

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

**MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024**

**Call to Order:** The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by T. Kindall, President, and Presiding Officer, on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**Roll Call:** The following Board members were in attendance:  
Tavell Kindall, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP, President, and Presiding Officer  
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN, Vice President  
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN- BC, CNE  
Wendi Palermo, PhD, RN  
Teresita McNabb, RN, MHA  
Michelle Collins, Ph.D., CNM, RNC-EFM, FACNM, FAAN, FNAP

The following staff members were in attendance:  
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS<sub>BC</sub>, NEA<sub>BC</sub>, Executive Director/CEO  
Lauren Papillion, JD, Chief Regulatory Officer  
Donald Bowman, JD, Director of Hearings/Prosecuting Attorney  
William J. Wilson, JD, Board Attorney  
Terrel Kent, JD, Hearing Officer  
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter, virtually

Mr. Bowman reported that the cases of Janice Lavern Hornsby and Armanda Sheppard-Leonard have been resolved and will appear under Consent Orders.

**Motion:** by Ms. McNabb, seconded, to approve the Agenda as amended.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

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

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

**Motion:** by T. McNabb, 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. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes;

T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-yes;

Motion Carried

**Jami Saucier Turk**

Summary Suspension: 10/06/2023

Charges Filed: 10/06/2023

Continued from: 12/13/2023

Continued from: 01/17/2024

Rescheduled from: 03/27/2024

Rescheduled from : 04/24/2024

Ms. Turk entered the hearing room at 9:06 a.m. with counsel, Mr. Scotty E. Chabert, Jr.

Mr. William Wilson served as the Prosecuting Attorney.

Mr. Chabert presented a Motion in Limine to reorder the charges.

Mr. Wilson argued that the Motion in Limine be denied.

**Motion:** by Ms. Moffatt, seconded, that the hearing proceeds with the material being presented in the order that it was originally prepared by the prosecuting attorney and deny the Motion for the change in the order of the presentation.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Jennifer Bernard, RN, Compliance Officer, was sworn in and testified as a witness.

Brooke Malain, Senior RH Business Partner, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Jessica LeJeune, RN, L&D Manager, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Dr. Louis R. Minsky was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Dr. Louis R. Minsky was recalled as a witness by Ms. Turk.

Dr. Patricia M. Williams was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Turk.

Mr. Chabert requested a Stay of the Hearing proceedings to submit a writ application to have Dr. Williams' testimony be allowed into evidence as an expert witness.

Mr. Williams objected to the Stay of the Hearing Proceedings.

**Motion:** by T. Moffatt, seconded, that the Board deny the Respondent's Motion for Stay of Hearing Proceedings and proceed to resolution today.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-yes

Motion Carried

Mr. Chabert argued a Motion to Continue today's Hearing.

Mr. Wilson responded that the Motion to Continue should be denied.

**Motion:** by T. Moffat, seconded, that the Board deny any postponement on today's proceedings.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-no

Motion Carried

Mr. Chabert motioned that a Daubert Hearing be granted for Dr. Patricia Williams.

**Motion:** by T. McNabb, seconded, to deny the request for a Daubert Hearing.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes; T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-no

Motion Carried

Amye Reeves, RN, was sworn in and testified as a witness for Ms. Turk.

Ms. Turk was sworn in as a witness and testified on her own Behalf.

Twenty-nine (29) exhibits were admitted into evidence labeled Board Exhibit 1 through 29.

Two (2) documents were proffered into evidence labeled Respondent 1 and 2.

### **CONSENT ORDERS**

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

#### **Nurse Practice Act Violations:**

**Taylor Elizabeth Ballard  
Breanna Blake  
Candise Lewis Brock  
Julia Walker Dauenhauer  
Janis Lavern Hornsby  
Melissa Miller Letort  
Jennifer Seney Sawyer  
Amanda Sheppard-Leonard  
Shawn Pitre Trahan  
Kristen Vasquez  
Johnathan Peter Williams**

**Reinstatement of Licensure**

**Kelli Sue Ashley  
Britny Michelle Birmingham  
Sarah Diane Cotton  
Catherine Serpas Dwight  
John Gabriel Inman  
Akyra Crystel Williams**

**Students**

**Lindsey Jane Cella  
Jessica L. Key  
Clare Kathleen Larson  
Dylan Alexander Procell  
Devin Glen Roper  
Shadarrius Williams  
Breanna Michelle Williamson**

**RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:**

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

**Kristi Rambin Brewster**

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

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

**Courtney Rae Chenevert  
Christene Talmage Goyer  
Brandy Michelle Miller  
Kristin Parker  
Rachel Suzanne Sharp**

**CEASE AND DESIST PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE**

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

**Savanah Ladner**

**Motion:** by W. Palermo, seconded, to return to Open Session.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-yes;

Motion Carried

**Jami Saucier Turk**

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

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-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. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-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 revisions:

Page 4, Number 2, "Submit to comprehensive outpatient evaluation."

Page 5, Number 9, "Within 12 months, submit a Payment of \$1000 to the Board as a fine."

Page 5, Number 10, "Within 12 months, submit a payment of \$4800 to the Board as cost of hearing."

Page 5, Number 11, "Within 24 months, submit a payment of \$18,697.50 to the Board as legal fees."

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-yes;

Motion Carried

**CONSENT ORDERS**

There were twenty-four (24) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

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

**Nurse Practice Act Violations:**

**Taylor Elizabeth Ballard  
(Change 2013 to 2023)  
Breanna Blake  
Candise Lewis Brock  
Julia Walker Dauenhauer  
Janis Lavern Hornsby  
Melissa Miller Letort  
Jennifer Seney Sawyer  
Amanda Sheppard-Leonard  
Shawn Pitre Trahan  
Kristen Vasquez  
Johnathan Peter Williams**

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**Lindsey Jane Cella  
Jessica L. Key  
Clare Kathleen Larson  
Dylan Alexander Procell  
Devin Glen Roper  
Shadarrius Williams  
Breanna Michelle Williamson**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-yes;

Motion Carried

**AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION:**

There was one (1) matter considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspensions by Board staff. L. Papillion's affidavit was introduced to support the position that this automatic suspension was in order:

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

**Kristi Rambin Brewster**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-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 M. Collins, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denials by staff action on the following individuals:

**Courtney Rae Chenevert  
Christene Talmage Goyer  
Brandy Michelle Miller  
Kristin Parker  
Rachel Suzanne Sharp**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-yes;

Motion Carried

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**Savanah Ladner**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; W. Palermo-yes;  
T. McNabb-yes; M. Collins-yes;

Motion Carried

Ms. Kent stated for the record that Ms. Turk has 30 days from the date of the signing of the Board Order to file an appeal for judicial review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion:** by T. Moffatt, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



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**TAVELL KINDALL, PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDING OFFICER  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING**