

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING
17373 PERKINS ROAD
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70810**

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by L. Bonanno, Vice President, on Thursday, October 15, 2015, at the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Roll Call: The following Board members were in attendance:
Laura Bonanno, DNP, CRNA, Vice President
Patricia Prechter, ED, MSN, RN, Alternate Officer
Lucie Agosta, PhD, RNC
Jolie Harris, DNS, RN, NEA, CAS
Teresita McNabb, RN, MSHSA, NEA, FACHE
Sue Westbrook, DNS, RN

The following Board members were not present:
Nancy Davis, MN, RN, NE-BC, President
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE
Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, PhD, FNP
Juzar Ali, M.D., Ex-Officio Member
Marelle Yongue, M.D., Ex-Officio Member

The following staff members were in attendance:
Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, NEA-BC, Executive Director
Patricia Dufrene, MSN, RN, Director of Education and Licensure
Jennifer Alleman, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, Director, Advanced Practice
Cynthia York, MSN, CGRN, RN, Director, Practice and Credentialing
Rickie Callegan, MSN, RN, Director of Investigations
Barbara McGill, MSN, RN, Director of Monitoring/RNP
Cynthia T. Bienemy, Ph.D, RN, Director of Nursing Workforce Center
Isonel Brown, MBA, Director of Operations
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Director of Hearings
Karen Haith, JD, General Counsel
E. Wade Shows, JD, Board Attorney
Marcia Carter, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Adoption of Agenda:

Motion: by L. Agosta, seconded, to adopt the Agenda with the ability to rearrange the agenda items for efficiency

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

The Minutes of the October 15, 2015 Board Meeting will be reviewed by Dr. Prechter.

L. Bonanno recognized Dr. Lyon and T. McNabb for being selected as Great 100 Nurses, and W. Wilson for passing the Bar exam.

CONSENT AGENDA MOTIONS:

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Report
NCLEX Report – Quarter 2
Accreditation Reports
2. Southern University at Shreveport – ACEN Action Report
3. Education Announcements
4. Fletcher Technical Community College – Accreditation Visit Update
5. Tulane Medical Center – Continuing Education Renewal
6. Louisiana Center for Nursing Updates

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to accept the Consent Agenda Motions

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

2. EDUCATION:

AGENDA ITEM 2.1:

SCHOOL OF NURSING CONDITIONAL STATUS REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 2.1.1:

DILLARD UNIVERSITY STATUS REPORT

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene

P. Dufrene recommended acceptance

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept Dillard University's report and action plan regarding conditional approval status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education program.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.1.2

MCNEESE UNIVERSITY STATUS REPORT

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene

P. Dufrene recommended acceptance

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept McNeese State University's report and action plan regarding conditional approval status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education program.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.1.3

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY BATON ROUGE'S CONDITIONAL APPROVAL REPORT

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene

P. Dufrene recommended acceptance

Motion: P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept Southern University Baton Rouge's report and action plan regarding conditional approval status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education program.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.1.4

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SHREVEPORT STATUS REPORT

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene

P. Dufrene recommended acceptance

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept Southern University Shreveport's report and action plan regarding conditional approval status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education program.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.2

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY – STUDENT TRANSITION UPDATE

No Action Required

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene

On September 15, 2015, LSBN staff received requested update on student completion and transfer status. (See attachment).

Dr. Meg Brown, Grambling State University, was present for comments. Dr. Brown stated that there were 35, not 39, students who completed.

AGENDA ITEM 2.3

SOWELA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE INITIATION OF AN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN NURSING EDUCATION PROGRAM

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene

P. Dufrene recommended approval

Dr. Wendi Palermo, Dean of the School of Nursing Allied Health, Sowela Technical Community College, Ms. Paula Hellums, Acting Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Sowela Technical Community College, and Dr. Neil Aspinwall, Chancellor of Sowela Technical Community College, were present for comments. Dr. Palermo stated they have full support for moving this program forward.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the board accept the letter of intent from Sowela Technical Community College, approve Step I and request to begin Step II for initiation of an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing education program.

Dr. Palermo stated that the impact to other nursing programs was positive.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.4

PANOLA COLLEGE'S REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL OF THE ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM TO OFFER CLINICAL EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA UNDER MAJOR CURRICULUM CHANGE TO 60 CREDIT HOUR NURSING EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAM

Summary/background was presented by P. Dufrene.

P. Dufrene recommended that the Board deny approval for reapproval based on the 60 hour program; and that the Board deny the request for reapproval for Panola College's Associate Degree in Nursing Program to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana

Joslyn Sullen, with Panola College, was present to answer questions and concerns by Board members. Ms. Sullen requested if they are not allowed to begin their students that are in the 60

hour curriculum, their request is to allow the students in the 72 hour curriculum to finish out the curriculum.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by S. Westbrook, seconded, that the Board allow Panola College to teach out the curriculum with the remaining students that are in the 72 hour curriculum.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board deny the request of Panola College for major curriculum change to 60 credit hour program.

And further, that the Board deny the request for re-approval for Panola College's Associate Degree in Nursing program to offer clinical experiences in Louisiana.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.5

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL TO OFFER GRADUATE CLINICAL EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene.

P. Dufrene recommended re-approval.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board re-approve the request of Georgetown University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until December 14, 2017 for the following roles/populations:

Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP)

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (MSN- AGACNP)

Certified Nurse Midwife/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Dual (MSN/-CNM/WHNP)

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Dual (MSN-WHNP)

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.6

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA’S REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL TO OFFER GRADUATE CLINICAL EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene.

P. Dufrene recommended re-approval of the request of the University of South Alabama.

Dr. Tracey Taylor-Overholts, Director of Clinical Affairs, was present for comments, questions or concerns by Board members.

Discussion ensued

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board re-approve the request of the University of South Alabama (USA) to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until October 15, 2017 for the following roles/populations:

RN-MSN, MSN, PGC, BSN-DNP, PM DNP, DNP

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP)
Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)
Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (PNP)
Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (PNP-AC)
Woman’s Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP)
Family Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (FMHNP)
Family Nurse Practitioner/Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Dual (FNP/AGACNP)

CNS

MSN – Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (ACNS)
PMC – Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AGCNS)
DNP – Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist (AGCNS-DNP)

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.7

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY’S REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL TO OFFER GRADUATE CLINICAL EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

Summary/background presented by P. Dufrene

P. Dufrene recommended re-approval.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board re-approve the request of Vanderbilt University's School of Nursing to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until December 14, 2017 for the following MSN and PMC roles/populations:

Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)
Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGPCNP)
Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP)
Nurse Midwifery (CNM)
Nurse Midwifery/Family Nurse Practitioner Dual (CNM/FNP)
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Acute Care
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner – Primary Care
Family Nurse Practitioner / Adult gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Dual (FNP/AGACNP)

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 2.8

ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL TO OFFER GRADUATE CLINICAL EXPERIENCES IN LOUISIANA

Summary/background was presented by P. Dufrene

P. Dufrene recommended approval.

Dr. Janelle Baker, Associate Professor, DGN and Director of Graduate Program at Alcorn State University, was present to speak to any questions from Board members.

Board members asked for clarity regarding the selection of preceptors.

Dr. Baker stated that they have to meet all the criteria: One year experience, no more than two students per preceptor, and follow the general rules for preceptorship.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Alcorn State University to continue offering graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana for the following role and population through October 15, 2017:

Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN/PMC)

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

EDUCATION FOLLOW-UP:

Dr. Prechter requested an update regarding South Louisiana Community College (SLCC), which was an agenda item from the August Board meeting.

Ms. Dufrene and Dr. Lyon met with Ms. Fontenot, Director of Nursing, Chief Nursing Administrator, and Dr. Glisson, Interim Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives at the LSBN office to address faculty concerns. Evidence of sufficient number of qualified faculty were presented and accepted by Dr. Lyon and Ms. Dufrene. The program was allowed to move forward with admission of second cohort of students. Dr. Lyon and Ms. Dufrene will be visiting SLCC on November 16, 2015, and will be reporting back at the December Board meeting.

Ms. Fontenot was present for comments, questions and concerns by Board members.

Ms. Fontenot reported they were able to delay the start of their new co-hort, which was started in August, for three weeks. Classes were rescheduled to ensure adequate number of hours. Currently, the program has five full time faculty, not counting Ms. Fontenot, and two adjuncts have been approved by the LSBN.

6. NURSE PRACTICE ISSUES:

AGENDA ITEM 6.1 **CRNA AD-HOC TASK FORCE**

No Action Required

At the August 2015 Board meeting, the Board approved moving forward with some rule changes. In follow up, Ms. Alleman reported that the fiscal statement was completed, approved and they are slated to have the Notice of Intent published October 20, 2015 and should go into effect in January.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **COMMITTEE ON UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL:**

The Committee has met twice since the August Board meeting and have a third meeting scheduled for October 22, 2015. Proposed rule changes for the Board to consider were discussed. J. Alleman stated that the proposed rules would provide some provisions for unlicensed personnel to administer medications in certain circumstances. J. Alleman has been in contact with several stake holders and has comments which will be sent to the Committee for the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6.2 **TRANSPORTING CRITICALLY ILL NEONATES**

Summary/Background was presented by C. York.

The committee has developed a Revised Declaratory Statement. The most significant changes incorporate national recommendations and are reflected in the first two bullet points on page two (See Exhibit 5).

The neonatal RN who participates on a critically ill neonate transport team should have at least three years experience within the last five years in the neonatal nursing intensive care unit.

The neonatal RN who participates on the critically ill neonate transport team should have obtained at least a Bachelor's of Science Nursing (BSN) degree and have ongoing documented knowledge, skills and abilities.

The other significant addition to the Revised Declaratory Statement was a recommendation for a continuous quality improvement progress by the institution to address transport team member fatigue and burnout.

Dr. Susan Orlando, Program Director of the Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) Program at LSU HSC School of Nursing, and Dr. Jacqueline Harrison, Senior Director of Nursing at Children's Hospital, were present for comments.

Motion: by L. Agosta, seconded, to approve the proposed revisions to the Declaratory Statement on the Registered Nurse Transporting Critically Ill Neonates as presented herein.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RN's WORK HOURS AND SAFETY ISSUES:

No Action required.

C. York reported the ad-hoc committee had their first meeting last week and began discussing issues around the number of hours RNs and APRNs are working, how excessive hours worked can lead to fatigue and burnout and safety issues that may develop as a result thereof. It was decided by the ad-hoc committee that the item be brought to the Board during this board meeting in an effort to obtain clear direction on how the Board would like the committee to approach this topic.

Dr. Lyon stated this is a concern nationally about burnout, stress and fatigue in the nursing population. Calls have been received from nursing administrators who think the Board is trying to set staffing ratios. Dr. Lyon stated this was not the intent at all.

Dr. Bienemy, Director Center for Nursing, stated at this time they do not have specific data which addresses this issue.

C. York commented maybe a survey could be disseminated to collect that information.

Dr. Lyon commented that some of the studies relate to mistakes and the increase in mistakes in the last four hours of a 12 hour shift. Also, they should look into Safe Harbor Rules that other states have.

RN COMPACT TASK FORCE:

No Action Required

Report Attached

Dr. Lyon reported there have been two meetings regarding this issue. Louisiana is challenged to move forward with the Nurse Compact because we are one of three states left that does not have a joint board that governs both RN and LPN practice. Compact status requires collaboration with the LPN board.

Ms. Davis, Dr Lyon and Dr. Porche met with the LPN Board. The LPH board cited a previous Louisiana Attorney General's opinion as prohibiting Compact status in Louisiana, but they are open to discussing their stance. They reviewed a lot of the issues with the LPN Board. By the end of the meeting, they were able to answer a lot of questions. Also, Dr. Lyon contacted Mr. Tom Abrams, General Counsel for NCSBN, and Rebecca Fotch, NCSBN staff attorney, to set up a date in November to meet with members of the LPN board and the LSBN.

In addition, Ms. Davis and Dr. Lyon met and discussed the idea of Nurse Licensure Compact status with the Board from the LSNA. They are moving along to try to educate the public and educate our constituents. This will take some time to move forward.

BY-LAW REVISION TASK FORCE:

No Action Required

Dr. Lyon stated that the By-Laws for the Board are a reflection of the Board's rules in the Act. The Task Force has to decide for this year what rules they might be promulgating changes in and if they are going to open up the Act for whatever reason.

(A break was taken at 10:20 a.m and the meeting reconvened at 11:40 a.m.)

In revisiting **Agenda Item Number 1.4**, a verbal report was given by P. Dufrene on Fletcher Technical Community College – Accreditation Visit Update.

P. Dufrene spent the last three days with the administration of Fletcher Technical Community College and the ACEN Accreditation team for initial accreditation visit. Team recommendations will be sent to the Review Panel for ACEN who will meet in January and then the Board of Commissioners who will meet in March to make the decision. Ms. Dufrene stated it was a very favorable visit. The team shared it was probably one of the most organized presentations of information they had received. They met every standard and there were some recommendations.

Dr. Sonia Clark, Dr. Derrick Manns and Dr. Earl Meodor were present for comments.

3. OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AGENDA ITEM 3.1

VACANT SEAT ON THE BOARD 2016

Dr. Agosta will be rotating off the Board after her eight year term. Dr. Agosta represents the advanced practice position. Both LSBN and LSNA have put out information in the Pelican to all the APRNs in the state. They have received four or five applications for that position. After interviewing and vetting, they should be able to provide two selected candidates.

AGENDA ITEM 3.2

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS 2016

Dr. Lyon reported that there are some Board members who have a problem with attendance if the 2016 schedule is kept on a Wednesday/Thursday arrangement.

Discussion ensued.

After discussion, Dr. Lyon stated she will develop a poll to gage the Board's desire concerning returning to a Tuesday/Wednesday schedule or keeping the current Wednesday/Thursday schedule.

AGENDA ITEM 3.3

2016 BOARD MEETING DATES

The 2016 Board Meeting Dates will be rescheduled to accommodate Board members' schedules. This will be sent out to Board members when completed.

AGENDA ITEM 3.4

DECEMBER 2015 BOARD MEETING

There has been a proposed change for the December Board Meeting date to accommodate a Board member's schedule.

Current meeting date: Thursday, December 10, 2015

Proposed meeting date: Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Discussion ensued regarding the dates

The dates of the December Hearing Panel and Board Meeting are tentatively set for December 3rd and 4th. Dr. Lyon will check with Dr. Porche to see if this will work out with his schedule

AGENDA ITEM 3.5

LSBN LAPEL PIN

A discussion was had related to the LSBN Lapel Pin

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to investigate and recreate an LSBN Lapel Pin.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes;
P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.6
LSBN DATA SHARING AGREEMENT

Dr. Lyon requested Board members to approve the LSBN Data Sharing Agreement.

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to approve the LSBN Data Sharing Agreement

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes;
P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

AGENDA ITEM 3.7
2016 NIGHTINGALE AWARDS AND GALA

The 15th Annual Louisiana Nurses Foundation 2016 Nightingale Awards and Gala will be held at L'Auberge Casino and Resort on March 5, 2016. Application deadline for nominations is Monday, November 30, 2015. Applications can only be submitted online.

4. REPORTS:

4.1 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

A written report of the President is posted online

4.2 REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT

A written report of the Vice President is posted online

4.3 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A written report of the Executive Director is posted online

Motion: by L. Agosta, seconded, to accept the Report of the President, Vice President,
and Executive Director

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes;
P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

5. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

None presented

9. CENTER FOR NURSING:

No report given

Louisiana Center for Nursing Updates included in the consent agenda.

Dr. Bienemy stated she had brochures from the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Report and will share these with Board members.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

FY 2015 FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT PINELL & MARTINEZ LLP

I. Brown presented to the Board another year of an unqualified financial audit. There are new Pension Reporting Guidelines through GASB Statement Number 68. Each agency now has to record their net pension liability and pension expense in a way where it is very clear and broken out for all the readers.

L. Bonanno congratulated Ms. Brown on another clean audit.

Motion: by L. Agosta, seconded, to accept and approve the FY 2015 Financial and Compliance Audit Report

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

10. NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING

Dr. Lyon reported that they are still working with the LSBN on issues of educating the Board about the Compact.

Kathy Apple has retired after 15 years with the NCSBN. As of October 1st, Dr. Bennett is the new CEO of the NCSBN.

11. COMPLIANCE

No agenda items.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Dr. Lyon had a follow-up meeting with Mr. Gomez from SSA. He met with senior staff and they went through the three primary issues that came out of that meeting: Compact status, advanced practice and public image. As a result, they were able to pull out the issues that they wanted to work on. The Nurse Compact was left as the one which they didn't address in depth as Dr. Lyon will be meeting with Mr. Gomez privately regarding the direction they will be going.

Mr. Gomez will be presenting the final report to the Board. The senior staff will then try to put together a dash board on the actionable items.

A lot of work has been done over the last year in improving public image. They will make a final report to the Board in December so they can begin work when they know who the officers will be to lead the Board forward in 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Dr. Prechter requested listing unfinished business from the previous board meeting as to keep it in the forefront.

Discussion ensued

CHAPTER 35:

Dr. Lyon reported that after the Board accepts revisions, a fiscal report and letter of intent with a redline copy has to be submitted to the fiscal office. The fiscal office reviews it and then offers feedback. Once it is approved, the Board has to call for a public meeting.

Dr. Prechter requested this be listed as unfinished business for monthly updates.

OTHER BUSINESS

DISCIPLINARY MATTER HELD OVER FROM OCTOBER 14, 2015

On October 14, 2015, a disciplinary hearing was held in the matter of Jeremy Joseph Green. The matter was held open for a vote regarding the final board order pending an attempt to resolve the matter. Mr. Green faxed a signed Investigations Agreement to the Board's office. Dr. Lyon executed said Investigations Agreement and the complaint will be dismissed. General Counsel was instructed to prepare an Order of Dismissal.

Motion: by L. Agosta, seconded, to approve Dr. Lyon to dismiss the case of Jeremy Joseph Green.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; L. Agosta-yes; J. Harris-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-yes

Motion Carried

CONCERN OVER GRAMBLING ISSUE:

A letter was forwarded to Dr. Lyon from Dr. Johnson, in which he asked the Board to revisit LSBN's policy about trying to assist these programs before getting into these situations. Dr. Lyon reassured Dr. Johnson, informing him that they are in direct communication with Dr. Brown and the people at Grambling to try to assist them in moving forward when they come back to resubmit for a new baccalaureate program, that they will be a strong program with good standards in place and the resources to really support the program.

AGENDA ITEM 13.1
REPORT ON LITIGATION

Motion: by L. Agosta, seconded, to go into Executive Session to hear the Report on Litigation.

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

(The Board went into Executive Session at 11:26 a.m. and came out into Open Session at 11:35 a.m.)

Motion: by L. Agosta, seconded, to adjourn

Voice Vote: L. Agosta-yes; L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; N. Davis-yes;
T. McNabb-yes; D. Porche-yes; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.



LAURA BONANNO, VICE PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING