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RE: Second Summary Report; Proposed revision of LAC 46:XLVII.3515, Faculty and Faculty Organization of Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Education Degree Programs: Qualifications

Chairman McMath and Chairman Miller,

Pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing submits its second report regarding the proposed revision of Faculty and Faculty Organization of Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Education Degree Programs: Qualifications, LAC 46:XLVII.3515. The LSBN plans to proceed with the rule-making process by finalizing the June 20, 2025, Notice of Intent that was promulgated on pages 877 – 878 of the *Louisiana Register*.

The proposed revision of LAC 46:XLVII.3515 will quantify the percentage of exceptions to the academic qualifications for undergraduate nurse faculty allowable. Exceptions to the academic qualifications for undergraduate nurse faculty shall be justified and approved under board established guidelines. Exceptions to the requirement that nurse faculty shall hold a graduate degree in nursing shall be limited to not more than forty percent of the FTE undergraduate nurse faculty.

The LSBN received nineteen written comments regarding the proposed changes and a Public Hearing was held on July 28, 2025. Three persons provided testimony. The meeting was held at the LSBN offices, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70810. Attached is a summary of all the public comments and our responses. There are 19 comments; identical/similar comments have been combined into one. The comments are broken down into 3 groups:

- SUPPORT OF SETTING THE BSN EXCEPTION AT 40% (4)
- OPPOSITION TO ALLOWING A BSN EXCEPTION (3)

- OPPOSITION TO SETTING THE BSN EXCEPTION AT 40% (12)

The LSBN did not make any edits to the Notice of Intent after publication. The proposed rule was submitted to the Occupational Licensing Review Program on October 6, 2025. Because the proposed amendment is within the Board's statutory authority and adheres to the clearly articulated state policy of protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state, on October 27, 2025, the OLRP approved the proposed amendment to be adopted by the Board in accordance with the Louisiana APA.

Subject to legislative oversight by either the House or Senate Health and Welfare Committee, the board intends to submit a Rule to the Office of the State Register for publication. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (225) 755-7576.

Sincerely,



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