

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

**MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

**Call to Order:** The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 1:55 p.m., immediately following the regularly scheduled board meeting, by T. Moffatt, Vice President, and Presiding Officer, on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance:  
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN, Vice President, and Presiding Officer  
Tavell Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP, President  
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE, Alternate Officer  
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN  
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA  
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN

The following staff members were in attendance:  
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS, NEA, Executive Director/CEO  
Lauren Papillion, JD, Chief Compliance Officer  
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel  
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, RNP Director  
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, RNCO-Team Leader  
Chance Fontenot, MSN, RN, Compliance Officer  
Donald Bowman, Attorney Supervisor (Prosecuting Attorney)  
Alicia Wheeler, Assistant Attorney General, Hearing officer  
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Ms. C. Jones stated that there were no changes to the agenda.

**Motion:** by T. Kindall, seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

**Motion:** by T. Kindall, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the minutes of today's Hearing Panel. T. Kindall will review and approve.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

**Motion:** by T. Kindall, seconded, to go into Executive Session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(1) for the purpose of hearing those disciplinary matters and/or reviewing those consent orders, automatic suspensions and other disciplinary actions in the cases listed on the Agenda.

Following a roll call vote, there being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

**Heather Aleece O'Bannon**

Charges Filed: 10/25/2022  
Continuance from: 1/11/2023 to 2/17/2023

The hearing began at 2:00 p.m. Ms. O'Bannon was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. C. Jones served as the prosecuting attorney for the Board.

Mr. C. Fontenot, RN Compliance Officer, was sworn in and testified as a witness.

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

Ms. C. Jones submitted Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**Simone Michelle Francois**

Automatic Suspension: 12/03/2021  
Request for Reconsideration: 09/22/2022

Ms. Francois, along with her attorney, Mr. J. Craig Diamond, participated in the meeting virtually.

Mr. Diamond presented a Request for Reconsideration on behalf of Ms. Francois.

Ms. C. Jones served as the prosecuting attorney and opposed the Request for Reconsideration.

Petitioner's Request for Reconsideration and Ms. Jones' Memorandum in Opposition with exhibits were received by the Board.

Ms. C. Jones submitted a Proposed Order.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

**Aminat T. Ajala**  
**Stephen Aranyosi**  
**Kevin B. Arceneaux**  
**James Robert Ary**

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**Jordan Anthony Bailey**  
**Justin Thomas Bell**  
**Ashley Ann Bergeron**  
**Dylan Bernard (AKA Troy Juneau)**  
**Robert Lee Bordelon**  
**Denise Smith Bourg**  
**Leigh Rivers Bourne**  
**Tara Anne Carr**  
**Jordan Keytron Carter**  
**Jennifer Meredith Hilary Desjardins**  
**LaShayla Andrea Ester**  
**Crystal Dauzat Grant**  
**Susanna Harnsongkram Harrel**  
**Gage Chadwick Hawkins**  
**Alexis Gabrielle Henderson**  
**Stephen Uriel Icaza**  
**Karrington Deondria Johnson**  
**Andrea Sanders Jones**  
**Whitney Jazelle Jones**  
**Brittany King**  
**Haley Little LeBlanc**  
**Ashley Annette Lee**  
**Verena Collins McGinnis**  
**Sherilyn Landry Mc Key**  
**Felicity Shauntane Mitchell**  
**Ashley Renee Mlynarski**  
**Misty Kay Neal**  
**April Beaubouef Olden**  
**Helen Palos**  
**Jordaine Rebekah Piernas**  
**Loyd Ellis Rion**  
**Adam D. Ruhl**  
**Sarah Cassels Russell**  
**Leslie Smitley**  
**Deborah Hernandez Stelly**  
**Howard Paul Suire**  
**Kasey White Thomas**  
**Corinia Chelsea Warren**  
**Kelly Toccara Wilkins**  
**Brittany Nicole Wilson**

**Reinstatement**

**Amanda McGowan Butler**  
**David Scott Carter**  
**Brandi Mary Cedotal**

**Allison Orgeron Comeaux  
Lindsey Michelle Evans  
Kim Meany Folse  
Brandi Lynn Gill  
Jean Joseph Guillory  
Angela King Jones  
Rachel Michelli  
Kayla Greco Petrolia  
Lore Vogel Richards  
Lisa Kay Smith (AKA Lisa Sanders)  
Logan Bryant Thompson  
Daphne Schiro Trichell  
Christine Faye Zurn**

**Students**

**Tina Badalamenti  
Sean Michael Badeaux  
Cynthia Neomie Marie Brown  
Ikia Comeaux  
Emily Elizabeth Nosack  
Brennus William Romero**

**REPORT OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS**

The following Automatic Suspensions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Cynthia Wisecup Branim  
Melissa Ann Catalano  
Christine Hebert Guidry  
Dane Gyarfas  
Genevieve Irene Labowicz  
Bonnie Joffrion Peltier  
Haley Russell  
Erica Nicole Simmons  
Chenelle Jospeh Small  
Shartamia Rochelle Williams  
Derick Na-Vel Williamson**

**RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF**

The following delay/denials by staff were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Allen Chen  
Brooke Ashley Miller**

**RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS**

The following Multiple Actions were presented to the Board for ratification:

**Amy Michelle Guillory  
Brianna Rae Hebert  
Francis Oliver Turner**

**Motion:** by J. Manning, seconded, to return to Open Session.

Following a roll call vote, there being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

**Heather Aleece O'Bannon**

**Motion:** by J. Manning, seconded, that the Board accept the Findings of Fact as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes; T. Kindall; T. McNabb-yes.

**Motion:** by J. Manning, seconded, that the Board accept the Conclusions of Law as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes; T. Kindall; T. McNabb-yes.

**Motion:** by J. Manning-yes, second, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Number 9, within 3 months, submit payment of \$1,000 to the Board as a fine.

Number 10, within 3 months, submit payment of \$200 to the Board as cost of the hearing.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes; T. Kindall; T. McNabb-yes.

**Simone Michelle Francois**

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney.

It is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that Petitioner's Request for Reconsideration of the automatic suspension of Petitioner's Louisiana RN License is denied.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. Kindall; T. McNabb-yes.

**CONSENT ORDERS**

There were sixty-six (66) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

**Motion:** by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Order for the following individuals:

**Aminat T. Ajala  
Stephen Aranyosi  
Kevin B. Arceneaux  
James Robert Ary  
Jordan Anthony Bailey  
Justin Thomas Bell  
Ashley Ann Bergeron  
Dylan Bernard (AKA Troy Juneau)  
Robert Lee Bordelon  
Denise Smith Bourg  
Leigh Rivers Bourne  
Tara Anne Carr  
Jordan Keytron Carter  
Jennifer Meredith Hilary Desjardins  
LaShayla Andrea Ester  
Crystal Dauzat Grant  
Susanna Harnsongkram Harrel  
Gage Chadwick Hawkins  
Alexis Gabrielle Henderson  
Stephen Uriel Icaza  
Karrington Deondria Johnson  
Andrea Sanders Jones  
Brittany King  
Haley Little LeBlanc  
Ashley Annette Lee  
Verena Collins McGinnis  
Sherilyn Landry Mc Key  
Felicity Shauntane Mitchell  
Ashley Renee Mlynarski  
Misty Kay Neal  
April Beaubouef Olden  
Helen Palos  
Jordaine Rebekah Piernas  
Loyd Ellis Rion  
Adam D. Ruhl  
Sarah Cassels Russell**

**Leslie Smitley**  
**Deborah Hernandez Stelly**  
**Kasey White Thomas**  
**Corinia Chelsea Warren**  
**Kelly Toccara Wilkins**  
**Brittany Nicole Wilson**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. Kindall-yes, T. McNabb-yes.

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders of reinstatement for the following individuals:

**Amanda McGowan Butler**  
**David Scott Carter**  
**Brandi Mary Cedotal**  
**Allison Orgeron Comeaux**  
**Lindsey Michelle Evans**  
**Kim Meany Folse**  
**Brandi Lynn Gill**  
**Jean Joseph Guillory**  
**Angela King Jones**  
**Rachel Michelli**  
**Kayla Greco Petrolia**  
**Lore Vogel Richards**  
**Lisa Kay Smith (AKA Lisa Sanders)**  
**Logan Bryant Thompson**  
**Daphne Schiro Trichell**  
**Christine Faye Zurn**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. Kindall-yes, T. McNabb-yes.

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Order for the following students:

**Tina Badalamenti**  
**Sean Michael Badeaux**  
**Cynthia Neomie Marie Brown**  
**Ikia Comeaux**  
**Emily Elizabeth Nosack**

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**Brennus William Romero**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. Kindall-yes, T. McNabb-yes.

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:**

There were eleven (11) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspension by Board staff. L. Papillion's affidavits were introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspension on the following individuals:

**Cynthia Wisecup Branim**  
**Melissa Ann Catalano**  
**Christine Hebert Guidry**  
**Dane Gyarfas**  
**Genevieve Irene Labowicz**  
**Bonnie Joffrion Peltier**  
**Haley Russell**  
**Erica Nicole Simmons**  
**Chenelle Josphe Small**  
**Shartamia Rochelle Williams**  
**Derick Na-Vel Williamson**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. Kindall-yes, T. McNabb-yes.

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:**

There were two (2) matters considered by the Board as Ratification of Delay/Denial by staff action. C. Jones' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these Delay/Denials were in order:

**Motion:** by J. Manning, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denial by staff action on the following individuals:

**Allen Chen**  
**Brooke Ashley Miller**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;



T. Kindall-yes, T. McNabb-yes.

Motion Carried

**RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS**

There were three (3) matters considered by the Board as Ratification of Multiple Actions.

**Motion:** by T. Kindall, seconded, that the Board accept the following multiple actions:

**Amy Michelle Guillory  
Brianna Rae Hebert  
Francis Oliver Turner**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. Kindall-yes, T. McNabb-yes.

Motion Carried

**Motion:** by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board counter the following Consent Orders to add a stipulation requiring a forensic evaluation with anger management and to follow the recommendations. The Consent Orders are pre-approved upon acceptance by the Respondents.

**Whitney Jazelle Jones  
Howard Paul Suire**

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Manning-yes; A. Carruth-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. Kindall-yes, T. McNabb-yes.

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

  
**T. MOFFATT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDING OFFICER  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**