DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING

On December 9, 2021, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners held a virtual meeting with board staff present at 131 Airline Drive, Suite 301, Metairie, LA 70001.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order in open session on December 9, 2021, at approximately 2:06 p.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman presiding.

**ROLL CALL** 

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Present
Celeste Cogswell, LPN	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Absent
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Matthew McQueen, MD	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Secretary/Treasurer of the Board	Present
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present

STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Patty Saucier	Present
Jenn Santangelo	Present
Janette Patterson	Present
Lloyd Pointcot	Present
John Becknell	Present

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION Gwendolyn Dunn moved that the board convene in executive session for discussion of litigations; and consideration of reports of the hearing officer related to disciplinary matters against licensees and/or applicants for licensure.

SECOND: Melancon A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at

2:10 p.m.

MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: McQueen A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,

Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

The motion passed and the board came out of executive session at

3:11 p.m.

MOTION TO RECESS

<u>Dr. McQueen</u> moved that the board recess and reconvene via teleconference tomorrow morning for 10AM.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,

Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

The meeting recessed at approximately 3:13 p.m.

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING

On December 10, 2021, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners held a virtual meeting with board staff present

at 131 Airline Drive, Suite 301, Metairie, LA 70001.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order in open session on December 10, 2021, at approximately 10:01a.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman presiding.

**ROLL CALL** 

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Absent
Celeste Cogswell, LPN	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Absent
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Matthew McQueen, MD	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Secretary/Treasurer of the Board	Present
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present @ 10:08 a.m.

STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Patty Saucier	Present
Jenn Santangelo	Present
Christina Costanza	Present
Janette Patterson	Present
Lloyd Pointcot	Present
John Becknell	Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

MOTION TO ADOPT MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2021 BOARD MEETING Roberta Connelley moved that the minutes of the board meeting of July 30, 2021, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Melancon A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

MOTIONS RELATED TO DISCIPLINE Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Ervin Carr) License #20150743, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license shall remain suspended with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Malcolm Chaisson), S.S. number ending with 1811, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant, prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, the respondent may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for a minimum period of two (2) years with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Eric Johnson) S.S. number ending with 6762, the board adopt the hearing officer's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law without exception and that the applicant for licensure, prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, and upon successfully passing, be issued a practical nursing license and be immediately issued a letter of reprimand with stipulations as written in the board order.

**SECOND:** Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Dolan McGinnis)

License #20140002, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license remain suspended no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McOueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that that in the case of (Desirae Richard)

License #20160157, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license be probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Alicia Silvera) <u>S.S.</u> <u>number ending with 1202</u>, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant for licensure be issued a practical nursing license in the state of Louisiana, and immediately be issued a Letter of Reprimand with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Billie Wheeler) License #20110480, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license remain suspended no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

<u>Barbara Gibbs</u> moved that in the case of (Antoinette Williams), <u>License #860888</u>, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license be revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Missy Williams), <u>S.S.</u> number ending with 4327, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant, prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, the respondent may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for a minimum period of <u>one (1) year</u> with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

<u>Candace Melancon</u> moved that the following consent agreements be accepted by the board without exception:

License #210258	Denethriss Alexander
S.S. ending with #8162	Amari Anderson

S.S. # ending with 5001	Alyse Broussard
License #910427	Monique Broussard
License #20140551	Ashley Chevis
License #20122467	Toni Dugas
License #30001245	Kristin Embry
License #20101189	Nelda Evans
License #940468	Melissa Fowler
License #20120349	Kelli Granger
License #20120446	Cynthia Harrison
License #950874	Audrey Houston
License #260937	Shevonda Hunter
License #940543	Patricia Jefferson
License #20130873	Mercedes Klebba
License #20180455	Stephanie Martin
License #20190401	Cheyenne Morse
License #280603	Lisa Myles
License #20190186	Caroline Porter
License #951274	Frankie Moss
License #261120	Jowandolyn Nelson
License #262474	Michelle Owens
License #20170221	Ebony Sias
License #240009	Stephanie Triche
License #30000572	Alexis Wells
License #20190043	Emilie Stacy
S.S. # ending with 9508	Joshua Turner
License #20121144	Jeraneta Davenport
S.S. # ending with 5824	Gavin Sexton
License #20110720	Amanda Stewart
License #841149	Dana Bunch
License #230457	Alisha Siegl
License #20140408	Danielle Bliss
License #20130119	Shavanna Carter
License #951033	Jeanette Bates
License #20170577	Jean Boudreaux
License #20180247	Chaquanna Wilridge
S.S. # ending with 6650	Latesha Vinnett

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE

**ASSOCIATE** 

**EXECUTIVE** 

<u>DIRECTOR</u>

SUMMARY REPORTS Denise Klein presented the summary of new compliance reports received and action taken from 7/1/2021 - 10/31/2021.

No action was needed or taken.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

PN PROGRAMS – STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS Christina Costanza reported that the status of all Louisiana practical nursing programs can be found in the book of reports on pages 22 - 26.

PROGRAM(S) ON INITIAL ACCREDITATION Programs on initial accreditation include the following:

- 1. Advance Nurse Training, LLC New Orleans, LA The first graduating class is expected to complete in March of 2022.
- 2. Blue Cliff College Metairie, LA
  The first graduating class is expected to complete in
  January of 2022.
- 3. Bossier City Community College Bossier City, LA The first graduating class is expected to complete in July of 2022.

No action was needed.

PROGRAM(S) ON PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION Programs on provisional accreditation include the following:

- SLCC Evangeline Campus, LCTCS
   Noncompliance issued for failing to meet the minimum NCLEX pass rate of 80% for their December 2018 graduates and May 2021 graduates.
- SLCC Gulf Area Campus, LCTCS
   Noncompliance issued for failure to submit requested information among other infarctions that were discovered.
   Program will remain on provisional accreditation until the next graduating class, December 2021, has successfully completed.

- 3. LSU Shreveport Campus
  Noncompliance issued for failing to meet the minimum
  NCLEX pass rate of 80% for two consecutive graduating
  classes; December 2020 graduates and January 2021
  graduates.
- 4. NTCC Lacombe Campus, LCTCS
  Noncompliance issued for the program's first graduating class in May 2021 reporting a 28.57% failure rate on the NCLEX. Program will remain on provisional accreditation until their scores of their second graduating class are received and reviewed.
- 5. NTCC Walker Campus, LCTCS
  Noncompliance issued for the program's first graduating class in May 2021 reporting a 27.27% failure rate on the NCLEX. Program will remain on provisional accreditation until their scores of their second graduating class are received and reviewed.
- 6. NTCC Sullivan Campus, LCTCS
  Noncompliance issued for failing to meet the minimum
  NCLEX pass rate of 80% for their December 2019
  graduates, May 2020 graduates, and May 2021 graduates.

No action was needed.

## PN PROGRAM CLOSURES

There were no program closures to report on for this board meeting.

## NEW PROGRAM REQUEST(S)

There were no new program requests to report on for this board meeting.

# PROGRAM(S) CITED FOR NONCOMPLIANCE OF BOARD RULES

At the time of the printing of the book of reports, the following programs had been cited for non-compliance with Board rules:

- 1. SLCC Acadian Campus, LCTCS (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- 2. CLTCC Natchitoches Campus, LCTCS (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- 3. RPCC Reserve Campus, LCTCS (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- 4. SLCC T.H. Harris Campus, LCTCS (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- CLTCC Ward H. Nash / Avoyelles Campus, LCTCS (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- 6. Compass Career College (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- 7. Delta College Covington Campus (NCLEX-PN pass rate)

- 8. CLTCC Lamar Salter Campus (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
- 9. Advance Nurse Training, LLC. (Failure to submit annual report fee)
- 10. Baton Rouge Community College (Failure to submit annual report fee)
- 11. Blue Cliff College (Failure to submit annual report fee)
- 12. Healthcare Training Institute (Failure to submit annual report fee)
- 13. LDCC West Monroe, LCTCS (Failure to submit annual report fee)
- 14. Advanced Nursing Training (Related to annual report)
- 15. Blue Cliff College (Related to annual report)
- 16. Bossier Parish Community College, LCTCS (Related to annual report)
- 17. CLTCC Alexandria Campus, LCTCS (Related to annual report)
- 18. CLTCC Lamar Salter Campus, LCTCS (Related to annual report)
- 19. CLTCC Ward H. Nash / Avoyelles Campus, LCTCS (Related to annual report)
- 20. Delgado Community College Sidney Collier Campus (Related to annual report)
- 21. Delta College Lafayette Campus (Related to annual report)
- 22. Health Training Institute (Related to annual report)
- 23. NTCC Hammond Campus, LCTCS (Related to annual report)
- 24. NLTCC Mansfield Campus, LCTCS (Related to annual report)
- 25. NLTCC Shreveport Campus, LCTCS (Related to annual report)
- 26. Nunez Community College (Related to annual report)
- 27. RPCC Gonzales Campus, LCTCS (Related to annual report)
- 28. SLCC T.H. Harris Campus, LCTCS (Related to annual report)
- 29. SLCC Young Memorial Campus, LCTCS (Related to annual report)

No action was needed.

PN PROGRAMMATIC ANNUAL REPORT Christina Costanza presented the data summary for fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021; raw data for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; data summary, tables and charts for fiscal years 2011 – 2021.

NCLEX-PN REPORT FOR PN PROGRAMS: 1/1/2021 – 11/12/2021 Christina Costanza presented data summaries for practical nursing programs for the reporting period of 1/1/2021 - 11/12/2021. Also presented was the raw data for the annual report for fiscal year

2021.

No board action was needed.

PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION STATUSES FOR 2021 – 2022

Barbara Gibbs moved that the board approve the annual report for FY2021 and continue the accreditation status of all practical nursing programs as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Melancon A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

JONATHAN
PHILLIPS WITH
PUBLIC
COMMENT RE:
TEMPORARY
PERMITS

Jonathan Phillips representing the Northeast Louisiana Healthcare Alliance asked the board to consider permanent implementation of temporary permits for new graduates while awaiting the results of their NLCEX scores.

Lynn Ansardi confirmed that temporary permits were being issued to new graduates at the start of the pandemic as a result of testing locations being temporarily closed due to COVID.

Christina Costanza stated that all 5 testing locations in the state of Louisiana are now open and testing slots are available for scheduling. Ms. Costanza reported that 24% of graduates who were issued temporary permits as a result of the COVID pandemic, either failed on their first attempt or were ineligible to test. With the board's mission being to protect the public, the education department urges all graduates to take the NCLEX prior to working. The education department will continue to evaluate each temporary permit request on an individual basis and issue temporary permits as needed.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INDEPENDENT

**AUDIT** 

STATEMENT

FY 2021

Lynn Ansardi presented the independent auditor's report for fiscal

year 2021.

<u>Candace Melancon</u> moved that all board members received a copy of the independent auditor's statement for fiscal year 2021

as required and printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

ACTUAL BUDGET

FY 2022

Lynn Ansardi presented the fiscal year to date operating budget

for FY 2022 as of 9/30/2021.

No action was needed.

PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023

Lynn Ansardi presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023.

Candace Melancon moved to approve the proposed budget for

fiscal year 2023 as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 The motion passed.

NCSBN ANNUAL MEETING REPORT Lynn Ansardi reported that NCSBN met in August. At this meeting they adopted revisions to NCSBN model, practice act, and rules. NCSBN also approved the next generation NCLEX test design.

During the meeting, it was announced that NCSBN, along with 8 other nursing organizations, issued a policy brief to provide guidance to nursing education programs, as well as boards of nursing, that received requests from students that were not vaccinated for alterative clinical experiences when clinical sites will not allow unvaccinated students. The policy emphasized the importance of hands-on clinical training. They agreed that simulation is valuable, but it cannot replace direct Care experience.

Their recommendations included reaching out to the unvaccinated students and counseling them about the benefits. If it is mandated by the program to be vaccinated, the students can refuse the vaccine. They must, however, be entitled to reasonable accommodations under the disability laws or for their religious beliefs. If these two criteria are not met, they may be disenrolled, or they may be unable to fulfill their clinical requirements which will result in them not being able to graduate.

MANDATORY CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING Lynn Ansardi informed all board members and staff that everyone must complete mandatory training in the following areas by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year:

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

Ethics

OFFICE PROGRESS

Lynn Ansardi reported on damage to the LSBPNE office from Hurricane Ida. All damage sustained to the roof of the building as well as several offices and rooms throughout our office space are in the process of being repaired. We anticipate repairs to be complete within the next several weeks and hope to host our next board meeting back at the LSBPNE office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business that needed to be addressed.

Cyber Security

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Candace Melancon moved that the Advisory Committee be tasked with evaluating the attrition rate and pass rate of all Louisiana practical nursing schools.

SECOND: Prince

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** The motion passed.

**FUTURE** 

The proposed board meeting dates for the next board meetings are **MEETING DATES** 

March 10 and 11, 2022. Board staff will work on securing the

Jefferson Parish East Bank Library for March 11, 2022.

**PUBLIC** 

**COMMENT** 

There were no additional public comments offered at this

meeting.

MOTION TO **ADJOURN** 

Roberta Connelley moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Melancon

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon,

Prince NAYS: 0

**ABSTENTIONS: 0** 

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at approximately

11:03 a.m.

Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman

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