

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by A. Bulliard, President, and Presiding Officer, on Wednesday, April 22, 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
Melissa Nunn, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC/AC, CNE, NEA-BC, CNEcl

The following staff members were in attendance:
Alicia E. Wheeler, JD, Executive Counsel
Donald Bowman, JD, Director of Hearings/Prosecuting Attorney
Venise Johnson, JD, Prosecuting Attorney
Reyna Witt, JD, Board Attorney
Terrel Kent, Hearing Officer
Nicole Battle, CI Team Leader
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, FNP
Scott Bonnette, IT
Jerome Skrandel, IT
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Mr. Bowman stated there were two changes to the Agenda. The Frances Vuci Avery matter has been continued and removed from the Docket. The James Gerard Veazey matter has been resolved and will appear under Consent Orders.

Motion: by M. Collins, seconded, to approve the Agenda as amended.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, to approve the Minutes of today's meeting.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

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: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes; M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

Patience Azu Amauwah

Summary Suspension: 07/02/2025
Charges Filed: 03/07/2025

Ms. Amauwah entered the Hearing Room at 9:22 a.m. with counsel, Mr. Pius Obioha.

Mr. Jeff Cody served as the Prosecuting Attorney.

Ms. Geneva Carter, APRN, Compliance Team Leader, was sworn in and testified as a witness.

Ms. Sharon Avist was sworn in and testified as a witness.

Ms. Tineka Blair, Director of Nursing, was sworn in and testified as a witness.

Twenty-four (24) exhibits were entered into evidence by the Board, labeled Board 1 through 24.

One exhibit was entered into evidence by the Respondent, labeled D-1.

Mr. Cody submitted Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law.

Aaron Larae Soderberg

Summary Suspension: 01/08/2026
Charges filed:

The hearing began at 10:00 p.m. Ms. Soderberg was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Venise Johnson served as the Prosecuting Attorney

Ms. Nicole Battle, Compliance Investigator Team Lead, was sworn in and testified as a witness.

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

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

CONSENT ORDERS

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

**Carol Michele Alyea
Mary Attaway
Angel Michele Bowman
Toyleca Armstrong Brewer
Joan Robichaux Chauvin
Lytressa Ann Cooper
Patricia Hult Daniel
Tammy Ruth Ferrell
Ty Anthony Gautreau
Ashley Lynn Helmer
Christy Beth Hutchinson
Elizabeth Kite
Alicia Pratt Mitchell
Lakaisher Bonner Morgan
Susan Degelos Murray
John Zachariah Prentice
Latayatacha Freeman Ross
Fawn Louel Slaughter
Sara Smith
Lucinda Marie Sonnier
Kylie Ledet Stewart
Rhoshunda Tatum
Jense Geard Veazy**

Reinstatement of Licensure

**Cecili Wall Ducote
Paul Jeffery Fabre
Kayla Greco Petrolia
Loyd Ellis Rion
Alicia Hotard Sagona**

Students

**Jasmine Ann Briant
Kenyelle Shannaz Hayes
William Michael Stratton**

REPORT OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS

The following Automatic Suspensions were presented to the Board for ratification

Shantaria Marshe Cook
Hollissa Mae Davis
Katelyn Renee Rau
Tara MaRie Ross
Sheneda Thomas
Shadarius Williams

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTION

The following Multiple Action by staff was presented to the Board for ratification:

Michelle Elizabeth Thomas

Motion: by M. Nunn, seconded, to return to Open Session.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

Patience Azu Amauwah

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

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by H. Humbert, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order as presented by the Prosecuting Attorney with the following additions:

To add a Registered Nurse Refresher Program.

Within 24 months, after reinstatement of licensure, submit payment of \$31,325 to the Board as cost of Legal Fees.

Within 24 months, after reinstatement of license, submit payment of \$6,900 to the Board cost of Hearing.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

Aaron Larae Soderberg

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

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

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

Line 2, change “outpatient evaluation” to “inpatient evaluation”.

Number 9, “Within 12 months, submit payment of \$300 to the Board as cost of hearing.”

Add CEs on Substance Use, Righting a Wrong, Ethics and Professionalism in Nursing, and Upholding the Standard, Professionalism Accountability in Nursing.

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS

There were thirty-one (31) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

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

Carol Michele Alyea

Mary Attaway
Angel Michele Bowman
Toyleca Armstrong Brewer
Joan Robichaux Chauvin
(Under Terms, Number 1, change “Outpatient” to “Inpatient”)
Lytressa Ann Cooper
Patricia Hult Daniel
Tammy Ruth Ferrell
Ty Anthony Gautreau
Ashley Lynn Helmer
Christy Beth Hutchinson
(Add requirement for CE on Ethics)
Elizabeth Kite
Alicia Pratt Mitchell
Lakaisher Bonner Morgan
Susan Degelos Murray
John Zachariah Prentice
Latayatacha Freeman Ross
(Under Terms, change to read “Family Nurse Practitioner”)
Fawn Louel Slaughter
Sara Smith
Lucinda Marie Sonnier
Kylie Ledet Stewart
Rhoshunda Tatum
Jense Geard Veazy

Reinstatement of Licensure

Cecili Wall Ducote
Paul Jeffery Fabre
Kayla Greco Petrolia
Loyd Ellis Rion
Alicia Hotard Sagona

Students

Jasmine Ann Briant
Kenyelle Shannaz Hayes
William Michael Stratton

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION:

There were six (6) matters considered by the Board for ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff. Alicia Wheeler’s affidavits were introduced to support the position that these

automatic suspensions were in order:

Motion: by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspension on the following individuals:

**Shantaria Marshe Cook
Hollissa Mae Davis
Katelyn Renee Rau
Tara MaRie Ross
Sheneda Thomas
Shadarius Williams**

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTION

There was one (1) matter considered by the Board for Ratification of Multiple Action on the following individual.

Motion: by A. Carruth, seconded, that the Board ratify the following Multiple Action:

Michelle Elizabeth Thomas

Voice Vote: A. Bulliard-yes; D. Spann-yes; M. Collins-yes; G. Humbert-yes;
M. Nunn-yes; A. Carruth-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by M. Nunn, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Amie C Bulliard

**AMIE BULLIARD, PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDING OFFICER
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**