u>Agenda Item 2.a.ii.2.d</u>
Loyola New Orleans

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended approval

Dr. Collette Boudoin, Program Director, School of Nursing, Loyola University, was present (virtually) to provide information and answer questions by the Board.

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, that the Board approve the major substantive change request from Loyola University New Orleans to remove three courses from their Nurse Midwifery Post Graduate Certificate program.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-abstain; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

<u>Agenda Item 2.a.ii.2.e</u>
Loyola University New Orleans

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended approval

Dr. Collette Boudoin, Program Director, School of Nursing, Loyola University, was present (virtually) to provide information and answer questions by the Board.

Motion: by M. Nunn, seconded, that the Board approve the major substantive change request from Loyola University New Orleans to remove four courses and decrease the contact hours for the practicum courses in their Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post Graduate Certificate program.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-abstain; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

<u>Agenda Item 2.a.ii.3</u>
Out of State Clinical Reapproval

<u>Agenda Item 2.a.ii.3.a</u>
United States University

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended approval

Ms. Barbara Max, Director of State Operations, United States University, was present (virtually) to provide information and to answer questions by the Board.

Motion: by S. James, seconded, that the Board approve the request from United States University for continued approval to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until June 25, 2029.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2a.ii.3.b.
Bradley University

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended approval

Ms. Rui Li, Associate VP, Online Distance Education, Bradley University, was present (virtually) to provide information and to answer questions by the Board.

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, that the Board approve the request from Bradley University for continued approval to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until June 25, 2029.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.a.ii.4
Initial Out of State Clinical Approval

Agenda Item 2.a.ii.4.a
University of Rio Grande

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended approval

Dr. Renee Ingle, Program Director, NSN Program, University of Rio Grande, was present (virtually) to provide information and to answer questions by the Board.

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, that the Board approve the request from the University of Rio Grande to offer graduate clinical experiences until June 25, 2029, for the following role/population:

Master of Science (MSN) degree with an Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) track.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.a.ii.5
Probationary Status Report

Agenda Item 2.a.ii.5.a
Dillard University

Summary/Background presented by Mr. Fontenot - Recommended acceptance

Dr. Brandy Johnson, Interim Dean of the College of Nursing, Dillard University, was present to provide information and answer questions from the Board.

Motion: by M. Nunn, seconded, that the Board accept Dillard University's reports and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing degree program.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.b
Compliance Division

Agenda Item 2.b.i
Chief Regulatory Officer - Ms. Alicia Wheeler

Agenda Item 2.b.i.1
Board Hearings

Ms. Wheeler reported that they have been checking out cases and moving old cases off the docket. They have identified cases that they would like to move forward but these cases will not fit on the regular Docket; therefore, they are now proposing adding two hearing days. A day in September and November for Board hearings only.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to add two additional hearing dates in September and November.

Discussion ensued

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Ms. Wheeler stated she would send out a doodle pole to see which dates work in September and November to schedule additional hearing dates.

Agenda Item 2.b.i.2
2026 NCSBN Discipline Case Management Conference

In May, the directors of the Compliance Division attended the 2026 NCSBN Discipline Case Management Conference. Ms. Wheeler reported that it was highly informative. They had an opportunity to network and were able speak with investigators and lawyers from other states.

Agenda Item 2.b.i.3
Staff Announcement

Ms. Wheeler congratulated Registered Nurse Compliance Officer Team Lead, Ms. Geneva Carter, in receiving her Doctor of Nursing Practice in May.

Agenda Item 2.c.
Division of Administration

Agenda Item 2.c.i
Discussion of Discipline Log

Agenda Item 2.c.i.2
Compliance Questionnaire

Summary/Background presented by Ms. Brown

Ms. Brown reviewed the Questionnaire and there were no major changes from 2025.

Motion: by P. Molbert, seconded, acceptance and approval of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and Board Resolution.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.c.i
Chief Administrative Officer - Ms. Isonel Brown

Ms. Brown reported that within the LSBN Division of Administration, staff have begun preparing for the Financial Audit, which will run from July 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

The Division is also preparing for the Human Resources Audit to be conducted by the Louisiana State Civil Service, which will cover a two-year period from September 2024 to the present. They are anticipating this will start in September, immediately after the Financial Audit.

Ms. Brown reported that staff have been working with their new CEO, Ms. Shawn Wolkart, to assist her with onboarding.

The IT Department has issued new computers to staff. The older computers have been collected from staff, and they are being submitted to State Property for surplus and disposal as required.

Every year, the Division must prepare for its Annual Property Audit, which must be completed by July 3rd. A physical inventory of all assets must be performed.

In Human Resources, Ms. Brown updated the Board on current vacancies.

Ms. Brown was available for questions.

Agenda Item 2.d
Office of Executive Counsel - Ms. Alicia Wheeler

Agenda Item 2.d.i
Attorney General Opinion

Ms. Wheeler requested an opinion from the Attorney General on whether it was legal to use LSBN's self-generated funds to establish a fund to help nurses who are recovering from substance abuse and going through the RNP (Recovering Nurse Program) to get their evaluation. The opinion from the Attorney General was favorable and said that the LSBN may lawfully allocate a portion of its self-generated revenues to establish a financial assistance program for participants in the Recovering Nurse Program provided the initiative is limited to individuals who are truly needy.

One recommendation in the Attorney General's opinion is that the Board establish funding initiative protocols for rulemaking.

Ms. Wheeler was available for questions.

Discussion ensued regarding how the Board wants to approach the rulemaking.

Ms. Wheeler stated that a task force, work group, or committee composed of staff and board members would be helpful.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Bulliard asked Ms. Wheeler for next steps moving forward.

Ms. Wheeler stated they could bring this back to the Board, which will take some time, but she does not see it coming together before the end of the year. Ms. Wheeler suggested that the Board could think about whether they want to be a part of the process in helping to write those rules and developing the processes.

Discussion ensued regarding developing a task force.

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, that the Board create the RNP Fund Committee and that Ms. McNabb will chair.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.d.ii
2026 Legislative Session

Ms. Wheeler announced that the 2026 Legislative Session is over. The Board will soon receive a report on the status on all the bills that pertain to the nursing profession. The report will be prepared by the next Board meeting.

Ms. Spann thanked Ms. Wheeler for getting the Night Rider Report to the Board.

Agenda Item 2.d.iii
2026 Rule Review

At the April meeting, it was discussed that Ms. Wheeler would give a listing of all the rules that the Board needs to review by the end of the year. This follows Executive Order 25-38. Ms. Wheeler stated that everyone should have received a chart of the staff's recommendations, which was an evaluation on whether the rule was necessary, whether it was consistent with the law, aligned with the agency's mission and if the benefits of the rule outweigh the cost on those regulated by it.

The rules that were identified were rules that had not been changed in the last 20 years.

Ms. Wheeler was available for questions.

3. Office of Executive Director/CEO

Agenda Item 3.a.
Center for Nursing - Ms. Sarah Luneau

A report on the Center for Nursing was presented to the Board by Ms. Luneau.

Agenda Item 3.a.i
2025 Nurse Supply Report

Ms. Luneau presented the 2025 Nurse Supply Report and stated that this report is based on a snapshot of every RN and APRN that had an active license to practice in Louisiana on December 31st, 2025. This will be the seventh year that LCN will have the ability to continue the process of trending data since LSBN's transition to ORBS.

Ms. Luneau was available for questions.

Board members commented on Ms. Luneau's exceptional work and that it has been very beneficial to the Board.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to accept the 2025 Nurse Supply Report.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.b.
LSBN Scam Calls

The item was requested by Mr. Humbert to be included on the agenda based on an LSNA district meeting regarding spam calls that are being received.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Brown thanked Mr. Humbert for bringing it to their attention and will put information into the Examiner and on their website as a reminder for the nursing community's awareness.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Bulliard inquired as to how many people are reading the Examiner or if there is some way this information could be determined.

Ms. Brown stated that this information could be determined through Constant Contact.

(Break taken)

(Ms. Bulliard called the meeting back to order.)

Ms. Bulliard thanked Ms. Brown and IT and all those involved for already having a flyer put out regarding the spam alerts and calls to reach the nursing community.

4. Reports

Agenda Item 4. a.
Report of the President

Report Attached.

Ms. Bulliard reported that the Louisiana Committee for Human Trafficking in Emergency Departments had their initial committee meeting back in May and their second meeting is scheduled to come in August.

Agenda Item 4.b
Report of the Vice President

Report attached.

Motion: by M. Nunn, seconded, to approve the Reports of the President and Vice President.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 5.
Professional Development

Nothing presented

Agenda Item 6
Strategic Plan

Nothing presented

Agenda Item 7
National Council State Boards of Nursing

Nothing presented

Agenda Item 8
Public Comments

No public comments.

9. Executive Session

Motion: by F. Pinkney, seconded, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel Issues.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, to exit Executive Session.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; A. Carruth-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; S. James-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Molbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; K. O'Con-absent; F. Pinkney-yes; D. Spann-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Amie C Bulliard

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