

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS
 131 AIRLINE DR., SUITE 301, METAIRIE, LA 70001
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 18 AND 19, 2019

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING On July 18, 2019, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at 131 Airline Drive, Suite 301, Metairie, LA 70001.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order on July 18, 2019, at approximately 2:35 p.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman, presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Present
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Paul Fuselier, MD	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Christopher Mallett, LPN	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Secretary/Treasurer of the Board	Present
Andrew Morson, MD	Absent
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Absent

STAFF/LEGAL
 COUNSEL
 PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
John Becknell	Present

DECLARATION OF
 QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

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MOTION TO
ENTER
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Roberta Connelley moved that the board convene in executive session to consider reports related to disciplinary matters against licensees and applicants for licensure and to discuss personnel matters.

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Fuselier, Gibbs, Mallett, Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at 2:36 p.m.

MOTION TO EXIT
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Dr. Fusleier moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Fuselier, Gibbs, Mallett, Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Artieta

The motion passed and the board came out of executive session at 5:38 p.m.

UNCLASSIFIED
EMPLOYEE
MATTERS

Candace Melancon moved that Executive Director, M. Lynn Ansardi, receive a 5% merit increase.

SECOND: Fuselier

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Artieta

The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that Associate Executive Director, Denise Klein, receive a 7% merit increase.

SECOND: Fuselier

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Artieta

The motion passed.

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ELECTION OF
EXECUTIVE
OFFICERS

Roberta Connelley moved to open nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Fuselier
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Myra Collins, LPN, was nominated for the position of Chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

Gwendolynn Dunn moved to close nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Cypret
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved to appoint Myra Collins, LPN, as Chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Prince
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Myra Collins moved to open nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
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Candace Melancon, LPN, Roberta Connelley, RN, and Christopher Mallett, LPN, were nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

Dr. Fuselier moved to close nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved to appoint Roberta Connelley, RN, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Gibbs
YEAS: 9
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Artieta
The motion passed.

MOTION TO
RECESS

Dr. Fuselier moved that the board recess and reconvene tomorrow morning at 10AM at the Eastbank Regional Jefferson Parish Library.

SECOND: Connelley
YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Fuselier, Gibbs, Mallett, Melancon, Prince
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

The meeting recessed at approximately 5:38 p.m.

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DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING On July 19, 2019, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at the Jefferson Parish East Bank Library, 4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana, 70002.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order on July 19, 2019, at approximately 10:02 a.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman, presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Paul Fuselier, MD	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Christopher Mallett, LPN	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Secretary/Treasurer of the Board	Present
Andrew Morson, MD	Absent
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Present – Left @ 11:53 A.M.

STAFF/LEGAL
COUNSEL
PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Johnette Kay	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Janette Patterson	Present
John Becknell	Present

DECLARATION OF
QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

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WELCOME

Roberta Connelley welcomed the audience.

MOTION TO
ADOPT MINUTES
OF MARCH 14 AND
15, 2019 BOARD
MEETING

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that the minutes of the board meeting of March 14 and 15, 2019, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Cypret
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

MOTIONS
RELATED TO
DISCIPLINE

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Deidra Castille) S.S. ending with 1096, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant for licensure be (list changes below): allowed to take the NCLEX-PN upon favorable review of a psychological assessment. Upon passing of NCLEX-PN, the applicant may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for a minimum of two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon unfavorable review of a psychological assessment, the applicant shall be denied licensure in the state of Louisiana.

SECOND: Prince
YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Mallett, Suleman
The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Cherie Cottano), License # 830133, 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: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman
The motion passed.

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Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Zachary Cotton), S.S. ending with 1894, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN after complying with the stipulations as written in the board order, and upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Prince
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman
The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Sharon Davis) License #240806, 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: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman
The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Jessica Hall) License #20160096, 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: Cypret
YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
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Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Tiki Joseph) **License #220755**, 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: Cypret
YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Mallett, Suleman
The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Kanika Lemon) **License # 20100847**, 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: Gibbs
YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Mallett, Suleman
The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Patrane Martin) **S.S. ending with 4739**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be denied licensure in the state of Louisiana with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Gibbs
YEAS: 7
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Mallett, Suleman
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Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Jena Parsley) **License # 20100686**, 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 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: Prince

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Mallett, Suleman

The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Catrina Pitts) **S.S. ending with 6460**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant for licensure 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: Gibbs

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Mallett, Suleman

The motion passed.

Christopher Mallett moved that in the case of (Jamie Smith) **License #20101085**, 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 three (3) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Melancon

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

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Christopher Mallett moved that in the case of (Casandra Willis) **S.S. number ending in 1905**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, that the applicant for licensure comply with the stipulations as written in the board order, and upon successfully complying with the stipulations, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Melancon
 YEAS: 8
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman
 The motion passed.

Christopher Mallett moved that in the case of (Bonnie Wirtz) **License #290264**, 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 suspended for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than three (3) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Melancon
 YEAS: 8
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman
 The motion passed.

Roberta Connelley moved that the following consent agreements be accepted by the board without exception:

License # 20110598	Sharonda Andrews
License # 940669	Diane Baas
License # 270005	Laurie Ballard
Last four digits S.S. # 2152	Michelle Beloney
Last four digits S.S. # 0152	Leondra Bibbins
License # 20170492	Hunter Boumans
License # 270806	Vicki Bradshaw
License # 20120420	Kenneth Fountain
License # 20100259	Misty Glaze

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License # 20170504	Cassie Gremillion
Last four digits S.S. # 3501	Cole Griffith
License # 20140528	Brittany Heenan
License # 220445	Trisheka Hill
License # 951141	Suzanne Hudson
Last four digits S.S. # 7783	Amie Jacobs
Last four digits S.S. # 5052	Na'Keithalyn Jiles
Last four digits S.S. # 1070	Jasmin Jones
Last four digits S.S. # 2560	La Shonda Jones
License # 200708	Bree Luke
License # 951059	Craig Martin
License # 20120744	Elizabeth Massey
License # 990900	Tricia Mc Lin
License # 250261	Damon Miller
License # 960140	Rita-Marie Morehead
Last four digits S.S. # 1823	James Norred
Last four digits S.S. # 6267	James Palmer, Jr.
Last four digits S.S. # 7500	Denitra Patterson
Last four digits S.S. # 1862	Jaime Pollard
Last four digits S.S. # 8369	Lydia Richard
Last four digits S.S. # 5250	Learryn Richards
License # 20150189	Dominique Rideaux
License # 280738	Lacey Roark
Last four digits S.S. # 9858	Chelsea Sadler
License # 20150437	Jayna Simon
Last four digits S.S. # 5527	Ashley Stricklin
Last four digits S.S. # 2698	Jarrold Trosclair
License # 20130485	Heather Turner Holliday
License # 272477	Kasie Ward
License # 240571	Tiffany Williams
Last four digits S.S. # 6146	Tikila Youngblood

SECOND: Mallett
 YEAS: 9
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: Suleman
 The motion passed.

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REPORT OF
ASSOCIATE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

SUMMARY
REPORTS

Denise Klein presented the summary report from the compliance department of new reports received and action taken for 2/16/2019 – 6/21/2019. Ms. Klein additionally presented a summary of activity for FY 2019. No action was needed or taken on these matters.

REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

PN PROGRAM –
STATUS OF ALL
PN SCHOOLS

As of July 1, 2019, LSBPNE implemented the Nurse Portal and began accepting applications for licensure and student applications online. This has resulted in drastic changes in business processes for the board staff and schools. All program coordinators received a face to face training, including simulation, on the new processes during the months of May and June. So far, we have received positive comments regarding the new online processes. In addition, all PN program coordinators received education on the changes to the law and rules for PN licensure resulting from the enactment of the Nurse Licensure Compact.

PN programs' annual reports are due 8/22/2019. Annual report summaries including NCLEX-PN pass rates for all schools (for fiscal year 2018-19), will be reported at the November 2019 board meeting.

There are currently 46 approved practical nursing programs in Louisiana. The total student enrollment is approximately 2,200.

- 39 public schools (37 are in the LCTCS system, LSU-S, SU-S)
- 7 proprietary schools

Three schools have submitted a formal request for approval to start a new PN program (phase I).

- Northshore Technical Community College – Lacombe campus
- Northshore Technical Community College – Walker campus
- Advance Nursing Training, LLC

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One school has submitted a request for approval of a new PN program- phase II, granting initial accreditation status.

- Blue Cliff College – Metairie campus

Graduates: During the second quarter (April – June 2019) the education department received 441 applications for initial licensure by exam from Louisiana graduates. At this time 421 have been approved for testing (NCLEX-PN); the remaining 20 applications are still under review.

MA to LPN program update: In 2018, the board voted to approve Northshore Technical Community College's request to admit an MA to LPN 'accelerated' cohort, as part of a cooperative agreement with Ochsner and LA Workforce. 12 of 16 admitted students completed the program in March 2019. 12 of 12 graduates tested and passed, yielding a 100% first time pass rate.

PROVISIONAL
ACCREDITATION

1. Infinity College, Lafayette, LA

Initial accreditation was granted September 2016. Upon completion of this cohort, the first time NCLEX-PN pass rate was 35% (7 of 20 testers passed). The program was permitted to enroll a 2nd cohort prior to the close out and determination of pass rate of the first. The correction plan was received, reviewed followed by a site visit in April 2019. At this point, the students in the 2nd cohort were in their final semester. The 2nd cohort graduated May 2019, NCLEX scores are pending.

Roberta Connelley moved that Infinity College, Lafayette, LA, be approved to remain on provisional accreditation status with permission to admit their 3rd cohort in fall 2019. Continued accreditation is dependent upon the 3rd cohort's successful completion and first time NCLEX pass rate of 80% or higher and the program's compliance with the administrative code and board policies. Failure to meet requirements will result in the program's closure.

SECOND: Mallett

YEAS: 10

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

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2. Westside Campus, RPCC

The Westside campus was initially approved and accredited in 1966 under the Louisiana Technical College. The program has been reassigned to 3 different regions in the LCTCS system including Capital Area Technical, Baton Rouge Community College and most recently River Parishes Community College.

The past 10 years, this campus has experienced a continuous decline in admissions and retention. Since 2002, the program has been placed on provisional accreditation four times. During this time, only 3 of 15 graduating cohorts have yielded a pass rate of 80% or higher. The most recent correction plan was submitted October 2017. Changes were implemented with the August 2017 cohort – December 2018 grads. The school has experienced difficulty in recruiting and retaining qualified faculty resulting in staffing inconsistencies. There is a lack of clinical facilities, especially specialty area (mental health, peds, OB) in the Plaquemine area. RPCC staff has worked diligently to implement changes in the program and hope to be successful in the future.

There are currently no students enrolled in the program, as they were placed on a provisional accreditation status and not permitted to admit another cohort until the last cohort tested and NCLEX-PN pass rate determined.

Roberta Connelley moved that the practical nursing program at the Westside campus of River Parishes Community College, Plaquemine, LA, be discontinued.

SECOND: Mallett

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Melancon

The motion passed.

PROGRAM
CLOSURE(S)

1. Dryades YMCA School of Commerce

Dr. Jay Banks was present at the meeting to offer public comment and ask the board for reconsideration to place Dryades YMCA School of Commerce back to provisional status. The board took no action on this matter.

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SAMPLE OF
INITIAL REQUEST
FOR A NEW
PROGRAM

Board members were directed to review the document that schools must complete in order to apply for a new practical nursing program. This was for reference purposes. No action needed on this item.

NEW PROGRAM
REQUEST(S)

1. Northshore Technical Community College, Walker campus (phase I request for approval)
The NTCC-Walker campus is part of the Louisiana Technical Community College System (LCTCS) and accredited by COE. A PN program at the Walker location would serve potential students in Livingston and East Baton Rouge parishes. Leadership projects the initial cohort to be admitted in Spring 2020 semester with a max of 30 students. NTCC's submitted proposal meets and/or exceeds the minimum requirements of each section of the initial PN program request. The complete proposal can be found in the board book pgs. 25-60.

Christi Marceaux was available for public comment to answer any questions that the board may have regarding NTCC-Walker campus.

Roberta Connelley moved that the phase I request to start a new practical nursing program at Northshore Technical Community College's Walker campus be approved and the program be permitted to proceed to phase II.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

2. Northshore Technical Community College, Lacombe campus (phase I request for approval)

This NTCC-Lacombe campus is part of the Louisiana Technical Community College System (LCTCS) and accredited by COE. The purpose of establishing a new program is to serve the need of students resulting from waiting lists from NTCC's Hammond & Sullivan campus. The admitting cohort (max 30 students) would be offered during a semester that the other campuses do not admit a new cohort of students. Other potential students are from the Southeastern RN programs (denied or failed). Leaders have set Spring 2020 as the tentative start date for the initial

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cohort. NTCC's submitted proposal meets and/or exceeds the minimum requirements of each section of the initial PN program request. The complete proposal can be found in the board book pgs. 61-95.

Christi Marceaux was available for public comment to answer any questions that the board may have regarding NTCC-Lacombe campus.

Roberta Connelley moved that the Phase I request to start a new practical nursing program at Northshore Technical Community College's Lacombe campus be approved and the program permitted to proceed to phase II.

SECOND: Melancon

YEAS: 10

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

3. Advance Nursing Training, LLC, New Orleans (phase I request for approval)

Advanced Nursing Training is a proprietary school established in 2013 and is accredited by the Bureau of Health Education Schools. The school currently provides a Certified Nurse Aide program with over 200 completers. The proposed purpose of seeking approval for a PN program is to provide training for students in Jefferson parish and the west bank of New Orleans areas. The tentative date for the initial cohort is April 2020 - projected admission of 36 students. Advance Nursing Training's submitted proposal fails to address all required sections of the initial PN program request. The complete proposal can be found in the board book pgs. 96-113.

Melanie McCrary was available for public comment to answer any questions that the board may have regarding Advance Nursing Training.

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Roberta Connelley moved that the phase I request to start a new practical nursing program at Advance Nursing Training, LLC, New Orleans, LA, be deferred with the following stipulations: A more detailed proposal reflected in Phase I application, be submitted to the board office at least 60 days prior to the next board meeting for consideration for approval.

SECOND: Suleman

YEAS: 10

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

4. Blue Cliff College, Metairie campus (phase II request for approval)

Phase I approval granted per board vote on 4/22/2018. Blue Cliff has submitted all requested documents required in phase II to include, but not limited to, a complete curriculum, lesson plans for each course, exams with key (A&P, medical surgical nursing, pharmacology, practical nursing law), transcript, clinical evaluation tools, master rotation, practical nursing student handbook, college handbook, faculty applications (two full time qualified faculty are approved), instructor guidelines and job descriptions for instructors and clerical staff, affiliation agreements/signed contracts from the following facilities:

- Beacon Behavioral Hospital (mental health nursing rotations)
- Children's Hospital, New Orleans (pediatric nursing rotations)
- St. Tammany Parish Public School System (pediatric nursing)
- Validus Senior Living (geriatric nursing rotations)
- Jo Ellen Smith Living Center (geriatric nursing rotations)
- LSU Healthcare Network (LSUHN) (maternal and newborn nursing)
- New Orleans East Hospital (medical surgical nursing)
- *pending- Touro Infirmary (medical surgical nursing)

All documents have been reviewed by LSBPNE staff and found to meet or exceed the minimum standards (with suggestions/minor modifications). A site visit was conducted on June 28, 2019. The physical facility and supplies are adequate for the training of a practical nursing program.

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Roberta Connelley moved that the phase II request to start a new practical nursing program at Blue Cliff College, Metairie campus be approved and the program be permitted to begin admitting students. The program will be granted initial approval effective on the date of enrollment of the first cohort.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

PROGRAM(S)
CITED FOR NON-
COMPLIANCE

The list of schools and citations can be found in the board book on pg. 115. Correction made to the printed report's title should read the following: "Notices of Non-Compliance: February 2019 – July 2019"

1. Delta College of Arts & Technology, Baton Rouge (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
2. Delgado Community College, Sidney Collier (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
3. Sullivan campus, NTCC (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
4. Evangeline campus, SLCC (NCLEX-PN pass rate)
5. Shreveport, NWLTC (NCLEX-PN pass rate)

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

FINANCIAL
REPORTS

Lynn Ansardi presented the proposed amendments to the operating budget for fiscal year 2019.

Dr. Fuselier moved that the proposed amendments to the operating budget for FY 2019 be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
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Lynn Ansardi presented the actual operating budget for fiscal year 2019 as of 03/31/2019.

Dr. Suleman moved that all board members received a copy of the fiscal year to date operating budget for fiscal year 2019 as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Fuselier

YEAS: 10

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

LPN RENEWAL
STATISTICS AND
EMPLOYMENT
DISTRIBUTION

Lynn Ansardi presented statistics regarding employment distribution for 2013 – 2018 and reported that full-time employment, employment in other areas, and those not employed stayed the same while part-time employment went down slightly.

Ms. Ansardi also presented statistics from the renewal data for the year 2010 – 2019. Ms. Ansardi noted that there has been a downward trend since 2016 and reported that possible explanations for this trend could be the following:

- NCLEX-PN is revised every 7 years, with the test leaning towards more critical thinking components
- LSBPNE raised admission criteria
- LPNs are primarily staffed in nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities – this arena may not be most desirable to some LPNs due to the low nurse to patient ratio

No action was needed or taken.

NURSE
LICENSURE
COMPACT (NLC)
CONVERSION

As of July 1, 2019, Louisiana joined the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). The NLC gives the ability to those who hold a multistate license to practice in other states who are a part of the NLC. There are 33 states that are part of the compact.

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Louisiana licensed practical nurses can keep their single state license or can apply for a multistate license. New graduates will have the option to apply for a single state or multistate license when applying for initial licensure. In order to qualify for a multistate license, a licensed practical nurse must apply through our website and meet all of the uniform licensure requirements (ULRs). The list of all ULRs can be found on our website.

To date, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has issued 5 multistate licenses and has an additional 259 applications that are being reviewed for processing.

CONTINUING
EDUCATION
CREDITS

At present, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners does not require continuing education (CE) hours. Although it is necessary to have continuing education, the common process in which nurses obtain CEs is ineffective due to the relativity to their practice and/or specialty.

For the past five years, The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) piloted a program to study this exact topic. Ireland has tasked their employers to evaluate their employee's performance with certain tasks and present this evaluation during the renewal process. NCSBN found that tasking the employers to monitor the performance of job specific tasks was more effective due to relevancy to each nurse's current job.

Roberta Connelley moved that the advisory committee examine the impact that continuing education courses will have on LPNs, the board, as well as the agency, in relation to enforcement, financial responsibility, and efficiency of continuing education courses.

SECOND: Suleman
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

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LOUISIANA
COMPLIANCE
QUESTIONNAIRE
FY 2019

Lynn Ansardi presented the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire from fiscal year 2019.

Candace Melancon moved that the completed compliance questionnaire from fiscal year 2019 be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Collins
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

2019 LEGISLATIVE
SESSION

John Becknell reported on this past year's legislative session. Senate Bill 187, authored by Senator John Milkovich, would have taken the disciplinary hearing process out of the board's jurisdiction, and an administrative judge would conduct the hearing. Additionally, the bill would allow the licensee to request a new investigator, should the licensee feel that the investigator is alleged to be biased, hostile, or unfair. SB 187 was filed and failed to pass the Senate.

Fresh Start Act of 2019 was passed during the past legislative session. It established a process to expunge records relating to certain non-violent crimes, allowing those with criminal backgrounds easier access to jobs. After 5 years had passed since the date of the crime, a board would be forced to license an individual.

LPNS RECEIVING
DIRECTION FROM
PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS,
CERTIFIED NURSE
MIDWIVES, AND
ANY ADDITIONAL
ADVANCED
PRACTICE
PRACTITIONERS

Current law states that licensed practical nurses may perform any of the foregoing duties, and with appropriate training may perform additional specified acts which are authorized by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners when directed to do so by the licensed physician, optometrist, or dentist acting individually or in his capacity as a member of the medical staff, or registered nurse.

In 1999, the board issued an opinion stating licensed practical nurses may accept verbal/telephone orders only from a licensed physician or other authorized prescriber (optometrist, dentist, or psychologist, and registered nurse). In 2009, the board amended their statement to include physician assistants or advanced practice registered nurse.

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Although the board voted on this amendment in 2009, their opinion was never promulgated into law.

Physician Assistants:

Sara Deyo, PA, Legislative Chairwoman and representative for the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants, was present to offer public comment regarding the scope of practice, training and educations for physician assistants.

Physician assistants (PA) are nationally certified and state licensed medical professionals who practice medicine with physicians' supervision. Supervision is defined as responsible direction and control with the supervising physician assuming responsibility for services rendered. The supervising physician and physician assistant must have the capability to be in contact with each other by either telephone or other telecommunication devices.

The average PA program is 26 to 28 months in length, over 2,000 clinical contact hours, 100 CME every 2 years and must be re-certified every 10 years.

Lay Midwives:

Christopher Mallett contacted the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) to inquire further about lay midwives. The following information was presented: Most lay midwives become an apprentice under a physician, certified nurse-midwife or licensed midwife "who shall assume responsibility for instructing and supervising the apprentice". The person needs to apply for an apprentice permit with LSBME. After completion of clinical experience and knowledge according to North American Registry of Midwives (NARM) criteria, the apprentice can take the NARM exam. After passing the exam the person applies for a license.

An applicant who has completed a midwifery education program can apply for licensure after passing the NARM exam.

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Myra Collins moved that this topic be sent to the advisory committee for further study.

SECOND: Cypret
YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Fuselier, Gibbs, Prince,
NAYS: Mallett, Melancon
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

ATTORNEY
RESOLUTION

Roberta Connelley moved to accept the resolution approving Lindsey Williams to provide legal consultation and services to the board relative to board rules and regulations, legislation, board actions, and disciplinary hearings and adjudications regarding alleged violations and rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

SECOND: Gibbs
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business that needed to be discussed.

FUTURE MEETING
DATES

The proposed board meeting dates for the next board meeting are November 7 and 8, 2019. Board staff has secured the Jefferson Parish East Bank Library for November 8, 2019. No action was needed or taken on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business that was discussed.

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PUBLIC
COMMENT

Dr. Jay Banks with Dryades YMCA School of Commerce was present to offer public comment concerning the closure of Dryades YMCA School of Commerce.

Christi Marceaux was present to offer public comment concerning questions regarding NTCC – Walker campus and NTCC – Lacombe campus.

Melanie McCrary was present to offer public comment concerning questions regarding Advance Nursing Training.

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MOTION TO
ADJOURN

Dr. Fuselier moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Collins

YEAS: 10

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.



Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman