

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS  
 131 AIRLINE DR., SUITE 301, METAIRIE, LA 70001  
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 31 AND APRIL 1, 2022

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING                      On March 31, 2022, 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 March 31, 2022, at 2:01 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	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Absent
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
Christina Costanza	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 discuss report on litigation; and consideration of report of hearing officer related to cases before the board for disciplinary action against licensees and/or applicants for licensure.

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, McQueen, Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at 2:03 p.m.

MOTION TO EXIT  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Roberta Connelley moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: Melancon

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board came out of executive session at 4:26 p.m.

EMERGENCY  
RULE: LAC  
46:XLVII.1703.E

Myra Collins moved that the board issue emergency rule LAC: 46:XLVII.1703.E. to rescind prior emergency rule.

SECOND: Connelley

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

LEGISLATIVE  
UPDATE

Lynn Ansardi gave the board an update regarding the upcoming 2022 legislative session.

No action was needed or taken on these matters.

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RECESS

Roberta Connelley moved that the board recess and reconvene at the Westbank Regional Parish Library tomorrow morning for 10AM.

SECOND: Dunn

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, McQueen, Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The meeting recessed at approximately 5:01 p.m.

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DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING                      On April 1, 2022, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at the Jefferson Parish West Bank Library, 2751 Manhattan Blvd., Harvey, LA 70058.

CALL TO ORDER                              The meeting was called to order on April 1, 2022, at 10:04 a.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	Present
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
Kerri Palmer	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Jennifer Santangelo	Present
Christina Costanza	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  
DECEMBER 9 AND 10,  
2021 BOARD  
MEETING

Candace Melancon moved that the minutes of the board meeting of December 9 and 10, 2021, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Dunn  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

MOTIONS RELATED  
TO DISCIPLINE

Albertha Prince moved that that in the case of (Indria Bush) **S.S. ending with 8645**, 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 on probation for no less than one year with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Melancon  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Tiyette Butler), **License #20110460**, 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: Connelley  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

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Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Meaghan Dunk), **S.S. ending with 1478** 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 for no less than one (1) year. If, any adverse report(s) are received by the board during that time, the respondent shall be denied licensure, including the privilege to practice on any multi-state license she may receive by any other state or jurisdiction. 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 no less than two (2) years with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Connelley  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Kelly Gums) **License #20150139**, 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  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
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Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Charlene Huffman) **License #280698**, 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 reinstated and placed on probation for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Prince  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Vickie Lewis) **License # 890595**, 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 be reinstated and placed on probation for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Cypret  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Carla McNeal) **License # 260120**, 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: Prince  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

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Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Kellie Pruitt) **S.S. ending with 8648**, the board rescind the applicant's initial order denying licensure by endorsement and issue her a Louisiana practical nursing license with a letter of reprimand with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Kahla Roach) **License # 290333**, 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 suspension stipulations, the respondent may be reinstated to a probated license for no less than two (2) years with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Kylee Rodriguez) **License #20180130**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent be issued a letter of reprimand with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Cypret  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.



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Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Tamala Scott), License # 970706, 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: Connelley  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Belinda Soileau) License #951277, 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 suspension stipulations, the respondent may be reinstated to a probated license for no less than one (1) year with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Ebonie Williams) License #30001298, 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 reinstated and placed on probation for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

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

<b>License #282510</b>	<b>Zonica Andrews</b>
<b>License #280984</b>	<b>Darreana Brousseau</b>
<b>License #292537</b>	<b>Carolyn Brown</b>
<b>SS ending with #2035</b>	<b>Terriannette Brown</b>
<b>License #960123</b>	<b>Jill Calhoon</b>
<b>SS ending with #4034</b>	<b>Kimberly Chatman</b>
<b>License #940887</b>	<b>Dottianna Clark</b>
<b>License #20130263</b>	<b>Karis Cockerham</b>
<b>License #200343</b>	<b>Melinda Duhon</b>
<b>License #20100448</b>	<b>Courtney Forbes</b>
<b>License #970940</b>	<b>Camille Francois</b>
<b>License #20132457</b>	<b>Adam Glorioso</b>
<b>License #880347</b>	<b>Celeste Himel</b>
<b>License #250976</b>	<b>Ethel Howard</b>
<b>License #20172370</b>	<b>Destiny Impson</b>
<b>SS ending with #9548</b>	<b>Cody Jacob</b>
<b>License #20140119</b>	<b>Kaitlyn Jeane</b>
<b>License #880575</b>	<b>Jacqueline Johnson</b>
<b>License #941509</b>	<b>Bonnie Kara</b>
<b>License #30002458</b>	<b>Kristi Lee</b>
<b>SS ending with #6931</b>	<b>Kadeesha Lewis</b>
<b>License #3000421</b>	<b>James Norred</b>
<b>License #880156</b>	<b>Shelisi Olivier</b>
<b>License #890240</b>	<b>Tammy Payne</b>
<b>License #960286</b>	<b>Jennifer Ponthier</b>
<b>License #20101153</b>	<b>Holly Sann</b>
<b>SS ending with #7635</b>	<b>Ingalisa Silvan</b>
<b>License #30000305</b>	<b>Hannah Smith</b>
<b>License #250016</b>	<b>Shelley Stefanski</b>
<b>License #741255</b>	<b>Marian Thibodeaux</b>
<b>SS ending with #1758</b>	<b>Lacey Walker</b>
<b>License #911059</b>	<b>Tammy Wilkinson</b>
<b>SS ending with #0617</b>	<b>Sonya Atkins</b>

SECOND: Gibbs  
 YEAS: 9  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSTENTIONS: 0  
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REPORT OF  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
MEETING FEBRUARY  
18, 2022

Roberta Connelley, presented the minutes of the last advisory committee meeting which was held on February 18, 2022. No action was needed or taken.

MOTION

Candace Melancon moved that the board re-task the advisory committee with studying attrition rates of Louisiana practical nursing schools.

SECOND: Collins  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS

Candace Melancon moved that the board approve the members of the advisory committee as listed on the handout.

SECOND: Prince  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE  
ASSOCIATE  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

SUMMARY REPORTS

Denise Klein presented the summary report from the compliance department of new reports received and action taken from 11/1/2021 – 1/31/2022. No action was needed or taken on these matters.

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REPORT OF THE  
EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT

PN PROGRAMS  
STATUS

Christina Costanza presented a summary status of all practical nursing programs, reporting on current cohorts, enrollment numbers, graduating classes, and the number of students that have successfully completed the program from each campus. As of March 7, 2022, there are currently 50 schools with 105 ongoing classes and 1859 enrolled students.

No action was needed or taken.

PROGRAMS ON  
INITIAL  
ACCREDITATION

Programs on initial accreditation include the following:

1. Advance Nurse Training, LLC – New Orleans, LA  
STATUS: Advanced Nurse Training remains on initial accreditation. The first graduating class is expected in March of 2022.
2. Blue Cliff College – Metairie, LA  
STATUS: The program remains on initial accreditation. The first graduating class is expected in January of 2022.
3. Bossier Parish Community College – Bossier City, LA  
STATUS: The program remains on initial accreditation. The first graduating class is expected in July of 2022.

PROGRAM(S) ON  
PROVISIONAL  
ACCREDITATION

Programs on provisional accreditation include the following:

1. Evangeline Campus, SLCC - LCTCS  
STATUS: Noncompliance – NCLEX scores  
Dec. 2018 – 38.89% failure rate  
May 2021 – 23.81% failure rate  
Correction plan received
2. Gule Area Campus, SLCC – LCTCS  
STATUS: Noncompliance – failure to submit requested information among other infractions that were discovered. Program will remain on provisional accreditation until the next graduating class December 2021 is completed successfully.

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3. Lacombe Campus, NTCC – LCTCS  
STATUS: Noncompliance-NCLEX scores  
May 2021 – 28.57% failure rate for the program’s  
first graduating class. Program is on provisional  
accreditation awaiting the scores of the second  
graduating class in December 2022.
4. Natchitoches Campus, CLTCC – LCTCS  
STATUS: Noncompliance-NCLEX scores  
May 2021 – 21.74% failure rate  
May 2019 – 21.05% failure rate  
The correction plan was received.
5. Walker Camus, NTCC – LCTCS  
STATUS: Noncompliance – NCLEX scores  
May 2021 – NCLEX failure rate of 27.27% for the  
program’s first graduating class. The program is on  
provisional accreditation awaiting the scores of the  
second graduating class.
6. Ward H. Nash Campus, CLTCC – LCTCS  
STATUS: Noncompliance-NCLEX scores  
May 2020 – 33.33% failure rate  
May 2021 – 33.33% failure rate  
The correction plan was received.

No action was needed or taken.

PROGRAM  
CLOSURES

There were no program closures.

NEW PROGRAM  
REQUEST(S)

1. Baton Rouge Community College (BRCC) Non-  
Traditional Program.

Christina Costanza and John Becknell discussed Baton  
Rouge Community College’s intent to introduce their  
proposal for a non-traditional program at the next  
scheduled board meeting.

No action was needed or taken.

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LAC 46:XLVII Section  
937

Myra Collins moved to approve the promulgation of rule change LAC 46:XLVII Section 937 as printed on the handout.

SECOND: Melancon  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

PROGRAM(S) CITED  
FOR NON-  
COMPLIANCE WITH  
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. Healthcare Training Institute (failure to notify the board of program changes)

NCLEX-PN REPORT  
FOR PN PROGRAMS

Christina Costanza reported on the NCLEX passage rates for all practical nursing students for the reporting period of 2021 and 1/1/2022 – 3/1/2022. The passage rate for Louisiana practical nursing schools for 2021 was 82.63%. The current passage rate for Louisiana practical nursing schools for January & February 2022 is 88.14%.

REPORT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

BUDGET FY 2022

Lynn Ansardi presented the actual operating budget for fiscal year 2022 as of 12/31/2021.  
No action was needed or taken.

DATA OF ACTIVE  
LPNS BY PARISH

Lynn Ansardi presented data showing the total number of active LPNs by parish for the end of the 2022 renewal season as of 2/24/2022. The total number of active LPNs as of 4/1/2022 is 21,097.  
No action was needed or taken.

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APPROVAL OF  
DELEGATES TO  
ATTEND NCSBN

Janie Cypret moved that the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners approve board staff and any interested board members to attend the NCSBN annual meeting.

SECOND: Dunn  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

LOUISIANA BOARD  
OF ETHICS  
DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENTS

Lynn Ansardi presented and discussed required information needed and deadlines for turning in Personal Financial Disclosure Statements (Tier 2.1) with all board members.

Candace Melancon moved that all board members received a copy and were presented with the required information needed and deadlines for turning in Personal Financial Disclosure Statements (Tier 2.1).

SECOND: Collins  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

CIVIL SERVICE  
ETHICS, SEXUAL  
HARASSMENT, AND  
CYBER SECURITY  
TRAINING

Lynn Ansardi reported to all board members that the civil service training concerning ethics sexual harassment, and cyber security must be completed every calendar year.

Barbara Gibbs moved that all board members were presented with the requirements for completion of civil service training concerning ethics, sexual harassment, and cyber security.

SECOND: Connelley  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
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DEFENSIVE DRIVING  
COURSE

Lynn Ansardi presented the driver authorization form and the required civil service defensive driving training requirements to all board members.

Roberta Connelley moved that all board members were presented with the requirements for completion of the defensive driving course.

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

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business that required discussion.

FUTURE MEETING  
DATES

The proposed board meeting dates for the next board meeting are July 28 and 29, 2022. Board staff has secured the Jefferson Parish West Bank Library for July 29, 2022. No action was needed or taken on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Candance Melancon asked if LSBPNE board staff could explore the option to live stream Friday's portion of LSBPNE's board meetings in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment offered.

MOTION TO  
ADJOURN

Candace Melancon moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Prince  
YEAS: 9  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.



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Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman