

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS  
 131 AIRLINE DR., SUITE 301, METAIRIE, LA 70001  
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 31, 2020

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING                      On July 31, 2020, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners held their annual July board meeting via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER                              The meeting was called to order on July 31, 2020, at approximately 9:08 a.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman, presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF/LEGAL  
 COUNSEL  
 PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Christina Costanza	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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IN MEMORIAM OF  
RUBY  
CHANCELLOR,  
LPN

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners would like to acknowledge someone who served her whole adult lifetime serving others. Ms. Ruby Chancellor, born in Monroe, LA and passed away surrounded by family on July the 2nd. Ms. Ruby was an LPN for 35 years at St. Francis Medical Center. She was a member of our board from 1995 until her retirement in March of 2014. Her membership in the Louisiana Federation, as well as the National Federation of LPNs, revealed her sharp wit and leadership.

MOTION TO  
ADOPT MINUTES  
OF MARCH 12 AND  
13, 2020 BOARD  
MEETING

Dr. Suleman moved that the minutes of the board meeting of March 12 and 13, 2020, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,  
Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Connelley

OFF LINE: McQueen

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE  
EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT

PROVISIONAL  
ACCREDITATION

1. Gulf Area campus, SLCC, Abbeville, LA  
Gulf Area campus has corrected the previous infarctions; however, will remain on provisional accreditation. They will be allowed to start a new class for the Fall 2020, and board staff will continue to monitor their campus for compliance. Once compliance with board rules and regulations is shown, they will be reinstated back to full accreditation.
2. Shreveport campus, NLTCC, Shreveport, LA  
Shreveport campus had four consecutive failing classes; however, due to interruptions at all schools caused by COVID-19, the board has allowed Shreveport campus additional time to correct deficiencies. Board staff had a meeting with Shreveport campus concerning deficiencies requiring immediate attention. Once results of the May 2020 and August 2020 graduates can be calculated, board staff will revisit their accreditation status.

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PROGRAM(S)  
CITED FOR NON-  
COMPLIANCE

The list of schools and citations can be found in the board book on pg. 22.

1. Huey P. Long campus, CLTCC (Failure to submit requested information)
2. Rod Brady campus, CLTCC (Failure to submit requested information)
3. Ferriday campus, CLTCC (Failure to submit requested information)

Mignonne Ater, with CLTCC, gave public comment concerning Huey P. Long, Rod Brady, and Ferriday campuses. Ms. Ater stated that information requested concerning deficiencies was mailed recently and should be received in the board office soon.

REPORT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

COVID-19  
RESPONSE

Lynn Ansardi reported that the LSBPNE is committed to the health and safety of our citizens of Louisiana. The LSBPNE office has remained fully functioning since the Governor issued a mandatory shutdown in March due to COVID-19. LSBPNE is closely following all guidelines and regulations as mandated by state and local governments.

Some changes implemented during COVID-19 were fast tracking LPNs in good standing from other states, resulting in licensing those applicants within hours of their application being received in the board office. Temporary permits were issued to all graduates at no charge; however, as of May 14<sup>th</sup>, temporary permits were rescinded due to Pearson Vue reopening many of their testing sites across the state. Should a specific need arise for temporary permits, a facility should contact the board office to discuss further.

According to our renewal statistics, we have roughly 900 LPNs who are actively licensed and looking for work. Should any retired LPN wish to come out of retirement, LSBPNE has removed barriers for them to return to work and assist during the pandemic.

LSBPNE has been in close contact with all practical nursing schools to ensure that students remain on track and graduate on time; allowing an increase in virtual learning and simulation.

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Lastly, Ms. Ansardi, John Becknell, and board staff have been in constant communication with the Governor, Louisiana Department of Health, and the US Surgeon General's office providing any information requested and executing any requirements concerning rules, regulations and proclamations.

FINANCIAL  
REPORTS

Lynn Ansardi presented the proposed amendments to the operating budget for fiscal year 2020.

Roberta Connelley moved that the proposed amendments to the operating budget for FY 2020 be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Lynn Ansardi presented the actual operating budget for fiscal year 2020 as of 06/30/2020.

No motion was needed.

LOUISIANA  
COMPLIANCE  
QUESTIONNAIRE  
FY 2020

Lynn Ansardi presented the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire from fiscal year 2020.

Janie Cypret moved that the completed compliance questionnaire from fiscal year 2020 be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Mallett

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

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WENDI PALERMO,  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF  
NURSING AND  
HEALTHCARE  
INITIATIVES

1. Up to 50% of clinical hours to be simulated experiences

Dr. Palermo, gave public comment concerning her request to increase simulation up to 50% of clinical hours. Dr. Palermo submitted a proposal to board staff concerning this request beyond the pandemic.

Mignonne Ater, with Louisiana Central Technical College System (LCTCS), and Christi Marceaux, Associate Provost of the health sciences and nursing at Northshore Technical Community College (NTCC), both gave public comment in support of Dr. Palermo's request.

Board members deferred this topic back to the Education department to further investigation these requests and report back to the board at the next scheduled board meeting.

2. Combination of all LCTCS schools into one college

Dr. Palermo, gave public comment concerning her request to combine all LCTCS school into one college based on regions instead of individual campuses. Dr. Palermo asked that each individual school be allowed the opportunity to fall under their respective region, instead of their campus site.

Mignonne Ater, with LCTCS, and Christi Marceaux, Associate Provost of the health sciences and nursing at NTCC, both gave public comment in support of Dr. Palermo's request.

The Education department asked to hold a follow up meeting with all schools, so that all needs can be discussed more in depth. The board agreed that this would be in the best interest for all parties to discuss this matter in a separate meeting with the Education department and board staff.

3. Transition to the utilization of the LCTCS Official College Transcript

Dr. Palermo, gave public comment concerning her request to transition to the utilization of the LCTCS official college transcript. Dr. Palermo requested that the board consider using an official college transcript issued by the registrar instead of a separate practical nursing transcript issued by the practical nursing department.

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Mignonne Ater, with LCTCS, and Christi Marceaux, Associate Provost of the health sciences and nursing at NTCC, both gave public comment in support of Dr. Palermo's request.

The Education department asked that each school requesting to use a different transcript than the previous approved PN transcript, submit that new transcript to the board office for approval. Once approved by the Education department, that transcript would then be adopted permanently moving forward.

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business that needed to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business that was discussed.

PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Mignonne Ater was available via teleconference to offer public comment concerning CLTCC's Huey P. Long campus, Rod Brady campus, and Ferriday campus being cited for non-compliance.

Wendi Palermo, Mignonne Ater, and Christi Marceaux, were available via teleconference to offer public comment concerning LCTCS's request for: up to 50% of clinical hours to be simulated experiences, combination of all LCTCS schools into one college, and transition to the utilization of the LCTCS Official College Transcript.

MOTION TO  
ENTER  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Christopher Mallett moved that the board convene in executive session to consider reports related to disciplinary matters against licensees and applicants for licensure.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Artieta, Connelley

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at 10:40 a.m.

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MOTION TO EXIT  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Christopher Mallett moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board came out of executive session at 11:16 a.m.

MOTIONS  
RELATED TO  
DISCIPLINE

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Renada Anderson) License #20110567, 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 two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Myranda Brossette) License # 210537, 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, the respondent's license will be unencumbered.

SECOND: Mallett

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins

The motion passed.

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Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Endia Davis) social security number ending with 4082, 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: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,  
McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Wydricka Lofton), social security number ending with 3492 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. 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: Mallett

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,  
McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Suzanne May), License # 930264, 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: Mallett

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,  
McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins

The motion passed.



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Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Brittney White), social security number ending with 6683 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. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, 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: Prince

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Jamineca Williams), social security number ending with 4556 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. 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: Mallett

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins

The motion passed.

Christopher Mallett moved that the following consent agreements be accepted by the board without exception:

<b>License #952241</b>	<b>Kamala Aaron</b>
<b>License #20130259</b>	<b>Gabriel Aiken</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 9568</b>	<b>Sheila Alfred</b>
<b>License #230665</b>	<b>Loren Bankston</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 6227</b>	<b>Perbert Barker</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 3071</b>	<b>Falon Braud</b>
<b>License #280959</b>	<b>Shaylon Brown</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 3309</b>	<b>Timmeca Carter-Bedford</b>

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<b>S.S. # ending with 6117</b>	<b>Mikaela Culpeper</b>
<b>License #920613</b>	<b>Joan Demasilere</b>
<b>License #950219</b>	<b>Michelle Dugas</b>
<b>License #270912</b>	<b>Cigi Durgapersad</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 7361</b>	<b>Shakerra Francis</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 0290</b>	<b>Keiwyne Garcia</b>
<b>License #20130284</b>	<b>Rhonda Gordon</b>
<b>License #20130773</b>	<b>Sandi Guillory</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 4294</b>	<b>Reshawn Henderson</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 7230</b>	<b>Ngoc Hernandez</b>
<b>License #860266</b>	<b>Terri Jackson</b>
<b>License #270372</b>	<b>Arrie Johnson</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 4547</b>	<b>Paris Knox</b>
<b>License #200261</b>	<b>Cynthia Lady</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 7819</b>	<b>Kagnie LeDay</b>
<b>License #970787</b>	<b>Jason Lenard</b>
<b>License #20132476</b>	<b>Tanyell Magee</b>
<b>License #270406</b>	<b>Erica Maurin</b>
<b>License #280575</b>	<b>Nancy Mays</b>
<b>License #260631</b>	<b>Michelle Mitchell</b>
<b>License #20120427</b>	<b>Mandy Morris</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 3264</b>	<b>Tamika Oats</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 6799</b>	<b>Justine Phillips</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 5685</b>	<b>Taffani Rushing</b>
<b>License #20150646</b>	<b>Cherylynn Sam</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 7496</b>	<b>Jake Sanderlin</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 0176</b>	<b>Kiara Sanders</b>
<b>License #240397</b>	<b>Jamie Smith</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 3786</b>	<b>Selissa Smith</b>
<b>License #20170281</b>	<b>Jermika Speed</b>
<b>License #20180511</b>	<b>Miranda Sumbler</b>
<b>License #961046</b>	<b>Chasity Sumrall</b>
<b>License #20140780</b>	<b>Brandi Taylor</b>
<b>License #840320</b>	<b>DonnaLee Trapani</b>
<b>S.S. # ending with 1790</b>	<b>Latrice Woods</b>

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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MOTION TO  
ADJOURN

Janie Cypret moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Mallett

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



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Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman