

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS  
 131 AIRLINE DR., SUITE 301, METAIRIE, LA 70001  
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 19 AND 20, 2014

DATE AND PLACE  
 OF MEETING

On June 19, 2014, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at 131 Airline Dr., Suite 301, Metairie, LA 70001.

DECLARATION OF  
 QUORUM AND  
 CALL TO ORDER  
 IN OPEN SESSION

A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order in open session at 2:15 p.m.. Myra Collins, Chair presided.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
M. Kaleem Arshad, M.D.	Present
Brent Campanella, M.D.	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Kellie Daigre, LPN	Absent
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Vice-Chair & Secretary/Treasurer	Absent
Andrew Morson, M.D.	Present
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Kenison Roy, M.D.	Absent
Mohammad Suleman, M.D.	Present

STAFF/LEGAL  
 COUNSEL  
 PRESENT AT  
 VARIOUS TIMES

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Nancy McCarthy	Present
Julie Prange	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kiana Laugand	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
John Becnel	Present

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MOTION TO  
ENTER  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Roberta Connelley moved that the board convene in executive session to consider reports related to disciplinary matters against licensees and/or applicants for licensure, to discuss cases in litigation, and/or to discuss litigation strategy.

SECOND: Dr. Suleman

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Connelley, Dunn, Suleman, Prince, Collins, Arshad, Morson, and Gibbs.

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

The board went into executive session at 2:30p.m.

RECESS

Myra Collins moved to recess for the day at approximately 4:30 p.m.

SECOND: Gwen Dunn

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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 OF MEETING

On June 20, 2014, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at the Jefferson Parish East Bank Library, 4747 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie, Louisiana, 70002.

DECLARATION OF  
 QUORUM AND  
 CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was established on June 20, 2014, at 10:05 a.m., and the meeting was called to order with Myra Collins, Chair presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
M. Kaleem Arshad, M.D.	Present
Brent Campanella, M.D.	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Kellie Daigre, LPN	Absent
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Vice-Chair & Secretary/Treasurer	Absent
Andrew Morson, M.D.	Absent
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Kenison Roy, M.D.	Absent
Mohammad Suleman, M.D.	Present

STAFF/LEGAL  
 COUNSEL  
 PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Nancy McCarthy	Present
Julie Prange	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
William Becnel	Present

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WELCOME

Roberta Connelley welcomed the audience.

MOTION TO  
ADOPT MINUTES  
OF MARCH 13 AND  
14, 2014 BOARD  
MEETING

Dr. Suleman moved that the minutes of the board meeting of March 13 and 14, 2014, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Connelley

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

MOTIONS  
RELATED TO  
DISCIPLINE  
MOTION

Gwen Dunn moved that in the case of (Marilyn Bailey) license number 850581, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's license be revoked and that she be assessed a fine of \$500.00 for violations of the nurse practice act and a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00.

SECOND: Connelley

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Chaluka Foster) social security number ending with 2954, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant for licensure prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, must successfully fulfill the stipulations as attached to the motion.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Kristi Mc Crea) license number 280322, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's license be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as attached to the motion.

SECOND: Connelley

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Janice Melder) license number 900222, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's license be suspended for no less than three (3) years with the stipulations as attached to the motion.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Albertha Prince moved that in the case of (Karen Roark) license number 890294, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's license be suspended for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as attached to the motion.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Stephanie Shaw), social security number ending in 9133, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN and upon passing the exam be issued a license to practice practical nursing in the State of Louisiana and immediately be issued a letter of reprimand. She is to be assessed a fine of \$500.00 for violations of the nurse practice act and she is to submit a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Nikole Smith), social security number ending in 9876, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN and upon successful passing be granted an unencumbered license to practice practical nursing in the state of Louisiana and that she be assessed a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Roberta Connelley moved that in the case of (Shahna Tanner), license number 920567, 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 no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as attached to the motion.

SECOND: Prince

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Gwen Dunn moved that in the case of (Debra Thomas) license number 220684, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's license be revoked and that she be assessed a fine of \$500.00 for violations of the nurse practice act and a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00.

SECOND: Connelley

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

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Gwen Dunn moved that in the case of (Jolynn Williams) license number **990913**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's license be revoked and that she be assessed a fine of \$500.00 for violations of the nurse practice act and a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00.

SECOND: Connelley

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Barbara Gibbs moved that in the case of (Jasmine Carhee), social security number ending in **0194**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent be denied licensure in the state of Louisiana and that she be assessed a fine of \$500.00 for violations of the nurse practice act and a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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

<b>License # 241050</b>	Randecer Bowers
<b>SS # ending in 5965</b>	Jared Chaney
<b>SS # ending in 6612</b>	Brandy Clayton
<b>SS # ending in 6284</b>	Angela Davis
<b>SS # ending in 9815</b>	Chante' Dobard
<b>License # 951126</b>	Shari Ervin
<b>SS # ending in 7318</b>	Amanda Ferguson
<b>License # 20111005</b>	Trinity Gardner
<b>License # 202504</b>	Anna Gould
<b>SS # ending in 2843</b>	Brooke Henry
<b>SS # ending in 3743</b>	Mary Honeycutt
<b>License # 260937</b>	Shevonda Hunter
<b>License # 270622</b>	Richard Jackson
<b>SS # ending in 0430</b>	Lindsay James
<b>SS # ending in 9830</b>	Olivia Jett

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SS # ending in 5374	Patrice Jones
License # 20120210	Kristina Lawson
SS # ending in 5577	Justin Lemoine
SS # ending in 2446	Ashley Lewis
SS # ending in 7441	Karla Marshall
SS # ending in 5049	Kimberly Meaux
SS # ending in 9937	Mia Norflin
License # 20101270	Lauren Nutt
SS # ending in 4342	Susan Pham
License # 210228	Debra Riddle
License # 20110484	Madolyn Smith
SS # ending in 4399	Eboni Thomas
License # 20102450	Kristen Voland
License # 930444	Linda Zeigler

SECOND: Prince  
 YEAS: 7  
 NAYS: 0  
 ABSTENTIONS: 0

COMPLIANCE  
 DEPARTMENT  
 REPORT

Julie Prange, presented the report of the compliance department.  
 No action was needed or taken.

EDUCATION  
 REPORT

Nancy McCarthy presented a written report of all Louisiana  
 writers of the NCLEX-PN from 6/3/2013 to 5/13/2014. No action  
 was needed or taken on these matters.

PROGRAM  
 SUMMARY

A summary report and update of programs on provisional  
 accreditation, initial accreditation, and restored to full  
 accreditation, were provided. No action was needed or taken on  
 this matter.

PROGRAM(S) ON  
 PROVISIONAL  
 ACCREDITATION

Programs on provisional accreditation include the following:  
 A&W Healthcare Educators  
 Bastrop Campus  
 Compass Career College  
 Evangeline Campus  
 Natchitoches Campus

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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:  
Southern University – Shreveport Campus  
Lafayette Campus

DELGADO C.C.  
NEW PROGRAM  
SIDENY COLLIER  
MOTION

Roberta Connelley moved to allow Delgado Community College to start a PN program at the Sidney Collier Campus in New Orleans East.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

UNITECH NEW  
PROGRAM/METAIRIE  
MOTION

Gwen Dunn moved to allow Unitech to start a PN program at the Metairie Campus.

SECOND: Gibbs

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT

Roberta Connelley, Chairperson, Advisory Committee gave the report of the Advisory Committee. Ms. Connelley reported that the committee met on March 21, 2014.

AMENDMENTS TO  
LAC 46:XLVII. §937

Roberta Connelley presented information regarding the proposed changes to LAC 46:XLVII. §937 in regards to raising the scores on PN entrance test to 12.0 across the board.

MOTION

Barbara Gibbs moved that the proposed amendments to LAC 46:XLVII. §937 as presented in the book of reports be published as a Notice of Intent in the Louisiana Register.

SECOND: Prince

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

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AMENDMENTS TO  
LAC 46:XLVII. §939

Roberta Connelley presented information regarding the proposed changes to LAC 46:XLVII. §939 regarding giving a PN student credit up to three years for courses previously taken.

MOTION

Barbara Gibbs moved that the proposed amendments to LAC 46:XLVII. §939 as presented in the book of reports be published as a Notice of Intent in the Louisiana Register.

SECOND: Dr. Suleman

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

AMEND AGENDA  
TO ADD ITEM

Myra Collins, Chair discussed adding an item to the agenda in regards to the board's executive committee.

MOTION

Roberta Connelley moved to amend the agenda to vote on the 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the executive committee, and moved that the only duties of the executive committee at this time are to appoint members to serve on the compensation committee.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

ELECT 3<sup>RD</sup>  
MEMBER OF  
EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE  
MOTION

Dr. Suleman moved to elect Dr. Campanella as the 3<sup>rd</sup> executive committee member for a two (2) year term.

SECOND: Dr. Arshad

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

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REPORT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

BUDGET FY 2014  
MOTION

Roberta Connelley moved to accept the proposed amendments to the operating budget FY 2014 as indicated in the book of reports.  
SECOND: Dr. Suleman  
YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

2014 LEGISLATIVE  
SESSION

Ms. Ansardi gave a report on Act No. 120 and HB No. 331. No action was needed or taken.

PROPOSED  
CHANGES TO  
LAC 46:XLVII.  
§1715

Ms. Ansardi presented the proposed changes to the Administrative Code Title 46:XLVII. §1715, relative to fee increases.

MOTION

Roberta Connelley moved to accept the proposed changes to LAC 46:XLVII. §1715 and moved to allow board staff to submit the N.O.I. to the appropriate agencies regarding these changes.  
SECOND: Dr. Suleman  
YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
The motion passed.

NURSING SUPPLY  
AND DEMAND  
COMMITTEE

Ms. Ansardi presented a report regarding the Nursing Supply and Demand Committee and the NCSBN. No action was needed or taken.

NCSBN  
DELEGATES

Dr. Suleman moved to allow two staff members of the LSBPNE to attend the annual meeting of the NCSBN.  
SECOND: Collins  
YEAS: 7  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
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RESTRICTED  
APPOINTMENTS  
MOTION

Dr. Suleman moved to allow two (2) restricted appointments to help staff during renewal season.

SECOND: Prince

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

FUTURE MEETING  
DATES

The proposed board meeting dates for the annual board meeting are October 16 and 17, 2014. Board staff has secured the Jefferson Parish East Bank Library for October 17, 2014. No action was needed or taken on this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Billy Clark, Dean of the Delta College Campuses gave public comment regarding the proposed changes to LAC 46:XLVII. §937. No action was needed or taken.

MOTION TO  
ADJOURN

Dr. Arshad moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



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Myra Collins, LPN, Chairwoman