

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

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2019 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by T. Cotita, President, on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE, President
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, Vice President
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN, Alternate Officer
Kenneth Alexander, MS, RRT
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN
Jennifer Couvillon, PhD, RN-BC, CNE
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN
Jennifer Manning, DNS, APRN, CNS, CNE
Tracey Moffatt, MHA, BSN, RN
Susan Saunders, BA
Jamie Wiggins, MS, RN, FACHE

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, MBA, NEA-BC, Executive Director/CEO
Isonel Brown, MS, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer
Wanda Matthews, MPA, BBA, Chief Regulatory Officer
Jennifer Wright, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, Chief Nursing Officer
Monique Calmes, APRN, FNP-C, Director, Advanced Practice Nursing
Patricia Dufrene, PhD, RN, Director of Education and Licensure
William Little, JD, MPA, Director of Investigations
Urhonda Beckwith, MSN, APRN, FNP, RNP Director
Gajinder Dhaliwal, Accounting Manager
Carl Nagin, BSCS, IT Manager
LaQueda Ricks, Human Resources Manager
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, LSBN Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel
Marcia Carter, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to adopt the Agenda with the ability to reorder the Agenda items for efficiency.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the February 14, 2019 Board Meeting were approved at the May 8, 2019 Emergency Board Meeting.

Agenda Item 3.3

Division of Administration

Agenda Item 3.3.1

Chief Administrative Officer

Agenda Item 3.3.1.1

Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Amended Budget

Ms. Brown along with Mr. Roy Hebert presented the Proposed Fiscal Year 2019 Amended Budget and requested approval. Budget is posted on Confluence.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by J. Wiggins, seconded, that the Board approve the proposed FY2019 Amended Budget.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda Motions

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Reports
 2. Accreditation Reports
2. Approved Program Reports
 1. Louisiana Delta Community College- ACEN Correspondence
3. Continuing Education Renewal Application
 1. Dillard University
 2. Egan Home Health and Hospice
4. Education Announcements

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda Motions.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

3. Division Reports

Agenda Item 3.1

Division of Nursing Practice

Dr. Wright presented an updated report for the Division of Nursing Practice.

The Director of Credentialing will be replaced with a licensing analyst supervisor. The duties of Credentialing will be taken on by Monique Calmes, Director of the APRN Department. They have gotten approval for the position and will now be posting the position of a licensing analyst supervisor.

Agenda Item 3.1.5

Center for Nursing

Agenda Item 3.1.5.1

Louisiana Center for Nursing Updates

Dr. Wright presented highlighted updates for the Center for Nursing.

Dr. Bienemy attends meetings and shares findings from the reports generated by the Center for Nursing at the local, state and national level.

A presentation was given by Dr. Bienemy to the Senate Finance Committee regarding the nursing faculty shortage with her data and infographics.

Data collection for the statewide Nursing Employer/Demand survey has been completed and the data is now being prepared for analysis. The 2018 Nursing Education Capacity Report is complete and will be presented to the Board for approval at today's Board meeting.

Dr. Bienemy is actively involved in licensing. She attends Licensing meetings in order to be able to speak to the Compact and has attended the Health Policy Consortium that LSNA has co-sponsored with the LSBN.

As the Chair of the Nurse Supply and Demand Council on Healthworks Commissions, Dr. Bienemy is very active in providing reports and advocating for the nursing profession.

Dr. Bienemy is the co-lead for the Louisiana Action Coalition and is planning the Culture of Health Summit for the Fall of 2019.

Presentations are given throughout the state by Dr. Bienemy. Our Lady of the Lake, LSNA Membership Assembly, Healthworks Commission meetings, and in the legislature.

Agenda Item 3.1.2

Education

Agenda Item 3.1.2.1
Schools of Nursing Probationary Status Report

Agenda Item 3.1.2.1.1
Dillard University

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance.

Dr. Sharon Hutchinson, Chair of Nursing at Dillard University, was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board accept Dillard University's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.2.1.2
Louisiana College

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance.

Dr. Marilyn Cooksey, Dean/Professor, School of Nursing at Louisiana College, was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board accept Louisiana College's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.2.2
South Louisiana Community College – LPN to RN Expansion

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Dr. Rebecca Harris Smith, Dean of Nursing, Allied Health and Safety at South Louisiana Community College, and Dr. Jeannie Thomas, Associate Dean of Nursing, Allied Health and Safety at South Louisiana Community College, were present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board approve the request of South Louisiana Community College to establish an off-campus location of the LPN to RN program at the T. H. Harris Campus in Opelousas, Louisiana.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.2.3

Major Substantive Changes

Agenda Item 3.1.2.3.1

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Post-Masters DNP Program

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Dr. Deborah Garbee, Associate Dean for Professional Practice, Community Service, and Advanced Nursing Practice at Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Nursing was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by J. Hill, seconded, that the Board approve the major/substantive changes request from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center to add the following roles and populations to the Post-Masters Doctorate of Nurse Practice Program (PM-DNP):

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)
Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)
Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner (PCFNP)
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Acute Care (PNP-AC)
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care (PNP-PC)

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-recused; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-recused; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.2.3.2

Louisiana State University Health Sciences – Advanced Specialty Elective Courses to Doctor of Nursing Practice Program.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Dr. Deborah Garbee, Associate Dean for Professional Practice, Community Service, and Advanced Nursing Practice at Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Nursing was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: By K. Alexander, seconded, that the Board approve the major/substantive change request from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center to add the following advanced specialty elective courses to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program:

Advanced Emergency Nursing
Advanced Oncology Nursing
Advanced Nephrology Nursing

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-recused; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-recused; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

(Break)

(Mr. Cotita called the meeting back to order.)

Agenda Item 3.1.2.3.3

Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center – Dual Concentration to Doctor of Nursing Practice Program.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Dr. Deborah Garbee, Associate Dean for Professional Practice, Community Service, and Advanced Nursing Practice at Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Nursing was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Discussion ensued regarding putting acute and primary care together for this concentration.

Motion: By J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board approve the major/substantive changes request from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center to add the following dual concentrations to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program:

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) and Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialists (AGCNS)
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP) and Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner (PCFNP)
Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner (PCFNP) and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Primary Care (PNP-PC) and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner-Acute Care (PNP-AC)

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-recused; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;

T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-recused; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.2.3.4

Herzing University request for Major/Substantive Changes

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Jamie Hardage, MBA, Campus President at Herzing University, was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by J. Couvillon, seconded, that the Board approve the major/substantive change request from Herzing University for alteration, other than editorial, to the institution's mission statement.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.2.4

Auburn University – Request to Offer Graduate Clinical Experiences in Louisiana.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Dr. Barbara Wilder, Director of Graduate Programs at Auburn University, was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Auburn University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until June 13, 2020 for the following role/population:

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (PCNP)

And further, that the Board instruct Auburn University to reappear before the Board and present:

1. Evidence of accreditation with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and

2. Intent and actions taken to align the program and subsequent documentation with a population consistent with the Consensus Model in order to extend Board approval for an additional two years.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.2.5

Chamberlain University's Request for Enrollment Increase

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Dr. Jennifer Couvillon, President at Chamberlain University, New Orleans Campus at Ochsner Health System, was available to provide information and to answer questions by Board members

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board approve the request from Chamberlain University College of Nursing-New Orleans campus to increase enrollment by 20 students for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program under initial approval.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-recused; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.3

RNP Practice/Credentialing

Agenda Item 3.1.4

Advanced Practice

Ms. Calmes presented an updated report on the Advanced Practice Department.

Ms. Wendy Young was introduced by Ms. Calmes as the new APRN Compliance Officer.

Agenda Item 3.1.3.1

Report on IEN Task Force

Summary/Background was presented by Dr. Wright.

After meeting January 9, 2019 and May 13, 2019, the task force recommends:

1. Licensing applicants from U. S territories be in alignment with agency policies for management of U.S. educated individuals;
2. Accept and review additional Credential Evaluation Services Reports (CESR) from vendors that meet current criteria established by NCSBN guidelines that will be addressed in policy and presented to the board if needed.
3. Utilize English proficiency vendors approved by the United States Immigration Office and the NCSBN; and
4. Allow English proficiency reports to be accepted with a passing score from approved vendors regardless of date completed (that will be identified in policy)

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board approve the recommendations of the Internationally Educated Nurse task force for credentialing IENs.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-recused; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-recused; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-recused; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.3.2

Petition Submitted Requesting Support for Registered Nurses to Utilize the Term Massage and Massage Therapy for Services Rendered Without Holding a Massage Therapy License.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Wright.

Dr. Wright stated that the Board has previously addressed RNs performing massage and massage therapy in Declaratory Statements. There is also a Massage Therapy Practice Act and a subsequent legislative act that upon review, Board staff determined that these documents, statutes, and rules address the concerns of the petitioner. These existing documents support RNs providing massage or massage therapy in a hospital setting when it is part of the therapeutic nursing plan of care.

The petitioner, Ms. deRada, currently holds a massage therapy license that would address her desire to hold herself out and advertise as a massage therapist. Ms. deRada requested to bring the issue before the Board.

It was recommended that allowing nurses to perform massage and massage therapy, advertise and teach massage fall under the purview of the Massage Therapy Board.

Ms. Sue Berger deRada, RN, was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Discussion ensued:

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board uphold the current Declaratory Statement Regarding the Role and Scope of Practice of Registered Nurses Performing Holistic Nursing Practice and Complementary Therapies.

That Board staff continue to review and track proposed legislation effecting the practice and regulation of nursing.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

(Lunch break)

(Mr. Cotita called the meeting back to order.)

Agenda Item 3.1.5 (Continued)

Center for Nursing

Agenda Item 3.1.5.2

2018 LSBN Annual Report and 2018 Nursing Education Capacity Report.

Dr. Wright reported that there will be a forthcoming Nurse Supply Addendum Report to be added to the Annual Report after completing all the quality assurance reviews of the data. This is the first year that 100% of the data for licensure is from ORBS.

Motion: by J. Manning, seconded, to accept the 2018 LSBN Annual Report and 2018 Nursing Education Capacity Report.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.2

Division of Regulatory Affairs

Agenda Item 3.2.1

Chief Regulatory Officer

Agenda Item 3.2.2

RNP/Monitoring

Ms. Beckwith presented an updated report on the RNP/Monitoring Department and was available for questions.

Discussion ensued regarding relapses.

Agenda Item 3.2.3

Investigations

Ms. Matthews updated the Board on the Investigations Department, stating that 133 2015-2016 investigations remained open as of December 31, 2018. As of June 12, 2019, the investigators have closed 124 of those open cases. There are 9 open 2015-2016 investigations remaining as the investigators are waiting for additional evidence to close the investigations.

Ms. Matthews commended staff for all their hard work and in doing an excellent job.

Ms. Matthews reported that one part-time RN Compliance Officer was hired and will be retained. An additional part-time RN Compliance Officer's position has been posted.

Agenda Item 3.2.4

Hearings

Ms. Matthews gave an updated report on the Hearings Department, stating that on June 12, 2019, staff presented five disciplinary hearings to the Board panel. Twenty-four disciplinary actions were reviewed and twenty-three of those were approved.

Ms. Matthews reported that she had retained the position of Director of Hearings when taking on the role of Chief Regulatory Officer... Effective July 1, 2019, the Hearings Department will move under the Legal Division managed by Ms. Jones.

Agenda Item 3.2.3 **Investigations**

Agenda Item 3.2.3.1

Investigation – Open Cases by Priority and Staff Member

Mr. Little reported that the following numbers are based upon inventory reports that are submitted by the RN Compliance Officers and Compliance Investigators as of May 31, 2019.

As of May 31, 2019, there are a total of 820 open cases in the Investigations Department. Due to the efforts of the RN Compliance Officers and Compliance Investigators, the number of 2015 and 2016 cases has decreased from 133 to 9 currently open cases.

Of the 820 cases, 267 cases are out of compliance or 32.56%. That calculation is based upon guidelines concerning Priority 1 through 4 cases.

In answer to Dr. Bonanno's request concerning the 2017 calendar year, there are 153 cases, of which 41 are Priority 2, 43 are Priority 3, and 69 are Priority 4. Closing the 2017 calendar year cases will be the Investigation Department's next priority.

Dr. Lyon stated that through meetings with Ms. Matthews, the goal is to have 2017 cases within compliance by the end of the year.

Agenda Item 3.3 (Continued) **Division of Administration**

Ms. Brown updated the Board on the Division of Administration. They have begun fiscal close out procedures in preparation for the upcoming audit. Given the changes to the accounting processes and collection procedures, the accounting staff is conducting numerous documented internal audits to help ensure the reliability of the data that is provided on the financial statements.

The Fire Safety and Evacuation Policy has been reviewed and revised.

Regarding agency's strategic initiative around customer service which began in January 2019, LSBN has continued to engage the services of Dr. Gilmore, who is still conducting monthly two-hour training sessions with all staff.

In February of 2019, Ms. Brown reported that there was a property audit, and in April there was a Risk Management audit. These audits went well, and staff is addressing recommendations, primarily centered around updates to policies.

Ms. Brown was available for questions from Board members.

Dr. Couvillon asked whether there was a requirement to receive continuing education as a Board.

In answer to Dr. Couvillon's question, Dr. Lyon stated that the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) is investigating use of training seminars provided by the Council on Licensure Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR). Staff has been in communication with CLEAR regarding doing a training. A basic investigator training course is scheduled for Baton Rouge in December. Training specifically oriented to Board members can be done in a face-to-face meeting or done online. Dr. Lyon will investigate it more and report back to Board members with additional information.

Agenda Item 3.3.2

Information Technology

(Nothing Presented)

Agenda Item 3.3.3

Human Resources

(Nothing Presented)

Agenda Item 3.3.4

Finance/Records Management

(Nothing presented)

2. Office of the Executive Director

Agenda Item 2.1

Support of Louisiana Action Coalition- Annual Dues

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) along with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) are the co-leaders of Louisiana Action Coalition. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing supports the Louisiana Action Coalition by paying annual dues. The dues are a \$1,000 organizational membership fee. Dr. Lyon requested that the Board approve the payment of the \$1,000 for the Louisiana Coalition Organizational Membership.

Motion: by K. Alexander, seconded, to approve the payment of \$1000.00 for Louisiana Action Coalition Organizational Membership.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.2

Support of Louisiana Action Coalition Culture of Health Summit – Meeting Venue

Dr. Lyon stated that there is a request to pay for the venue for the Culture of Health Summit that LSBN is a co-sponsor for through a co-lead status on the Louisiana Action Coalition. The Board has agreed to pay for this for the last 2 years. This will be the 3rd year underwriting the venue cost.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to accept the request for sponsorship by paying \$1,800.00 for Culture of Health Summit venue.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.3

Act 454 – Louisiana State Board of Nursing Hearing

Public Hearing and Request for Comments

Each rulemaking agency must hold at least one (1) hearing prior to January 1, 2020, to allow any interested persons the opportunity to comment on any rule of the agency. Every six (6) years thereafter, a subsequent hearing must be held.

The hearing notice must be published in the *Louisiana Register* and submitted to applicable oversight committees at least 30 days prior to the hearing date. The hearing notice has been published.

Dr. Lyon reported that the date for the hearing is September 12, 2019.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to accept the September 12 meeting date for the Public Hearing and Request for Comments.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.4

LDH Effort to Require All Immunizations to be Recorded in the LINKs System

A bill was introduced to require all immunizations to be recorded in the LINKs system. The bill was passed and signed by the governor on July 11, 2019. The bill became effective on the date it was signed.

Agenda Item 2.5

Title 46 Professional and Occupational Standards Part XLVII Nurses. Practical Nurses and Registered Nurses Subpart 2 Registered Nurses. Chapter 33 General Subchapter A. Board of Nursing Section 3303 and 3307.

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing's bylaws were changed in 2017. It was discovered that the rules were not in compliance with the bylaws in the way they were changed in 2017. These changes, which are attached, are recommended in order to align the Administrative Code with the Nurse Practice Act and bylaws. (See attachment.)

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to accept the recommended changes for Chapter 33. General Subchapter A. Board of Nursing, 3303.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-recused; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-recused; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-recused; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to accept the recommended changes for 3307. Meetings of the Board.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes; J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 2.6

Emergency Rule 3341 Fees

Dr. Lyon stated that the Board had already approved Rule 3341 Fees, and they have started moving it through the rule making process at the end of March. The implementation of the Occupational Licensing Review Commission Oversight has added two months to the rule making timeline. This two-month delay has hindered the implementation of a law that became final during the 2018 Regular Legislative Session. Act 577 was passed which allowed Louisiana to participate in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) for registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. The LSBN had already announced that the NLC would go into effect on July 1, 2019.

For the LSBN to be able to implement Compact on July 1st, they need an emergency rule. The Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act in order to proceed with the implementation of Act 577 relative to the Nurse Licensure Compact. This Emergency Rule is effective July 1, 2019 and shall remain in effect for twenty days. (See attachment.)

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, that the Board accept the emergency rule.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

4. Reports

Agenda Item 4.1

Report of the President

(Report Posted)

Agenda Item 4.2

Report of the Vice President

(Report Posted)

Agenda Item 4.3

Report of the Executive Director

(Report Posted)

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to accept the reports of the President, Vice President and CEO/Executive Director Reports for April 18, 2019 and June 13, 2019.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

5. Professional Development

(Nothing Presented)

6. National Council State Boards of Nursing

The NCSBN sent out a letter under Dr. Lyon's signature, which shows Kansas and Louisiana implementing on July 1, 2019, and then the requirements for a multi-state license. There were some issues with everyone receiving the letter. Dr. Lyon will provide a copy to Board members.

7. Public Comments

(There were no public comments)

8. Executive Session

Motion: by L. Bonanno, seconded, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel Issues.

Voice Vote: K. Alexander-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; A. Carruth-yes;
T. Cotita-yes; J. Couvillon-yes; J. Hill-yes; T. Kindall-yes;
J. Manning-yes; T. Moffatt-yes; S. Saunders-yes; J. Wiggins-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

After returning from Executive Session, the Board Meeting was adjourned.

Motion: by _____, seconded, to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at _____ p/m.



TIM COTITA, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING