

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by T. Moffatt, President, and Presiding Officer, on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 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, President, and Presiding Officer
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Michelle Collins, Ph.D., CNM, RNC-EFM, FACNM, FAAN, FNAP
Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC, CEN, FAEN
Denise Bottcher
Amie Bulliard, MSN, RN, CPHQ

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS_{BC}, NEA_{BC}, Executive Director/CEO
Alicia E. Wheeler, JD, Executive Counsel
Donald Bowman, JD, Director of Hearings/Prosecuting Attorney
Venise Johnson, JD, Board Attorney
Reyna Witt, JD, Board Attorney
Nicole Battle, Compliance Investigator Team Leader
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, RNCO Team Leader
Tyrel Johnson, Compliance Investigator
Ibriante Magee, Compliance Investigator
Mya Daniels, Compliance Investigator
Scott Bonnette, IT
Jerome Skrandel, IT
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter, virtually

Mr. Bowman reported that the matter of Jon Charles Barnes has been resolved and will now appear under the Consent Orders.

Motion: by D. Bottcher, seconded, to approve the Agenda as amended.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Motion: by D. Bottcher, seconded, to authorize one panel member to approve the minutes of today's Hearing Panel. D. Bottcher will review and approve.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Motion: by M. Collins, 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.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

Heather Nicole Lombard

Charges Filed: 11/7/2024

Summary Suspension: 01/29/2025

The hearing started at 9:13 a.m. Ms. Lombard was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Venise Johnson served as the Prosecuting Attorney.

Ms. Tyrel Johnson, Compliance Investigator, was sworn in and testified as a witness.

Twenty-one (21) exhibits were entered into evidence by the Board, labeled Board Exhibits 1 through 21.

Ms. Johnson presented Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Deborah Copelan

Charges filed: 12/10/2024

Summary Suspension: 01/29/2025

The hearing started at 10:20 a.m. Ms. Copelan was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Mr. Donald Bowman served as the prosecuting attorney.

Ms. Ibriante Magee, Compliance Investigator, was sworn in and testified as a witness.

Eleven (11) exhibits were entered into evidence by the Board, labeled Board Exhibits 1 through 11.

Mr. Bowman presented Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Kaitlyn Sue Dobernig

Charges Filed: 10/03/2024

Ms. Dobernig entered the hearing room at 11:16 a.m. with counsel, Mr. Vic Sooter.

Mr. Donald Bowman served as the prosecuting attorney.

Mr. Sooter presented a Motion in Limine to Strike and/or Suppress Evidence.

Mr. Bowman objected to the Motion.

The Board retired to deliberate the Motion.

Motion: by Ms. Bulliard, seconded, to deny the Motion.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Sooter requested that the hearing be stayed until a judicial review could be made of the Board's decision and to put whatever parameters they deem reasonable for filing for judicial review.

There being no motion from the Board, the hearing proceeded.

Ms. Mya Daniels, Compliance Investigator, was sworn in and testified as a witness.

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

Thirteen (13) exhibits were entered into evidence by the Board labeled Board 1 through 13.

Six (6) exhibits were entered into evidence by the Defense labeled Defense Exhibit 1 through 4, 6 and 7

Mr. Sooter submitted prepared proposed Factual Findings.

Mr. Bowman submitted proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law from Board staff.

CONSENT ORDERS

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations:

**Belinda Burchfield Allen
Julie Montgomery Antunes
Jon Charles Barnes
Precious Barnes
Leslie Joell Batson
Thomas Chad Beckley
Joshua Bourgeois
Melanie Ann Buras
Tara Catherine Czyewski
Kaylyn Monique Chriss
Jennifer Nicole Davidson
Monica Wood Davis
Dana Mathis Glenney
Sarah Malone Holland
Sean David Howell
Teresa Myers Laborde
Erica Rene Lewis
Stephen Andrew Magee
Brittany Michell Mclelland
Marsha Menard
Summer Michele Patrick
Felicia Lynn Ross
Les'Tertuan Verauntae Rowe
Paula Aguilar Sarniguet
Rokeitta Deon Taylor
Shelbie Christine Travis
Candace Marie Washington**

Reinstatement

**Patrick Bouvier Baylor
Lynn Lareau English
Danielle Fath
Holly Dufrene Guillory
Todd Ashley Guthrie**

Students

**Gloria Denise Gwinn
Kristin Parker
Jasmine Porche
Cesar Giovanni Velazquez**

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

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

**Lindsey Jane Cella
Brittney Marie Faciane
Mallory Lalena Parker
Diana Elizabeth Reyes
Carol Thompson
Tanagla Torres**

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF

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

**Jennifer Elizabeth Allathqani
Chelsey Rachelle Beard
Alisha Eppinette
Angelica Green
Alexis Smith**

CEASE AND DESIST PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE BY STAFF ACTION

The following Cease and Desist Privilege to Practice by staff action was presented to the Board for ratification:

Rachel Blair Walker

Motion: by D. Bottcher, to return to Open Session.

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

Deborah Copelan

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

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following changes:

Line 10, “Submit payment of \$300 to the Board as cost of hearing.”

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

Kaitlyn Sue Dobernig

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

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by M. Collins, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order with the following changes:

“Entered this 19th day of February 2025.”

This is a Final Order substitution for the original order submitted by the Board staff.

The Order reads:

“In an open meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing on February 19, 2025, the following order was rendered:

It is **Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed** that the case against Kaitlyn Sue Dobernig is dismissed.”

A copy of this Final Order shall be served upon Respondent by certified Mail, return receipt requested entered this 19th day of February 2025.”

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

Heather Nicole Lombard

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

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order with the following addition:

Number 1, “And/or advanced practice registered nurse.”

Number 10, “Within 12 months.”

Number 11, “Within 12 months submit a payment of \$600.”

CONSENT ORDERS

There were thirty-six (36) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: by D. Bottcher, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act Violations

**Belinda Burchfield Allen
Julie Montgomery Antunes
Jon Charles Barnes
Precious Barnes
Leslie Joell Batson
Thomas Chad Beckley
Joshua Beck Bourgeois
Melanie Ann Buras
Tara Catherine Czyewski
Kaylyn Monique Chriss
Jennifer Nicole Davidson
Monica Wood Davis
Dana Mathis Glenny
Sarah Malone Holland
Sean David Howell
Teresa Myers Laborde
Erica Rene Lewis
Stephen Andrew Magee
Brittany Michell Mclelland
Marsha Menard
Summer Michele Patrick
Felicia Lynn Ross
Les'Tertuan Verauntae Rowe
Paula Aguilar Sarniguat
Rokeitta Deon Taylor
Shelbie Christine Travis
Candace Marie Washington**

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**Patrick Bouvier Baylor
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Danielle Fath
Holly Dufrene Guillory
Todd Ashley Guthrie**

Students

**Gloria Denise Gwinn
Kristin Parker**

Jasmine Porche
Cesar Giovanni Velazquez

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION:

There were six (6) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspension by Board staff. L. Wheeler's affidavits were introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

Motion: by A. Bulliard, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspension on the following individual:

Lindsey Jane Cella
Brittney Marie Faciane
Mallory Lalena Parker
Diana Elizabeth Reyes
Carol Thompson
Tanagla Torres

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIALS BY STAFF ACTION:

There were five (5) matters considered by the Board, as Ratification of Delay/Denials by staff action. D. Bowman's affidavits were introduced to support the position that these Delay/Denials were in order:

Motion: by A. Bulliard, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denials by staff action on the following individuals:

Jennifer Elizabeth Allathqani
Chelsey Rachelle Beard
Alisha Eppinette
Angelica Green
Alexis Smith

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

CEASE AND DESIST PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE

The following Cease and Desist Privilege to Practice by staff action was presented to the Board for ratification. D. Bowman's affidavit was introduced to support the position that this Cease and Desist action was in order.

Motions: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board ratify the following Cease and Desist Privilege to Practice:

Rachel Blair Walker

Voice Vote: T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; M. Collins-yes; D. Spann-yes;
D. Bottcher-yes; A. Bulliard-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



**TRACEY MOFFATT, PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDING OFFICER
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**