

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS
 131 AIRLINE DR., SUITE 301, METAIRIE, LA 70001
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2021

DATE AND PLACE
 OF MEETING

On March 5, 2021, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners held their annual March board meeting via teleconference.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on March 5, 2021, at approximately 10:01 a.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman, presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF/LEGAL
 COUNSEL
 PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Labit	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Christina Costanza	Present
Kristen Hill	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 NOVEMBER 6,
2020 BOARD
MEETING

Candace Melancon moved that the minutes of the board meeting of November 6, 2020, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Connelley

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

REPORT OF
ASSOCIATE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

Denise Klein presented the summary report from the compliance department of new reports received and action taken from 10/1/2020 – 1/31/2021.

No action was needed or taken.

REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

PN PROGRAM
STATUS

Christina Costanza presented the status of all practical nursing programs as of 2/11/2021 as printed in the book of reports on page 18.

No action was needed or taken.

INITIAL
ACCREDITATION

1. Advance Nurse Training, LLC – New Orleans, LA
Advance Nurse Training admitted their first class as of January 11, 2021, with 20 students.
2. Bossier Parish Community College – Bossier City, LA
Bossier Parish Community College admitted their first class as of January 14, 2021, with 31 students.

PROVISIONAL
ACCREDITATION

1. Gulf Area campus, SLCC – Abbeville, LA
Gulf Area campus was placed on provisional failure to submit requested information along with other infractions. They will remain on provisional pending the results of their next graduating class, scheduled to complete December 2021.
2. Lafayette Campus – Delta College of Arts & Technology
Lafayette Campus – Delta College of Arts & Technology was placed on provisional due to two consecutive failing classes. A reasonable notice to correct deficiencies was mailed, and the board is awaiting the school's response.

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3. West Monroe Campus – LDCC

West Monroe Campus was placed on provisional accreditation due to three consecutive failing classes; May 2019, July 2019, and May 2020. Their correction plan was reviewed and accepted by board staff in October 2020. LSBPNE will allow the program ample time to correct deficiencies. A board decision will be rendered pending the results of the May 2021 and July 2021 graduating class.

4. Ward H. Nash Avoyelles Campus – CLTCC

Ward H. Nash Avoyelles Campus was placed on provisional accreditation due to failure to comply with admission requirements as stated in the Louisiana Administrative Code LAC §937.A.5.; failure to notify the board of student admission and enrollment in the practical nursing program. Their correction plan was reviewed and accepted by board staff in December 2020. The program will continue on provisional accreditation until the next class is admitted according to board procedure.

5. Southern University – Shreveport Campus

Southern University – Shreveport Campus was noted on the agenda in error. They were issued a notice of non-compliance for NCLEX pass rates; however, they are not on provisional accreditation.

6. Sullivan Campus – NTCC

Sullivan Campus was placed on provisional accreditation due to two consecutive failing classes. A reasonable notice to correct deficiencies was mailed, and the board is awaiting the school's response.

PROGRAM(S)
CITED FOR NON-
COMPLIANCE

The list of schools and citations for the period of November 2020 – February 2021 can be found in the board book on pg. 20.

1. C.B. Coreil Campus – SLCC (NLCEX pass rate)
2. Ferriday Campus – CLTCC (NLCEX pass rate)
3. Sidney Collier – Delgado (NLCEX pass rate)
4. Tallulah Campus – LDCC (NCLEX pass rate)
5. Ward H. Nash Avoyelles Campus – CLTCC (NCLEX pass rate)

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NCLEX-PN™

Christina Costanza presented the data for all Louisiana writers for the period of 1/1/2020 – 12/31/2020. Louisiana had a passage rate of 84.7% for the 2020 calendar year. No action was needed or taken.

SIMULATION
UPDATE

Christina Costanza gave an update concerning a public comment request at the July 2020 board meeting regarding practical nursing programs being allowed to use up to 50% simulation in place of hands-on clinicals after the pandemic restrictions are lifted. The education department is still reviewing and constructing a checklist concerning the use of simulation in the practical nursing programs. Once this checklist is complete, it will be sent to all practical nursing programs for adaptation.

REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR

BUDGET FY 2021

Lynn Ansardi presented the actual operating budget for fiscal year 2021 as of 12/31/2020. No action was needed or taken.

DATA OF ACTIVE
LPNS BY PARISH

Lynn Ansardi presented data showing the total number of active LPNs by parish for the end of the 2021 renewal season as of 02/05/2021. No action was needed or taken.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Lynn Ansardi reported that the LSBPNE office continues to remain fully operational during normal business hours. Staff is conducting necessary business via email, our website, and the nurse portal. Full staffing will resume as soon as we are allowed.

Governor Edwards' latest proclamation moved Louisiana to phase 3. This allows for the continuation to substitute simulation for in person clinical and classroom instruction.

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NCSBN UPDATE

Lynn Ansardi reported that the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) will hold their mid-year and annual meetings virtually.

LOUISIANA
BOARD OF ETHICS
DISCLOSURE
STATEMENTS

Lynn Ansardi presented and discussed required information needed and deadlines for turning in Personal Financial Disclosure Statements (Tier 2.1) with all board members.

Candace Melancon moved that all board members received a copy and were presented with the required information needed and deadlines for turning in Personal Financial Disclosure Statements (Tier 2.1).

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Suleman

The motion passed.

CIVIL SERVICE
ETHICS AND
SEXUAL
HARASSMENT
TRAINING

Lynn Ansardi reported to all board members that the civil service training concerning ethics and sexual harassment must be completed every calendar year.

Janie Cypret moved that all board members were presented with the requirements for completion of civil service training concerning ethics and sexual harassment.

SECOND: Melancon

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

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DEFENSIVE
DRIVING COURSE

Lynn Ansardi presented the driver authorization form and the required civil service defensive driving training requirements to all board members.

Candace Melancon moved that all board members were presented with the requirements for completion of the defensive driving course.

SECOND: Gibbs

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business that needed to be discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Lynn Ansardi welcomed our new board member, Celeste Cogswell, LPN, representing the Nursing Home Association.

FUTURE MEETING
DATES

Our next board meeting will be held July 30, 2021.

PUBLIC
COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MOTION TO
ENTER
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Candace Melancon moved that the board convene in executive session to consider reports related to disciplinary matters against licensees and applicants for licensure.

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at 10:39 a.m.

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MOTION TO EXIT
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Candace Melancon moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: McQueen

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,
Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board came out of executive session
at 11:40 a.m.

MOTIONS
RELATED TO
DISCIPLINE

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Carly Berry)
License #20110898, 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
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: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,
Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Twanna Cain)
License #260843, 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 one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board
order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,
Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Chamekia Charles), **License # 20180272**, 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: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Latencia Charles) **License # 20160831**, 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 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: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Sheila Cooper) **License # 30000984**, 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 one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Chadwick Gilbert) **S.S. ending with 3362**, 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: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Sharon Hardy) **License #260786**, 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 suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Candace Melancon moved that in the case of (Tanekia Harrington), **S.S. ending with 1958** 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.

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SECOND: Collins

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,
Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Cristy Rhinehart) **License # 250779**, 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: McQueen

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,
Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Mary Savoy) **License #260778**, 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 one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen,
Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Kelly Scott) **License #20140345**, 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 one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Tiesha Scott) **S.S. ending with 0756**, 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 an unencumbered practical nursing license.

SECOND: McQueen

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

Janie Cypert moved that in the case of (Sabrina Warner) **License # 20140613**, 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 written in the board order. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than three (3) years with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, McQueen, Melancon, Prince, Suleman

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

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Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Senchal Wilkins) **License #20120302**, 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 one (1) year with the stipulations as written in the board order.

SECOND: McQueen

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Suleman

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Ladeidra Moore) **S.S. ending in 6422**, the board withdraw the previous board order and that the applicant for licensure be made eligible to take the NCLEX-PN, and upon successfully passing be issued an unencumbered practical nursing license.

SECOND: McQueen

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Suleman

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that the following consent agreements be accepted by the board without exception:

SS ending with #8534	William Addison
License #20120101	Amanda Arabie
License #20142508	Katrina Bergens
License #20160643	Summer Bonner
License #920114	Tanya Bryant
License #250183	Rebecca Carter
License #20190065	Holly Castillo
License #870347	Angela Cunningham

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License #270851	Jessica Desoto
License #271058	Chanel Elaire
License #230563	Allison Gaffney
License #280566	Rosevel Granger
License #870582	Gwendolyn Johnson
License #290515	La Keitha Johnson
License #20170507	Francheska Lachney
License #30000273	Amber Lewis
SS ending with #6193	Azzarie Lewis
License #20150148	Karla Marshall
SS ending with #0674	Clayton Mayfield
License #20130924	Celeste Melerine
License #20120518	Deidra Meredith
License #20130815	Reba Miller
License #980716	Tesa Nix
SS ending with #9967	Jason Ochoa
SS ending with #4480	Ann Pham
License #960694	Kimberly Ronquille
SS ending with #7148	Shelley Salvant
License #241081	Hattie Sentmore
License #20160687	Lindsay Shello
License #940306	Loreace Spears
SS ending with #5557	Marnesi Thomas
License #890703	Leslie Thompson
SS ending with #7791	Fallon Watson
License #920920	Vicki Zganjar

SECOND: McQueen

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Suleman

The motion passed.

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MOTION TO
ADJOURN

Candace Melancon moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Cypret

A roll call vote was taken.

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

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

OFF LINE: Suleman

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.



Myron Collins, LPN, Chairwoman