

NURSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND COUNCIL

Thursday, January 12, 2023
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Iowa Room, 1st Floor of the Claiborne Building
1201 North 3rd St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Ahnyel Burkes called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Cara Landry called the roll and quorum was established.

Members Present	Affiliation
Ahnyel Burkes*	LA State Nurses Association
Aimee Cloyd	LA Hospital Association
Christina Costanza	LA State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners
Sandra Brown	LA Council of Admin of Nursing Education
Karen Lyon	LA State Board of Nursing
Staci Taylor	Southern School of Nursing
Susannah Craig*	Board of Regents
Bronwyn Doyle*	LAICU
Damyra Perry	Office of Public Health
Wes Hataway	LA Nursing Home Association
Laura Poole	LA Organization of Nurse Leaders
Mary Kelly	LA State Black Nurses Organization
Nathalie Waker	LA Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses Chapter
Members Absent	Affiliation
Wendi Palermo*	LCTCS
Jill Gautreau	LA School Nurses Organization
Kathy Baldrige	LA Association of Nurse Practitioners
Jennifer Badeaux*	LA Association of Nurse Anesthetists

*Members of the Executive Committee

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 30, 2022 MINUTES

On motion of Dr. Bronwyn Doyle, seconded by Dr. Karen Lyon, the minutes from November 30, 2022 NSDC meeting were approved.

REVIEW OF DRAFT RESPONSE TO SENATE RESOLUTION 129 OF 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Council discussed the draft response to Senate Resolution 129, which charged the Nursing Supply and Demand Counsel to conduct a study to improve statewide nurse retention in response to the nursing workforce shortage. In the previous meeting, the Council reviewed the survey questions and identified specific questions to be used in the Senate Resolution 129 report. The survey was sent out by the LPN Board and the RN Board. A total of 1,209 responses were received. A report was provided regarding the questions identified and discussed. It was suggested the report be revised to reflect percentages on the graph and the color coding changed for better visibility.

Following the discussion of the study, post-study recommendations were considered, with the Council agreeing on the following: (1) statewide transition to practice programs, (2) support workplace violence (HCR 36), and (3) marketing campaign to promote nursing at a statewide level to change the perception within the profession.

On motion of Dr. Bronwyn Doyle, seconded by Wes Hataway, the Nursing Supply and Demand Council voted to approve the response, allowing final edits to be made by staff before submitting the response to Senate Resolution 129 to the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare.

2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATES

Dr. Burkes transitioned to a discussion of updates from the 2022 Legislative Session, providing an overview. She noted that House Resolution 155 by Representative Turner will be addressed in February and they are hoping to agree on “semi-final” recommendations to put forth. She noted that a lot of this work has been around preceptor tax credit, looking at the nursing pipeline, and examining reimbursement strategies for rural areas and other strategies to provide financial support to grow the population of nurses in rural areas. She added that she would share information on this work group after February.

Nomination and Voting of Vice-Chair

Dr. Bronwyn Doyle nominated Wes Hataway for Vice Chair. On motion of Dr. Sandra Brown, seconded by Dr. Karen Lyon, and with no further discussion, Wes Hataway

was unanimously voted Vice Chair of the Nursing Supply and Demand Council of Louisiana.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Burkes asked if there was any other business. Dr. Lyon provided an update on the rule change to provide the exception allowing BSN to serve as adjunct instructors within certain parameters. She noted that a public meeting is scheduled at the Board on January 30th to further discuss whether this rulemaking process will continue. She added that a second rulemaking regarding the recommendation of medical marijuana will be forthcoming.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was one public comment from Dr. Cynthia Bienemy, who noted the importance of considering discrimination in the survey study and observed that the Louisiana Action Coalition is conducting a dialogue on race and nursing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, on motion of Nathalie Walker, seconded by Dr. Karen Lyon, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

ADDITIONAL GUESTS & ATTENDEES:

Name	Affiliation
Cara Landry	Board of Regents
Mellynn Baker	Board of Regents
Whitley Parker	Board of Regents
Cynthia Bienemy	All Things Professional LLC
Lisa Deaton	LAC
Mary Fernandez	Nunez
Michael Tipton	BCBS - LA
Sheila Allen	LA AORN Chapters