

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by J. Manning, Alternate Officer, and Presiding Officer, on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE, Alternate Officer, and Presiding Officer
Tavell Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP, President
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA
Mimi Primeaux, MS, BSN, CRNA
Michelle Collins, Ph.D., CNM, RNC-EFM, FACNM, FAAN, FNAP

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS_{BC}, NEA_{BC}, Executive Director/CEO, virtually
Isonel Brown, MS, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer
Lauren Papillion, JD, Chief Regulatory Officer
Monique Calmes, DNP, APRN, FNP_C, Chief Credentialing Officer
Donald Bowman, JD, Director of Hearings/Prosecuting Attorney
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, RNP Director
Geneva Carter, MSN, APRN, FNP, RN Compliance Officer Team Lead
Chance Fontenot, RN, Compliance Officer
William Wilson, JD, Board Attorney
Jeff Cody, JD, Board Attorney
Terrel Kent, JD, Hearing Officer
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter, virtually

Mr. Bowman reported that the Tamatha Hawkins' matter has been continued to August 20, 2024. The Mandy Mouser Funderburg matter was resolved via Consent Order.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, to approve the Agenda as amended.

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.

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes; M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

James Kenneth Carpenter

Charges Filed: 03/15/2024
Rescheduled from: 01/24/2024 & 03/27/2024

The hearing began at 9:10 a.m. Mr. Carpenter was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Mr. Bowman served as the Prosecuting Attorney.

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

Thirty-three (33) exhibits were admitted into evidence labeled Board Exhibit 1 through 33.

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

CONSENT ORDERS

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act

Mandy Mouser Funderburg
Desiree Vaniel Jones
Rodney Mark Lopez
Christopher Sean Marx
Karmen Gwendolyn Nicole Neal
Les'Teryuan Verauntae Rowe
Brandi Decuir Scandridge
Charlee Whiddon Teague

Reinstatement of Licensure

Alexandra Reinhardt Davis
Cindy Pittman DiMaggio

**Samantha Sue Hoover
Hayley Denise Pickering
Jason Kyle Whitaker**

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

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

**Jenice Lee Bentley
Brandi Mary Cedotal
Michelle Elizabeth Cook
Jense Gerard Veazey**

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIALS BY STAFF ACTION:

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

**Jasmine Shaquille Dillon
Jessica L. Key
Kyra Paige Sam**

CEASE AND DESIST PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE

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

Christian Mcklemurry Reeve

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS

The following Multiple Actions by staff were presented to the Board for ratification.

**Samara McClendon Ellis
Rachel Normand Lofton**

Motion: T. Kindall, seconded, to return to Open Session.

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes;
M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

James Kenneth Carpenter

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

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes;
M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes; M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

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

“Within 6 months, submit payment of \$2,000 to the Board as a fine.”

“Within 6 months, submit payment of \$300 to the Board as cost of hearing.”

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes; M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS

There were thirteen (13) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Orders for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act Violations:

Mandy Mouser Funderburg

Desiree Vaniel Jones

Rodney Mark Lopez

Christopher Sean Marx

Karmen Gwendolyn Nicole Neal

Les'Teryuan Verauntae Rowe

Brandi Decuir Scandridge

Charlee Whiddon Teague

Reinstatement of Licensure

Alexandra Reinhardt Davis

Cindy Pittman DiMaggio

Samantha Sue Hoover

Hayley Denise Pickering

Jason Kyle Whitaker

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes;
M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

There were four (4) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff. L. Papillion's affidavits were introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspension on the following individuals:

Jenice Lee Bentley
Brandi Mary Cedotal
Michelle Elizabeth Cook
Jense Gerard Veazey

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes;
M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:

There were three (3) 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 M. Primeaux, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denials by staff action on the following individuals:

Jasmine Shaquille Dillon
Jessica L. Key
Kyra Paige Sam

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes;
M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

CEASE AND DESIST PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE:

There was one (1) Cease and Desist Privilege to Practice letter by staff action considered by the Board. D. Bowman's affidavit was introduced to support the position that this Cease and Desist Privilege to Practice letter was in order.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Board ratify the Cease and Desist Privilege to Practice letter by staff action for the following individual:

Christian Mcklemurry Reeve

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes;
M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF MULTIPLE ACTIONS

There were two (2) matters considered by the Board as Ratification of Multiple Actions.

Motion: by M. Collins, seconded, that the Board accept the following multiple actions:

**Samara McClendon Ellis
Rachel Normand Lofton**

Voice Vote: J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Primeaux-yes;
M. Collins-yes; T. Kindall-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 10:12 a.m.



**J. MANNING, ALTERNATE OFFICER, AND PRESIDING OFFICER
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**