

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

MINUTES OF THE HEARING PANEL HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Call to Order: The Hearing Panel of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by T. Kindall, President, and Presiding Officer, on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 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
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE, Alternate Officer
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN- BC, CNE
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN
Deborah Spann, MSN, RN-BC,CEN, FAEN
Denise Bottcher

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, MBA, APRN-CNS, NEA, Executive Director/Chief Executive Officer
Wanda Matthews, MPA, BBA, Chief Compliance Officer
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, RNP Director
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, MBA, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Caroline Tomeny, JD, Prosecuting Attorney
Kathie Pohlman, RNP/Monitoring Program Manager
Christian Accardo, RN Compliance Officer
Jelesia Sellars, RN Compliance Officer
Chancelor Fontenot, RN Compliance Officer
Robin Huet, RN Compliance Officer
Nicole Battle, Compliance Investigator
Thomas E. Devillier, JD, Hearing Officer
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Ms. C. Jones stated that the Shaun Kerry Brossette matter has been removed from the docket as the case has been settled and will appear under the Consent Orders.

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

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

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

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Motion: by J. Manning, 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.

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Ms. Jones introduced Mr. Donald Bowman who will be replacing Ms. Papillion as the new prosecuting attorney.

Ashley Cree Gregory

Charges Filed: 08/23/2022
Hearing Rescheduled from: 9/14/2022

The hearing started at 9:16 a.m. Ms. Gregory was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Caroline Tomeny served as the Prosecuting Attorney for the Board.

Ms. Jelesia Sellars, RN Compliance Officer, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Margaret Cohenor, RN, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Kelli Coats, RN, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board (virtually).

Ms. Paula Books, PhD, RN, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Twenty-two (22) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board Exhibit 1 through 22.

Christopher Kyle LeBlanc

Charges Filed: 09/16/2022

Ms. Caroline Tomeny served as the Prosecuting Attorney for the Board

Mr. LeBlanc entered the hearing room at 11:17 a.m. and was not represented by counsel.

Mr. Chancellor Fontenot, MSN, RN Compliance Officer was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Kelly Segura, RN, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board (virtually).

Ms. Alicia James, RN, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Emily Provost, RN, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board (virtually).

Mr. LeBlanc was sworn in as a witness and testified on his own behalf.

Twenty-five (25) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board Exhibit 1 through 25.

April Lynn Rouse

Charges Filed: 08/12/2022
Continued from 09/14/2022

The hearing started at 11:12 a.m. Ms. Rouse was not present for the hearing and was represented by her counsel, Mr. David Aden (virtually).

Ms. Carrie Jones served as the Prosecuting Attorney for the Board.

Ms. Jones reported that Ms. Rouse signed a Voluntary Surrender on 11/09/2022.

Jacqueline Evans Smith

Charges Filed: 10/14/2022

The hearing started at 3:30 p.m. Ms. Smith was not present for the hearing and was not represented by counsel.

Ms. Carrie Jones served as the Prosecuting Attorney for the Board.

Ms. Nicole Battle, Compliance Investigator, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Ms. Kathie Pohlman, RNP/Monitoring Program Manager, was sworn in and testified as a witness for the Board.

Twelve (12) exhibits were entered into evidence labeled Board Exhibit 1 through 12.

CONSENT ORDERS

The following Consent Orders went on record as presented:

Nurse Practice Act Violations:

Kristal Danielle Atkins
Deana Dyson Berry
Ashley Nicole Christensen
Christopher Robley Duhon
Holly Beth Gunter
Janice Street Hart
Sybil Francis Johnson
Monica Daniela Lara
Renee Wales Morgan
Maria Satcher
Eva Seaux Simon
Jonathan Lee Smith
Vanessa Joan Truxillo
Patricia Burgess Victory
Shaun Kerry Brossette
April Lynn Rouse

Reinstatement of Licensure

Ryan Allan Skyrme

Students

Haley Russell

REPORT OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS

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

Jennifer Leigh Barnhill
Shelby Kounter
Kimberly Lafleur
Megan Denise Manuel
Scarlett Venable McDaniel
John Michael Simpson
Pamela Watson Smith

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF

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

Preston Robert Barry
Latisha Bates
Briana Bell
Stephanie Brooks
Michael J. Bush
Leticia Fernandes Deoliveira
Lindsay Marie Duplantis
Champagne China Lee
Amy Marie Macon
Lindi Brandon Simo
Markeshia Lasett Stone
Troy Nicholas Turner
Mindy Ann Viator

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

There being no nays or abstentions, the motion carried.

Ashley Cree Gregory

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

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

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

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order with the Following changes:

Within 12 months, submit payment of \$2,000 as a fine.

Within 12 months, submit payment of \$1,200 for cost of the hearing.

Within 12 months, submit payment of \$3,217.50 for cost of legal fees.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

Christopher Kyle LeBlanc

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

Number 11, delete in the first sentence the phrase **“towards staff and infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU).”** Number 11 now reads, **“On or about January 6, 2019, while employed as a Registered Nurse at Women’s and Children’s Hospital in Lafayette, Louisiana, Respondent was witnessed as showing aggressive behavior.”**

Number 11, Bullet 5, delete in the last sentence, **“Respondent reportedly stated that he had driven halfway home and then turned around and came back.”** Number 11, Bullet 5 now reads, **“Around 3:00 A.M., Respondent seemed extremely agitated and was heard telling a baby to “just eat” several times, patting the baby’s back hard to get the baby to burp causing the baby to scream. Respondent was heard making a loud noise, the baby screamed, Respondent stood up, put the baby back into the crib, and walked out of the room. Respondent returned after approximately 50 minutes and put his head in his hands and said, ‘I don’t know what I am going to do.’”**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

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

Number 3, strike sub-bullet 4.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

By J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order with the following changes:

Submit payment of 0 dollars to the Board as a fine.

Within 24 months, submit payment of \$1,500 to the Board as cost of the hearing.

Within 24 months, submit payment of \$2,250 to the Board as cost of legal fees.

Under **Reporting**, delete “with staff and NICU babies.”

Reporting now reads, “This will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) as 1125 Probation of License and D8: Other Unprofessional Conduct, exhibiting aggressive behavior.”

Under NPDB Narrative, delete “towards NICU babies and staff.”

NPDB Narrative now reads, “By Final Order Respondent’s Registered Nurse license is suspended with a stay and probated for two (2) years with stipulations after Respondent exhibited aggressive behavior. FURTHER, Respondent’s multistate license is converted to a single-state license because Respondent is not eligible for a multistate license during the probationary period.”

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

Jacqueline Evans Smith

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

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-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. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes; D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

Motion: by D. Spann, seconded, that the Board adopt the following Board Order with the Following changes:

Submit payment of 0 dollars to the Board as a fine.
Submit payment of \$300 to the Board as cost of hearing.
Submit payment of 0 dollars to the Board as cost for legal fees.

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

CONSENT ORDERS

There were eighteen (18) matters considered by the Board as Consent Orders.

Motion: By J. Manning, seconded, that the Board accept the Consent Order for the following individuals:

Nurse Practice Act

Kristal Danielle Atkins
Deana Dyson Berry
Shaun Kerry Brossette
Ashley Nicole Christensen
Christopher Robley Duhon
Holly Beth Gunter
Janice Street Hart
Sybil Francis Johnson
Monica Daniela Lara
Renee Wales Morgan
April Lynn Rouse
Maria Satcher
Eva Seaux Simon
Jonathan Lee Smith
Vanessa Joan Truxillo
Patricia Burgess Victory

Reinstatement of Licensure

Ryan Allan Skyrme

Students

Haley Russell

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSIONS:

There were seven (7) matters considered by the Board as ratification of Automatic Suspension by Board staff. W. Matthews' affidavits were introduced to support the position that these automatic suspensions were in order:

Motion: by D. Bottcher, seconded, that the Board ratify the Automatic Suspension on the following individuals:

**Jennifer Leigh Barnhill
Shelby Kounter
Kimberly Lafleur
Megan Denise Manuel
Scarlett Venable McDaniel
John Michael Simpson
Pamela Watson Smith**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

RATIFICATION OF DELAY/DENIAL BY STAFF ACTION:

There were thirteen (13) 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. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board ratify the Delay/Denial by staff action on the following individuals:

**Preston Robert Barry
Latisha Bates
Briana Bell
Stephanie Brooks
Michael J. Bush
Leticia Fernandes Deoliveira
Lindsay Marie Duplantis
Champagne China Lee
Amy Marie Macon
Lindi Brandon Simo
Markeshia Lasett Stone
Troy Nicholas Turner
Mindy Ann Viator**

Voice Vote: T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
D. Spann-yes; D. Bottcher-yes.

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, to adjourn.

The Hearing Panel adjourned at 4:20 p.m.



T. KINDALL, PRESIDENT, AND PRESIDING OFFICER
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING