

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS
 131 AIRLINE DR., SUITE 301, METAIRIE, LA 70001
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 30, 2021

DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING On July 30, 2021, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at 131 Airline Drive, Suite 301, Metairie, LA 70001.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order on July 30, 2021, at approximately 9:04 a.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman, presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
Patricia Artieta, Consumer	Present
Celeste Cogswell, LPN	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN Secretary/Treasurer of the Board	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Absent
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Matthew McQueen, MD	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN	Present
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Absent

STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Christina Costanza	Present
Janette Patterson	Present
John Becknell	Present

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

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MOTION TO ADOPT
MINUTES OF
MARCH 5, 2021
BOARD MEETING

Candace Melancon moved that the minutes of the board meeting of March 5, 2021, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Connelley
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

REPORT OF
ASSOCIATE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

SUMMARY
REPORTS

Denise Klein presented the summary report of activity from the compliance department for 2/1/2021 – 6/30/2021. Ms. Klein additionally presented a summary of activity for FY 2021. For FY 2021, there were 726 investigations opened and 431 investigations still pending. A total of 907 dispositions were rendered, with 426 in favor of the licensee and 481 against the licensee. No action was needed or taken on these matters.

REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

PN PROGRAM –
STATUS OF ALL PN
SCHOOLS

Christina Costanza presented the status report for all Louisiana PN programs. There are a total of 50 programs with 74 classes currently active and 1575 students enrolled.

INITIAL
ACCREDITATION

1. Advance Nurse Training
Admitted class of 20 students on January 11, 2021. Initial site visit was conducted on June 21, 2021. A copy of the site visit report can be found in the board book. With the submission of a correction plan, the program is recommended to remain on initial accreditation.
2. Blue Cliff College
Admitted a class of 20 students on October 6, 2020.
3. Bossier Parish Community College
Admitted a class of 31 students on January 14, 2021.
4. Walker Campus – NTCC
Admitted a class of 31 students on January 21, 2020.
5. Lacombe Campus – NTCC
Admitted a class of 28 students on January 29, 2021.

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PROVISIONAL
ACCREDITATION

1. Sidney Collier Campus – Delgado Community College
Non-compliance for failure to notify the board of the suspension of an approved faculty. Instructor ratio remained sufficient.

2. Gulf Area – SLCC
Non-compliance for failure to submit requested information among other infractions that were discovered. Program will remain on provisional accreditation until the next graduating class, December 2021, is completed successfully.

3. Lafayette Campus – Delta College of Arts & Technology
Non-compliance for NCLEX scores. Program is on provisional accreditation due to two consecutive failing NCLEX scores. Reasonable notice to correct program deficiencies was sent with a correction plan submitted and accepted on March 2, 2021.
August 2020 – 36.36% failure rate
September 2020 – 26.67% failure rate
The board is awaiting the NCLEX pass rates of the graduating class of June 2021.

4. LSU Shreveport
Non-compliance for NCLEX scores. Program is on provisional accreditation due to two consecutive failing NCLEX scores. A correction plan was submitted and accepted on May 10, 2021.
December 2020 – 25.53% failure rate
January 2021—50% failure rate
The board will monitor the next graduating class of September 2021.

5. West Monroe Campus – LDCC
Non-compliance issued for NCLEX Scores. Program is on provisional accreditation due to three consecutive failing NCLEX scores.
May 2019 – 29.41% failure rate
July 2019 – 22.73% failure rate
May 2020 – 23.08% failure rate
A correction plan was submitted and accepted on October 8, 2020. The board will give the program ample time to implement the corrections and a board decision will be rendered pending the results of the May 2021 and July 2021 class NCLEX scores. As of July 9, 2021, the May 2021 graduating class of 8 graduates had 7 students test with 7 passing scores. A virtual visit was done on May 26, 2021. A copy of the full report can be found in the board book. Board staff recommend that this program be kept on provisional accreditation until the May and July 2021 NCLEX results can be finalized.

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6. Sullivan Campus – NTCC

Non-compliance for NCLEX scores. Program is on provisional accreditation due to two consecutive failing NCLEX scores. A reasonable notice to correct program deficiencies was sent. A follow up correction plan was submitted and accepted on March 10, 2021.

December 2019 – 31.82% failure rate

May 2020 – 25% failure rate

The program will be kept on provisional accreditation until the board can assess the May 2021 graduating class and their NCLEX pass rates.

PROGRAM
CLOSURE(S)

Christina Costanza reported that there were no program closures.

NEW PROGRAM
REQUEST(S)

1. The Learning Bridge Career Institute, Houma, LA
Phase I can be found in the board book with a recommendation for approval from board staff.

Candace Melancon moved that the phase I request to start a new practical nursing program at The Learning Bridge Career Institute be approved and the program be permitted to proceed to phase II. Once Phase II meets with staff satisfaction, the program be allowed to admit the first class of students.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

PROGRAM(S) CITED
FOR NON-
COMPLIANCE

The list of schools and citations for non-compliance with LAC and/or board policies can be found in the board book on pg. 22 for the reporting period of February 2021 – June 2021.

1. Acadian Campus – SLCC (Failure to follow board policy requiring final transcripts submission within 14 days of program completion)
2. Evangeline Campus – SLCC (Failure to follow board policy requiring final transcripts submission within 14 days of program completion)
3. T.H. Harris Campus – SLCC (Failure to follow board policy requiring final transcripts submission within 14 days of program completion)

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SITE VISITS /
SURVEYS

1. Ward H. Nash Avoyelles Campus – CLTCC
Virtual visit was conducted on July 1, 2021. A copy of the full report can be found in the board book on pages 61 – 64.

NCLEX – PN™

The results of all Louisiana writers for the period of 1/1/2021 – 6/30/2021 can be found in the board book on pages 65 – 67. The total pass rate concerning this reporting period for the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners was 85.21%.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

FINANCIAL
REPORTS

Lynn Ansardi presented the proposed amendments to the operating budget for fiscal year 2021.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that the proposed amendments to the operating budget for FY 2021 be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Lynn Ansardi presented the actual operating budget for fiscal year 2021 as of 06/30/2021.
No action was needed or taken regarding this matter.

NURSE LICENSURE
COMPACT (NLC)

Lynn Ansardi reported that a total number of 36 states are now participating in the enhanced NLC (eNLC). The eNLC now requires federal backgrounds; ensuring that all applicants do not have any state or federal felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions involving the practice of nursing.

Ms. Ansardi also presented a map concerning the NLC as it relates to those states that have enacted the NLC, states that have implemented the NLC, states that have partially implemented the NLC, and Vermont which has enacted the NLC, but is awaiting implementation.

No action was needed or taken on these matters.

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NATIONAL
COUNCIL STATE
BOARDS OF
NURSING (NCSBN)
UPDATE

Lynn Ansardi reported that the NCSBN will hold their annual meeting virtually on August 18th & 19th with a theme of Braving New Pathways: Leading the Way for Regulatory Transformation.

NCSBN is conducting a longitudinal study to investigate the impact of changes being made in nursing education programs in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. This study and research will track student performance in real time during the pandemic and from a regulatory standpoint. It will also focus on how well these experiences prepare the new graduates for their transition to early career profession. This study is expected to conclude in 2022 and the findings will be made available to the public when completed.

CYBERSECURITY
STATE REQUIRED
TRAINING

Lynn Ansardi presented the requirements concerning the need for all board members and staff to complete a cybersecurity training course. This course, along with ethics and sexual harassment, must be completed every calendar year.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that all board members were presented with the requirements for completion of civil service training concerning cybersecurity.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

LPN RENEWAL
STATISTICS AND
EMPLOYMENT
DISTRIBUTION

Lynn Ansardi presented statistics regarding employment distribution for 2013 – 2021 and reported that much had changed from last year's statistics with most of our nurses working in nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities.

Ms. Ansardi also presented statistics from the renewal data for the year 2012 – 2021 of active LPNs. Ms. Ansardi noted that from 2019 to 2021 there was a 2.8% drop in active LPNs. Ms. Ansardi reported that there is always a drop in our numbers due to LPNs moving, leaving the field, and furthering their education to become RNs.

No motion or action was needed or taken on these matters.

2021 – 2022 TRAVEL
REGULATIONS

Lynn Ansardi presented the new travel regulations for the 2021 – 2022 fiscal year.

No action was needed or taken.

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2021 AUDIT
NOTIFICATION

Lynn Ansardi presented a letter from Griffin & Furman, LLC, the auditing agency that will be performing our upcoming audit for the fiscal year 2021. The board has already presented the auditors with all of the information requested and the report should be available by August 31st.
No action was needed or taken.

LOUISIANA
COMPLIANCE
QUESTIONNAIRE FY
2021

Lynn Ansardi presented the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire from fiscal year 2021.

Candace Melancon moved that the completed compliance questionnaire from fiscal year 2021 be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: McQueen
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

ATTORNEY
RESOLUTION

Myra Collins moved to accept the resolution approving Lindsey Williams, Esq., to provide legal consultation and services to the board relative to board rules and regulations, legislation, board actions, and disciplinary hearings and adjudications regarding alleged violations and rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comment requests.

MOTION TO ENTER
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Candace Melancon moved that the board convene in executive session for discussion of litigation, consideration of the report of the hearing officer related to disciplinary matters against licensees and applicants for licensure, and personnel matters.

SECOND: Dunn
A roll call vote was taken.
YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed and the board went into executive session at 9:47 a.m.

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MOTION TO EXIT
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: Connelley

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Artieta, Collins, Connelley, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,
Melancon, Prince

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board came out of executive session at
1:35 p.m.

MOTIONS RELATED
TO DISCIPLINE

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Carrie Avery), S.S. ending with 5896 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Precious Brown) License #20180186, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent be issued a Letter of Reprimand with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Joia Caldwell), **S.S. ending with 0139** the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than **two (2) years** with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Tonya Domangue) **License # 960339**, 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 with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than **two (2) years** with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Angie Ellis) **License #260375**, 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 probated for no less than **eighteen (18) months** with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
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Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Ashael Ford), **License # 20170003**, 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 revoked with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Jacqueline Gentry), **S.S. ending with 4634** the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant, prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, the respondent may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for a minimum period of **two (2) years** with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Angel Harrison) **S.S. ending with 0810**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the applicant for licensure be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, and upon successfully passing, be issued a practical nursing license and be immediately issued a letter of reprimand with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

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Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Mindy Havis) License #250984, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent be (list changes below):
probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Artieta
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Tremeisha Holmes), S.S. ending with 5179 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Artieta
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (April Lampo) License #20100901, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent's practical nursing license remain suspended no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon completion of suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

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Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Madison Leblanc), S.S. ending with 6770 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Stephanie Matherne) S.S. ending with 8237, 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, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, and upon successfully passing, be issued a practical nursing license and be immediately issued a letter of reprimand with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Virginia Menard) S.S. ending with 7633, 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, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, and upon successfully passing, be issued a practical nursing license and be immediately issued a letter of reprimand with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

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Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Damon Miller) **License #250261**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent be (list changes below):
probated for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Artieta
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Katrina Padgett), **S.S. ending with 5542** the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than **one (1) year** with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Artieta
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Shermond Potter), **S.S. ending with 2731** the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant, shall not be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN for a minimum of **one (1) year**. During that one year period, the respondent shall comply with and successfully complete the following stipulations prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, the respondent may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for a minimum period of **two (2) years** with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

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Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Christopher Provost), S.S. ending with 9555 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant, prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order for no less than one (1) year. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, the respondent may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for a minimum period of two (2) years with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Kellie Pruitt), S.S. ending with 8648, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be denied licensure in the state of Louisiana with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Lisa Scott), S.S. ending with 4361 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant, prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, the respondent may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for a minimum period of one (1) year with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
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Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Megan Szekely), S.S. ending with 4626 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, be issued a practical nursing license on probation for no less than one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Krystal Trosclair), S.S. ending with 6790 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that prior to the applicant being allowed to take the NCLEX-PN, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, the respondent may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for a minimum period of one (1) year with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Gwendolyn Dunn moved that in the case of (Vera Wheeler) License #921021, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception and that the respondent be issued a Letter of Reprimand with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Artieta
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
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Patricia Artieta moved that in the case of (Cherelle Woods), S.S. ending with 6329 the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the applicant, prior to being made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, shall comply with the stipulations as written in the board order. Upon successful completion of the stipulations, the respondent may then be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN. Upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN, the respondent may then be issued a practical nursing license on probation for a minimum period of three (3) years with stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Dunn
 YEAS: 8
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: 0
 The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that the following consent agreements be accepted by the board without exception:

License #910741	Linda Artall
License #990939	Machiel Birkhoff
SS# ending with 9053	Miranda Bonner
License #830267	Sharon Cambas
License #20170262	Kayla Celestine
License #20170079	Shayla Citizen
SS# ending with 2403	Kirnisha Coleman
SS# ending with 5042	Brittani Connor
License #20170413	Priscilla Doughty
License #921368	Tracy Fitzgerald
License #260951	Edna Fletcher
License #970191	Lolita Fox
License #20100806	Nishundra Francis
License #20152484	Shameka Jackson
SS# ending with 1695	Cherelle Kelegon
SS# ending with 2265	Jessica Landry
License #220621	Casey Lester
License #982560	Darlene Lutcher
License #20180294	Arnisha Martin
License #930959	Dana Morales
License #20140414	Casani Moton
SS# ending with 6872	Nakia Newton
SS# ending with 9902	Danessa Nimmer
SS# ending with 9221	Hali Ratliff
License #980142	Mary Reed
License #290787	Sara Savoy
SS# ending with 3943	Rebecca Schafer-Trenter

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License #230365	Barbara Tatum
License #880589	Myra Thiam
SS# ending with 0236	Ashley Turner
License #250631	Chiquite Tyler
License #20110820	Jasmine Williams
License #20160012	Shondalyn Wilson

SECOND: McQueen
 YEAS: 8
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: 0
 The motion passed.

UNCLASSIFIED
 EMPLOYEE
 COMPENSATION

Candace Melancon moved that Executive Director, M. Lynn Ansardi, receive a 6% merit increase.

SECOND: Collins
 YEAS: 8
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: 0
 The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that Associate Executive Director, Denise Klein, receive a 6% merit increase.

SECOND: Collins
 YEAS: 8
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: 0
 The motion passed.

ELECTION OF
 EXECUTIVE
 OFFICERS

Candace Melancon moved to open nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Dunn
 YEAS: 8
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: 0
 The motion passed.

Roberta Connelley, RN, nominated Myra Collins, LPN, for the position of Chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

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Dr. McQueen moved to close nominations for the position of Chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Patricia Artieta moved to appoint Myra Collins, LPN, as Chairperson of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Myra Collins moved to open nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

Myra Collins, LPN, nominated Candace Melancon, LPN, for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

Dr. McQueen moved to close nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS
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Dr. McQueen moved to appoint Candace Melancon, LPN, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business that needed to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business that was discussed.

FUTURE MEETING
DATES

The proposed board meeting dates for the next board meeting are November 4 and 5, 2021. Board members expressed interest in a different date due to scheduling conflicts concerning previously booked nursing conventions. Board staff will contact board members to secure a date that works best for all.
No action was needed or taken on this matter.

MOTION TO
ADJOURN

Candace Melancon moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: McQueen
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.



Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman