

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

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2017 BOARD MEETING

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by L. Bonanno, President, on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 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, President
Teresita McNabb, RN, MSHSA, NEA, FACHE, Vice President
Tim Cotita, MSHCE, RN, CDE, Alternate Officer
Jolie Harris, DNS, RN, NEA, CAS
Jacqueline Hill, PhD, RN
Tavell Kindall, DNP, APRN
Patricia Prechter, EdD, MSN, RN
Sue Westbrook, DNS, RN
Marelle Yongue, M.D., Ex-Officio Member

The following Board members were not present:
Nancy Davis, MN, RN, NE-BC
Juzar Ali, 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, PhD, RN, Director of Education and Licensure
Jennifer Wright, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, Chief Nursing Officer
Cynthia York, DNP, RN, CGRN, FRE Director, Practice and Credentialing
Isonel Brown, MS, MBA, Chief Administrative Officer
Wanda Matthews, MPA, Chief Regulatory Officer
Barbara H. McGill, MSN, RN, Director of RNP/Monitoring
Cynthia Bienemy, PhD, RN, Director of Louisiana Center for Nursing
Carrie LeBlanc Jones, JD, Board Attorney
Marcia Carter, Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director
Suzanne C. Armand, CCR, CVR, Court Reporter

Adoption of Agenda:

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

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

Motion Carried

Reading of Minutes:

The Minutes of the August 20, 2017 Board Meeting are available for viewing on Confluence.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2017 Board Meeting.

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

Motion Carried

Dr. Bonanno welcomed the students from Baton Rouge Community College.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Task Force on Capacity and Clinical Availability

Dr. Dufrene reported that the Task Force had a third meeting on September 29, 2017. The goal of this meeting was inviting members of LONE, LHA and LACANE to have an open discussion regarding clinical availability and capacity in Louisiana involving all issues which have been discussed that encompasses clinical sites, and all the issues that have been discussed on numerous occasions. The meeting had good representation and good dialog and concluded with their future directions.

Dr. Bonanno stated she was happy with the meeting. Having collaboration with the nursing leaders and the schools of nursing was very helpful

Internationally Educated Nurses Task Force

Dr. York reported that the Ad Hoc Committee has met twice and will be meeting again following today's Board Meeting. The first charge of the group was to review the current process for licensing IENs. Dr. York reported that she has compiled a report that she will share at the committee meeting later today. Recently, Dr. York attended a conference with the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS). At the conference, there was a lot of discussion regarding internationally educated nurses and the struggles that they are having obtaining IIB visas. There was also discussion about the need for acculturation of the IENs once they reached the nursing units in the U.S. Dr. York will be presenting this information in more detail to the committee this afternoon, but is hoping at some point to present a full report to the Board.

Dr. York also met with a speaker from the Alliance of Ethical Recruitment of Practices, which is a branch of CGFNS. That agency works to make sure that all foreign educated professionals are recruited in a fair, ethical manner and that there is transparency throughout their employment in the United States. The Alliance has developed an updated Code of Conduct and Dr. York has provided each Board member with a copy.

The second charge of the Task Force is to develop a whitepaper that addresses the ethical treatment of IENs through the immigration process and then once they are licensed and working in the United States. Dr. York has already started conducting research on the topic; however, the Committee did ask that she focus on the licensure procedure first.

While Dr. York was at the conference, she had an opportunity to meet with the Director of the Alliance. He has already conducted a lot of research on this topic and is agreeable to partnering with Dr. York to provide any resources which the Committee needs as they move forward with that portion of the task.

Solu-Cortef Administration Task Force

Dr. York reported that Board Staff was asked to develop a declaratory statement regarding delegation by an RN to unlicensed individuals in a school setting, the administration of Solu-Cortef in an adrenal crisis. The committee met on October 10, 2017 which consisted of some of the board staff and board members, members of the School Nursing Community, representatives from the School Nurses Organization, and a representative from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. They discussed in length the need for children in adrenal crisis to receive Solu-Cortef in a timely manner and how that should be accomplished.

A meeting took place on November 13, 2017 with the School Organization. Dr. York had an opportunity to participate in the conference call along with members of the Department of Education and school nurses in the community. There was a lot of discussion about their position statement. After the conference call concluded, Dr. York understood they were going to be voting on whether they were going to update the position and she should receive notification of their decision within the next week. Dr. York is hoping to conclude the matter in the December 14, 2017 Board meeting.

1. Consent Agenda Motions:

1. LSBN Staff Program Status Reports
 1. NCLEX Report
 2. Accreditation Reports
2. Approved Program Reports
 1. Dillard University - Site Visit
 2. Delgado Community College - ACEN Correspondence
 3. South Louisiana Community College - ACEN Correspondence
3. Education Announcements. Board Discussion of SLCC Announcement of LPN - RN Program at Opelousas.

Dr. Lyon stated that to have an LPN to RN program, you first must have an RN Associate in Science Degree program at the campus. Because of resources not being available to support two programs, and because there isn't a RN program in Opelousas, the decision was made with SLCC's input to delay implementation of the LPN program at Opelousas during a meeting held with Administrators, community, representatives and Representative Dustin Miller on August 7, 2017.

Dr. Dufrene stated that she had received an anonymous email including a newspaper announcement that a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new program, an LPN to RN program at

South Louisiana Community College in Opelousas, was being held. Dr. Lyon reported that she had sent a cease and desist letter to SLCC Administration regarding advertising a LPN to RN program that has not been present to or approved by LSBN.

Dr. Harris Smith, Dean of Nursing at Allied Health, was present to provide information and to answer Board members' questions.

Discussion ensued.

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

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

Motion Carried

2. Office of Executive Director

Agenda Item 2.1

Accolades

Dr. Lyon announced the new chiefs as follows:

Isonel Brown is the Chief Administrative Officer, responsible for all of operations.

Dr. Jennifer Wright is the Chief Nursing Officer, responsible for Practice and Credentialing, Advanced Practice, Center for Nursing, and Education and Licensure.

Wanda Matthews is the Chief Regulatory Officer, who is over Hearings, Investigations, and the RNP Monitoring Program.

Dr. Lyon introduced Dr. Jackson, who serves in a consulting capacity for Professional Development and Training. Dr. Jackson updated the Board on the strategic framework as it relates to leadership development and organizational effectiveness and professional development at LSBN.

Dr. Lyon received an accolade from one of the managers regarding Crystal Patterson, who is a licensing analyst in the RNP Program. In an exit interview, one of the participants stated that Ms. Patterson helped her get through the RNP program, making it a lot easier. Dr. Lyon congratulated Ms. Patterson and Ms. McGill for having a tremendous staff and shared with the Board that RNP staff is really trying to establish a culture of respect and support for all RNP participants.

Agenda Item 2.2

NPDB Compliance Rating

Dr. Lyon reported that LSBN received notification from Catherine Russell, Senior Policy Advisor of Nursing Regulation at National Council of State Boards of Nursing, that Louisiana got its compliance rating from NPDB, the National Practitioner Data Bank, and Louisiana was

compliant for both the RN and the APRN programs. The LSBN posts their discipline and information promptly and correctly and accurately so that it's available to Louisiana and all states that participate in Nursys. Dr. Lyon recognized Chief Matthews as doing a phenomenal job.

In response to a question by Mr. Cotita, Ms. Matthews stated that all disciplinary actions are to be reported within 30 days of the action. Her department normally reports within 3 to 5 days.

Agenda Item 2.3
Excelsior Class Action Lawsuit

Dr. Lyon noted that the Board may be affected by the Excelsior Class Action Lawsuit. This is a lawsuit that has been filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District and is a class action complaint against Excelsior. The LSBN recognizes Excelsior graduates. Dr. Lyon stated that it is very important that the Board be aware of the lawsuit.

Dr. Dufrene gave an overview of the Board's system with accepting Excelsior students.

In response to a question by Dr. Hill, Dr. Dufrene stated she would obtain the pass rates for the past five years for Excelsior, quality of the student, employment, number of LPNs, number of RNs, completion rate. Dr. Dufrene will also search online to see what kind of reports she finds on Excelsior. This information will be presented as an agenda item at the December 14, 2017 Board meeting.

Discussion ensued.

3. Division Reports

Agenda Item 3.1
Division of Nursing Practice

Agenda Item 3.1.1
Education

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1
Schools of Nursing Probationary Status Reports

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1.1
Baton Rouge General Medical Center's Probationary Status Report

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept Baton Rouge General Medical Center's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Diploma program.

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1.2

Dillard University's Probationary Status Report

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance.

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

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1.3

Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University's Probationary Status Report

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing education degree program.

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1.4

Louisiana College's Probationary Status Report

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board accept Louisiana College's report and action plan regarding the probationary status of the Baccalaureate in Science in Nursing education degree program.

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.1.5

Southern University at Shreveport's Probationary Status Report

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance.

A baseline information report was submitted to Board members.

Tiffany Williams Varner, Director of the School of Nursing at Southern University at Shreveport, was present to provide information and to answer Board members' questions.

Dr. Lyon noted a change on the Action Requested. The motion would be to "Accept the action plan regarding probationary status of the Associate of Science in Nursing education degree program."

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

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.2
Request for Major/Substantive Changes

Agenda Item 3.1.1.2.1
Samford University

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Dr. Wright stated they are requesting an open-ended motion for the dual track program. The Board has not previously addressed the circumstance in the previous dual track APRN programs. Both tracks that the Board approved lead to national board certification as well as licensure in one of the basic roles and populations that the Board has accepted and mentioned in the Consensus Model within the practice. However, this dual track program is an FNP track along with an emergency nurse practitioner track. The Consensus Model as well as the practice of the Board is they would license in the FNP track, but they do not license in these subspecialty areas. The Board's rules require that the Board review education that leads to licensure. However, this program has a track that does not lead to licensure in Louisiana.

The other issue is role confusion.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns.

Dr. Jill Cunningham, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, was present to provide information and to answer Board member's questions.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board approve the request of Samford University for a major curriculum/substantive change to add the following role and populations to their current approval to offer Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) clinical experiences in Louisiana:

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) BSN-DNP

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

Motion Carried

Discussion ensued regarding the approval of the request for a major curriculum/substantive change to offer FNP/ENP.

Dr. Bonanno suggested that the Board defer approval and to establish a task force with the APRNs to study the matter to gather further information.

T. Kindall agreed to chair the task force and the other APRNs on the Board will assist.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to defer action on the request of Samford University for a major curriculum/substantive change to add the following role and population to their current approval to offer Advanced Practice Registered Nurse clinical experiences in Louisiana until a task force is formed to further study the ability to approve the dual role:

Family Nurse Practitioner/Emergency Nurse Practitioner (Dual Role-FNP/ENP)

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

Motion Carried

(Break)

(Dr. Bonanno called the meeting back to order.)

Agenda Item 3.1.1.3

Request for Out-of-State APRN Clinical experiences in Louisiana

Agenda Item 3.1.1.3.1

Alcorn University's Request to Offer Graduate Clinical Experiences in Louisiana.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Rachel Borton, Bradley University, was present for comments, to provide information, and to answer questions by Board members.

In answer to a question by Dr. Prechter, Dr. Dufrene stated that Alcorn has three students, and one in process at present contingent upon approval of this request.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board re-approve the request of Alcorn State University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until October 19, 2020 for the following roles/populations:

MSN, PMC

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Hill-yes; J. Harris-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; T. McNabb-yes; P. Prechter-abstained; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.3.2

Georgetown University's Request to Offer Graduate Clinical Experiences in Louisiana.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Discussion ensued regarding Board's concerns.

Norma Mann, Simmons College, was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

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, 2020 for the following roles/populations:

MSN

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

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

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.3.3

Graceland University's Request to Offer Graduate Clinical Experiences in Louisiana.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, that the Board re-approve the request of Graceland University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until December 14, 2020 for the following role/population:

MSN

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.3.4

University of Alabama at Birmingham's Request to Offer Graduate Clinical Experiences in Louisiana.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Motion: by J. Hill, seconded, that the Board re-approve the request of the University of Alabama at Birmingham to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until December 14, 2020 for the following roles/populations:

MSN

Adult- Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP) with
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP) Dual

Pediatric Primary Care/ Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
(PNP/PNP-Acute Care)

MSN, Post BSN-DNP

Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP)

Adult- Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AGACNP)

Adult- Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (AGNP)

Women's Health Nurse Practitioner (WHNP)

Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)

Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (PNP)

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP)

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.3.5

Vanderbilt University's Request to Offer Graduate Clinical Experiences in Louisiana.

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Discussion ensued.

Motion: by J. Hill, seconded, that the Board re-approve the request of Vanderbilt University to offer graduate clinical experiences in Louisiana until December 14, 2020 for the following roles/populations:

MSN, PMC

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner - AGACNP

Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner - AGPCNP

Family Nurse Practitioner - FNP

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner –NNP

Nurse-Midwifery-NMW

Nurse-Midwifery/Family Nurse Practitioner Dual Specialty -NMW/FNP

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Acute Care PNP

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care PNP

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner—PMHNP (Lifespan)

Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner-WHNP

Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner (AGNP/WHNP Dual)

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.4

Chamberlain University College of Nursing’s Step II for Establishment of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program: Initial Site Visit

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended approval.

Dr. Lyon noted that under the staff review, the date of presentation for Step III Initial approval should be changed from October 19, 2017 to November 14, 2017.

Dr. Westbrook noted a typographical error in the motion. The name of the degree is a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Motion: by J. Hill, seconded, that the Board approve Step II of the request of Chamberlain University's College of Nursing to establish a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program and grant initial approval.

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.1.5

University of Holy Cross – Student Pending Status Follow-up

(No Action required)

At the August 10, 2017 Board meeting, Dr. Prechter inquired about the current pending status of two students, who no longer were seeking enrollment at University Holy Cross School of Nursing. The Director of Education researched the two students in question and provided a follow-up to the Board and to Dr. Prechter regarding the two students.

Discussion ensued.

Agenda Item 3.1.1.6

Baton Rouge General Medical Center School of Nursing Termination Plan

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Dufrene. Recommended acceptance.

Dr. Carol Tingle, Director Baton Rouge General Medical Center School of Nursing, was present to provide information and to answer questions by Board members.

Motion: by J. Hill, seconded, that the Board accept Baton Rouge General Medical Center's School of Nursing termination plan for the diploma registered nurse program.

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.1.2

RN Practice/Credentialing

(No Report)

(Lunch Break)

(Dr. Bonanno called the meeting back to order.)

Agenda Item 3.1.3

Advanced Practice

Agenda Item 3.1.3.1

Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Licensed in Louisiana Utilizing Telehealth to Deliver Care When the APRN is not Within the State.

(No Action Required)

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Wright.

Board staff recommends discussion regarding Louisiana licensed APRNs utilizing telehealth technology to deliver health services to clients in Louisiana.

Board staff have been approached as to if they have an opinion regarding APRNs licensed in Louisiana who reside or provides services outside of Louisiana, but they provide Telehealth services to Louisiana residents and who have Louisiana licensed collaborating physicians.

Discussion ensued.

4. Center for Nursing

Dr. Bienemy submitted her updates from the Center for Nursing (written report). The only addition to be added is that the licensure data from 2015 was provided last week by the LSBN IT Department. LSBN also received the Report at your Fingertips from ORBS. The Center for Nursing is in the process of reviewing the 2015 data and developing a report for the Board.

Agenda Item 3.2

Division of Regulatory Affairs

Agenda Item 3.2.2

Investigations

Ms. Matthews reported her 100-day plan in the Regulatory Division. This plan was submitted to Dr. Lyon which she has approved.

Agenda Item 3.2.3

Hearings

Ms. Matthews presented a report on the Hearing Department within her 100-day plan.

Agenda Item 3.2.1

RNP/Monitoring

Ms. McGill reported on the RNP/Monitoring.

Agenda Item 3.3

Division of Administration

Ms. Brown reported on the Division of Administration. Laqueda Ricks is now Manager of Human Resources, Carl Nagin is now the Manager of the Office of Technology Services. Ms.

Brown is now working to fill the position that will take both the accounting function and records management function and put it into one position.

Agenda Item 3.3.2

Office of Human Resources

Ms. Ricks reported on and updated the Board regarding Human Resources.

Agenda Item 3.3.1

Office of Technology Services

Mr. Nagin reported on Technical Services.

Agenda Item 3.3.3.

Office of Financial and Administrative Services

Agenda Item 3.3.3.1

FY 2017 Financial and Compliance Audit Pinell & Martinez, LLP

LSBN's financial audit for FY2017 was conducted by Pinell & Martinez LLP. The auditor's report reflects an "Unmodified" opinion. An unmodified opinion is when the auditor concludes that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Additionally, there were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies identified.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, to accept and approve the FY 2017 Financial and compliance audit report.

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

Motion Carried

4. Office of General Counsel

Agenda Item 3.4.1

Proposed Amendments to LAC 46: XLVII.3405(A) and .3415

Summary/Background presented by Dr. Lyon.

Motion: by T. McNabb, seconded, that the Office of General Counsel respectfully requests the Board approve as amended the proposed rules (see attached) in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act (La. R.S. 49:951-968) and La. R.S. 37:918(6)(7)(12) of the Louisiana Nurse Practice Act, providing for revisions to Title 46, Part XLVII, Subpart 2, Chapter 34, Sections 3405(A) and .3415, relative to suspensions and revocations of registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse licenses and for reinstatement of suspended or revoked registered nurse and advanced practiced registered nurse licenses.

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

Motion Carried

Agenda Item 3.4.2
HIPAA Compliance

The Board at times will request medical records from certain facilities. The request for those medical records was not HIPAA compliant. The Board is now developing a form that will allow the Board to request those types of records which will meet all of HIPAA requirements for requesting restricted and confidential records.

4. Reports:

Agenda Item 4.1
Report of the President

(Report posted)

Dr. Bonanno stated that she is pleased with the changes in the organizational structure. Dr. Bonanno thanked all the directors and the chiefs and the Board members for participating in the Strategic Planning.

Agenda Item 4.2
Report of the Vice President

(Report Posted)

Agenda Item 4.3
Report of the Executive Director

(Report posted)

Dr. Prechter noted there was some very good information under Operations in the Executive Director's report.

Motion: by J. Harris, seconded, to accept the report of the President, Vice President and the Executive Director.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Hill-yes; J. Harris-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; T. McNabb-no; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

5. National Council State Boards of Nursing

Agenda Item 5.1

TAANA Position Statement and NCSBN Response

(No Action Required)

The American Association of Nurse Attorneys (TAANA) had been advocating for the imposition of a statute of limitations on State Boards of Nursing's disciplinary actions and limitations on our ability to take reciprocal disciplinary action against a licensee based on actions by another state.

A response has been drafted from the NCSBN. The response states that the statutes of limitations are inapplicable to any regulatory agency. Also, the Board acts against a licensee based on another state's disciplinary action as to not endanger patients.

6. Public Comments

(No Public Comments)

Motion: by T. Kindall, seconded, for the Board to go into Executive Session for the purposes of hearing the Report on Litigation and Personnel Issues.

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Hill-yes; J. Harris-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; T. McNabb-no; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by P. Prechter, seconded, to adjourn

Voice Vote: L. Bonanno-yes; T. Cotita-yes; J. Hill-yes; J. Harris-yes;
T. Kindall-yes; T. McNabb-no; P. Prechter-yes; S. Westbrook-yes

Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at _____ p.m.

LAURA BONANNO, PRESIDENT
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING