

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS
 131 AIRLINE DR., SUITE 301, METAIRIE, LA 70001
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 30 AND 31, 2017

DATE AND
 PLACE OF
 MEETING

On March 30, 2017, 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 30, 2017, at 12:58 p.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
M. Kaleem Arshad, MD	Absent
Brent Campanella, MD	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
Christopher Mallett, LPN	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Vice-Chair & Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Andrew Morson, MD	Present
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Kenison Roy, MD	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Absent

STAFF/LEGAL
 COUNSEL
 PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Touchard	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

Myra Collins 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: Connelley

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett,
Melancon, Morson, Prince, Roy

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at 1:00 p.m.

RECESS

The meeting recessed at approximately 5:08 p.m.

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DATE AND PLACE
 OF MEETING

On March 31, 2017, 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 March 31, 2017, at 10:02 a.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
M. Kaleem Arshad, MD	Present
Brent Campanella, MD	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
Christopher Mallett, LPN	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Vice-Chair & Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Andrew Morson, MD	Present
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Kenison Roy, MD	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Present

STAFF/LEGAL
 COUNSEL
 PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Touchard	Present
Kerri Palmer	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 NOVEMBER 3
AND 4, 2016
BOARD MEETING

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that the minutes of the board meeting of November 3 and 4, 2016, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Gibbs
YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

MOTIONS
RELATED TO
DISCIPLINE

Christopher Mallett moved that in the case of (Holly Alford) license number 20100549, 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 placed on probation for a minimum of two (2) years with the stipulations as attached to this motion.

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

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Gaston Beauclaire) license number 940387, 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 with the stipulations as attached to this motion. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as attached to this motion.

SECOND: Connelley
YEAS: 9
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Morson, Suleman
The motion passed.

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Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Cherria Brown), social security number ending with 4494 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, and upon successfully passing, be issued an unencumbered practical nursing license in the state of Louisiana.

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

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Bethany Comeaux) license number 20120005, 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 with the stipulations as attached to this motion. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as attached to this motion.

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

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Linda Crutcher) license number 280407, 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 the stipulations as attached to this motion.

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

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Christopher Mallett moved that in the case of (Alodia Guillory) license number 20140183, 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 a minimum of one (1) year with the stipulations as attached to this motion. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as attached to this motion.

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

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Anna Hamm) license number 20120835, 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.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 9
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Morson, Suleman
The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Keonne Jones), social security number ending in 7782 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 passing the NCLEX-PN she shall be issued a practical nursing license and a Letter of Reprimand.

SECOND: Gibbs
YEAS: 7
NAYS: Collins, Mallett, Melancon
ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Suleman
The motion passed.

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Roberta Connelley moved that in the case of (Justin Lafleur), social security number ending in 4578 that the applicant be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN and upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, and after completing a board approved refresher course, he will be issued a practical nursing license with no further action.

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

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Stephanie Lewis) license number 292509, 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 attached to this motion.

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

Christopher Mallett moved that in the case of (Lisa Mc Crary), license number 240792, 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.

SECOND: Prince
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Mallett, Morson, Suleman
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Christopher Mallett moved that in the case of (Terri Melancon) license number **20110906**, 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 attached to this motion. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as attached to this motion.

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

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Tamesha Metoyer), social security number ending with **3716** 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, and upon successfully passing, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as attached to the motion.

SECOND: Connelley
YEAS: 11
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Suleman
The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Roselyn Ngari) license number **241062**, 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 attached to this motion.

SECOND: Connelley
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Suleman
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Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Candace Peterson), social security number ending with 0298 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, and upon successfully passing, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as attached to the motion

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

Christopher Mallett moved that in the case of (Tammy Phillips) license number 240839, 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 attached to this motion. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as attached to this motion.

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

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Nicole Poirrier), license number 230885 , the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that no action be taken against the respondent's practical nursing license.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Suleman
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Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Lori Prince) license number 240701, 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.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Morson, Suleman

The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Samantha Quebedeaux) license number 260124, 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 with the stipulations as attached to this motion. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as attached to this motion.

SECOND: Connelley

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Morson, Suleman

The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Aneatria Reese), social security number ending in 3700, 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.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 10

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Suleman

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Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Nikola Scheuermann), social security number ending in **0364** 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 passing, she may be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as attached to this motion.

SECOND: Connelley

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Morson, Suleman

The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Marissa Scoby), social security number ending in **1245**, 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.

SECOND: Gibbs

YEAS: 11

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Suleman

The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Tricia Segura), license number **291010**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that no action be taken against the respondent's practical nursing license

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Morson, Suleman

The motion passed.

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Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Lisa Stewart), social security number ending with 4294, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon passing the NCLEX-PN be issued a license on probation for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as attached to this motion.

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

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Rhonda Trice), social security number ending in 8264 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.

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

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Joshua Washington) license number 20150309, 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.

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

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Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Elena Young), social security number ending with 8120 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, and upon successfully passing, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as attached to the motion.

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

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

License #20120433	April Andrews
Last four digits S.S. #4938	Kiley Applewhite
Last four digits S.S. #2207	Helen Aucoin
License #900056	Rhonda Branson
Last four digits S.S. #3063	Leslie Burns
Last four digits S.S. #8757	Danielle Cash (Wilkerson)
Last four digits S.S. #1748	Kayla Celestine
Last four digits S.S. #3047	Jessica Creel
License #970362	Amy Denise
License #270320	Stephanie Drewett (Benoit)
Last four digits S.S. #5272	Brittany Dukes
Last four digits S.S. #4968	Ashael Ford
Last four digits S.S. #2993	Rebecca George
Last four digits S.S. #9546	Zaphnath Gipson
Last four digits S.S. #2800	Krissii Guillory
Last four digits S.S. #6063	Lishocker Hall
License #20111034	Tamara Hankins
License #281001	Connie Jackson
Last four digits S.S. #1478	Jude Knight
Last four digits S.S. #8956	Kayla Ledet
License #250955	Melissa Leonards
Last four digits S.S. #3801	Roshando Manning
License #282422	Alexis Mitchell
License #220469	Mary Moore
Last four digits S.S. #9237	Brittany Netter
Last four digits S.S. #5834	Elizabeth Noel
License #20130068	Samantha Paglialunga

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License #850259	Kathryn Perry
License #280703	Deyonica Peterson
Last four digits S.S. #4265	Charlotte Petite
License #770609	Joan Rabalais
License #270966	Dwan Richardson
Last four digits S.S. #7668	Gladys Roberts
License #990141	Christine Segura
License #291185	Kellie Sharp
Last four digits S.S. #3037	Lakayla Shaw
Last four digits S.S. #5416	Ebony Sias
License #270865	Stephanie Skipper
Last four digits S.S. #6243	Ana Soileau
License #990790	Demeiria Spates
Last four digits S.S. #3420	Doreion Stewart
Last four digits S.S. #7748	Rokeitta Taylor
Last four digits S.S. #1429	Dawn Walker
Last four digits S.S. #4021	Ashley Warner
Last four digits S.S. #7699	Penny Zimmerman

SECOND: Melancon
 YEAS: 10
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: Arshad, Suleman
 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 as of 3/10/2017. No action was needed or taken on these matters.

REPORT OF
 ADVISORY
 COMMITTEE

Roberta Connelley, Chairwoman of the advisory committee, presented the minutes of the last advisory committee meeting which was held on February 17, 2017. No action was needed or taken.

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MOTION

Roberta Connelley moved that in light of the recent increase in the number of students applying for entrance into the PN programs with previous criminal records. I recommend that the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners task the advisory committee with investigating and making recommendations to the board as to having a standard previous record entrance denial process. This process would identify offenses that would be denied taking the NCLEX-PN exam upon course completion. When students seek admission into a PN program, they must submit criminal background checks and written narratives concerning the incident. They are notified that they may not be able to take NCLEX-PN exam upon completion of the course. Students do not take the seriousness of their previous actions. If they complete the program but the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners denies ability to take the test, they have lost valuable time, money and self-esteem. In some instances the students in PN programs are denied clinical experience by the nursing home or hospital. The advisory committee would be tasked with researching many sources of how to handle the admission process from prior criminal background as to what offenses would deny or delay admission into PN programs. This does not restrict the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners from denying the ability of any PN graduate from previous or present criminal offenses. The PN programs after Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners approval would be notified in a timely manner for any changes made to admission criteria from the LSBPNE.

SECOND: Gibbs
YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

REPORT ON
NCLEX – PN

Jean Houin presented a summary of students admitted and reporting arrest(s) from 10/01/2015 to 02/28/2017. Ms. Houin also presented a written report of all Louisiana writers of the NCLEX-PN from 01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016 along with a report of all Louisiana writers of the NCLEX-PN from 01/01/2017 to 03/05/2017.

No action was needed or taken.

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PROGRAM
SUMMARY

A summary report and update of programs on provisional accreditation and discontinued programs were provided. No action was needed or taken.

PROGRAM(S)
CLOSING

Jean Houin reported that A&W Healthcare Educators had officially closed; however, board staff was still waiting to close out the last remaining class due to some students still needing to test. Ms. Houin also informed the board that Remington College in Shreveport, LA, has decided to withdraw their application for a PN program; therefore, they will not be moving forward the class that was anticipated to begin in April of this year.

PROGRAM(S) ON
PROVISIONAL
ACCREDITATION

Programs on provisional accreditation include the following:
Bastrop Campus, LDCC
Dryades YMCA School of Commerce
Healthcare Training Institute
T.H. Harris Campus, SLCC
Unitech Training Academy – Metairie
Westside Campus, BRCC

PROGRAM(S)
CITED FOR NON-
COMPLIANCE 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:
Delta College – Lafayette
Dryades YMCA School of Commerce
Ward H. Nash Avoyelles Campus, CLTCC
West Monroe Campus, LDCC

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

AUDITOR'S
REPORT FY2016

Lynn Ansardi presented the audit from FY 2016 completed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

Christopher Mallett moved that the minutes reflect that all board members received a copy of the financial statements and auditor's report for fiscal year 2016 as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Suleman
YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

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BUDGET FY 2017
Lynn Ansardi presented the actual operating budget for fiscal year 2017 as of 12/31/2016.
No action was needed or taken.

DATA OF ACTIVE LPNs BY PARISH
Lynn Ansardi presented the data showing the total number of active LPNs by parish for the end of the 2017 renewal season as of 03/06/2017.
No action was needed or taken.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 244
Lynn Ansardi presented the reports submitted by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE) and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) concerning House Resolution No. 244.
No action was needed or taken on this matter.

NURSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND COUNCIL
Lynn Ansardi reported that at the last meeting held in March of 2017, the annual report was presented and discussion of key findings from the report were: the number of students enrolled in secondary education with a major in nursing was down 1%; 34% of qualified RN applicants were not accepted, due to the lack of faculty; over ½ of the LPNs admitted to programs were minorities.
No action was needed or taken on this matter.

SIMULATION COMMITTEE
Lynn Ansardi reported that the simulation committee is a spinoff of the health works commission. The legislature asked the committee to study simulation and its effect on the performance of students in their practice. One of the committee's priorities is to educate the educators to better utilize simulation in a positive manner throughout their curriculums.
No action was needed or taken on this matter.

APPROVAL OF DELEGATES TO ATTEND NCSBN
Christopher Mallett 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: Suleman
YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
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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.

Christopher Mallett 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: Melancon
YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

CIVIL SERVICE
ETHICS AND
SEXUAL
HARASSMENT
TRAINING

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

Christopher Mallett moved that all board members were presented with the requirements for completion of civil service training concerning ethics and sexual harassment.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 12
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

DEFENSIVE
DRIVING COURSE

Lynn Ansardi presented the driver authorization form and the required civil service defensive driving training requirements to all board members.
No action was needed or taken.

OCHSNER
HEALTH SYSTEM /
PUBLIC
COMMENT

Ryan Navarre, with Ochsner Health System, came to speak to the board and audience about the utilization of LPNs in the hospital and clinical setting.
No action was needed or taken.

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FUTURE MEETING
DATES

The proposed board meeting dates for the next board meeting are July 27 and 28, 2017. Board staff has secured the Jefferson Parish East Bank Library for July 28, 2017.
No action was needed or taken on this matter.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MOTION TO
ADJOURN

Barbara Gibbs moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Melancon

YEAS: 12

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

M. Collins, LPN

Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman