

**NURSING SUPPLY AND DEMAND COUNCIL**

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

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

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Ahnyel Burkes called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Mellynn Baker called the roll and quorum was established.

<b>Members Present</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Ahnyel Burkes*	LA State Nurses Association
Robert Floyd (designee)	LA Hospital Association
Christina Costanza	LA State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners
Kathy Baldrige	LA Association of Nurse Practitioners
Brandi Wicks (designee)	LA Council of Admin of Nursing Education
Monique Calmes (designee)	LA State Board of Nursing
Mellynn Baker*	Board of Regents
Bronwyn Doyle*	LAICU
Wes Hataway	LA Nursing Home Association
<b>Members Absent</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Wendi Palermo*	LCTCS
Jennifer Badeaux*	LA Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Damyra Perry	Office of Public Health
Laura Poole	LA Organization of Nurse Leaders
Jill Gautreau	LA School Nurses Organization
Staci Taylor	Southern School of Nursing
Mary Kelly	LA State Black Nurses Organization
Nathalie Waker	LA Council of Perioperative Registered Nurses Chapter

\*Members of the Executive Committee

## APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2023 MINUTES

**On motion of Dr. Bronwyn Doyle, seconded by Dr. Kathy Baldrige, the minutes from the January 12, 2023 NSDC meeting were approved.**

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

Dr. Burkes noted that at the end of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session, there were several bills that impacted the nursing profession and proceeded to give an overview of nursing-related bills to the Council.

- **SCR 20, Sen. Carter**

Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to convene a task force to make recommendations regarding nursing involvement to improve maternal outcomes. The chair of the Nursing Supply and Demand Council or designee will participate.

- **Act 4 (House Bill 319), Rep. Stagni**

Permits the La. State Board of Nursing to issue a license to practice as an RN or an APRN to an applicant who is licensed as an RN in another state if the applicant satisfies the requirements for licensure in this state.

- **Act 80 (House Bill 320), Rep. Turner**

Provides relative to nursing education. An individual who successfully completes one semester of a registered or practical nursing program that includes a course on foundational nursing skills may apply to take a nurse aide competency evaluation examination approved by the department. A nurse aide who successfully passes an approved nurse aide competency evaluation examination may register with the Louisiana Certified Nurse Aide Registry and shall not be required to complete a nurse aide training program.

- **Act 33 (Senate Bill 20), Sen. McMath**

Authorizes the board of commissioners (board) of a hospital or hospital service district to establish and administer a nursing scholarship program for the purpose of increasing the educational opportunities available to nursing students who will practice in the hospital district. The scholarship program will include licensed practical nurses and add athletic trainers to the definition of allied health.

## DISCUSSION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 155 OF 2022 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Dr. Burke brought forth the response to House Resolution 155 to facilitate a discussion related to the recommendations it provided for reforming healthcare workforce training and development

in the state. After discussion, a recommendation was made relative to a universal application process for nursing schools and basic application requirements. It was noted that, with this approach, if a student applies to one school but another school has availability, the student could be considered for admission to either utilizing the universal application. Dr. Bronwyn Doyle noted that some schools have pre-nursing requirements that may cause issues with students' ability to apply to multiple schools through a universal application. Discussion continued related to several recommendations found in the report.

#### DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL REPORT TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

Dr. Burkes announced that the yearly calendar had been planned and provided an overview of the dates it contains:

- September 12, 2023: Review of report outline
- October 10, 2023: Review and vote to approve annual report.
- December 2023: Report brought to Health Works Commission.
- January 2024: Regents staff submit the report to legislature.

After this timeline was discussed, Dr. Burkes went through Council requests to be addressed at future meetings, which included:

- Data requests from LSBN and LSBPNE regarding pass rates correlated to attempts;
- Preliminary data requests from LSBN and LSBPNE for Next Gen pass rates;
- Data requests from LSBN and LSBPNE regarding unfilled seats in educational programs in Louisiana;
- Feasibility of LSBPNE moving to calendar-year rather than fiscal-year reporting;
- A presentation by LCTCS regarding successes with expansion funds (best practice sharing);
- An update from BoR on Transfer Pathways; and
- Information on the continuation of the Nurse Workforce Forecast Model and Diversity Reporting in the Louisiana Center for Nursing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Burkes called upon Dr. Cynthia Bienemy to speak to the Council regarding the nursing diversity research she has been conducting. She gave an overview of the work that is being done now and the work that she hopes to do in the future, noting the importance of the data being collected. After Dr. Bienemy spoke and discussion was had regarding this topic, there was no other business brought forth to the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Burkes asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

ADJOURMENT

There being no other business, on motion of Dr. Kathy Baldrige, seconded by Mr. Wes Hataway, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

ADDITIONAL GUESTS & ATTENDEES

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Hannah Courtney	Board of Regents
Mellynn Baker	Board of Regents
Whitley Parker	Board of Regents
Cynthia Bienemy	All Things Professional LLC
Michael Tipton	BCBS - LA