

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS
 131 AIRLINE DR., SUITE 301, METAIRIE, LA 70001
 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 11 AND 12, 2018

DATE AND PLACE
 OF MEETING

On January 11, 2018, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at 131 Airline Drive, Suite 301, Metairie, LA 70001.

DECLARATION OF
 QUORUM AND
 CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order in open session on January 11, 2018, at approximately 1:57 p.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman, presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
Brent Campanella, MD	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Christopher Mallett, LPN	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Vice-Chair & Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Andrew Morson, MD	Absent
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Kenison Roy, MD	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Absent

STAFF/LEGAL
 COUNSEL
 PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Touchard	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
John Becknell	Present

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REPORT ON
COMPLIANCE AND
DISCIPLINE
SUMMARY

Lynn Ansardi reported to the board that for fiscal years 2013-2017 cases on chemical dependency have risen 120%. Additionally, hearings have risen 154% due to more serious allegations being reported, consent agreements being denied and an increase in criminal records of graduating students. No action was needed or taken.

MOTION TO
ENTER
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Christopher Mallett moved that the board convene in executive session to discuss personnel matters and report on litigation, consideration of report of the hearing officer related to cases before the board for disciplinary action against licensees, and/or applicants for licensure.

SECOND: Melancon

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett, Melancon, Prince, Roy

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board went into executive session at 2:24 p.m.

MOTION TO EXIT
EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Barbara Gibbs moved that the board exit executive session.

SECOND: Connelley

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Collins, Connelley, Cypret, Dunn, Gibbs, Mallett, Melancon, Prince, Roy

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed and the board exited executive session at 3:44 p.m.

MOTION TO
RECONVENE

Roberta Connelley moved that the board reconvene until 10AM on January 12, 2018, at the Jefferson Parish Library.

SECOND: Cypret

YEAS: 9

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

RECESS

The meeting recessed at approximately 3:45 p.m.

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DATE AND PLACE OF MEETING On January 12, 2018, the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners met at the Jefferson Parish East Bank Library, 4747 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie, Louisiana, 70002.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order in open session on January 12, 2018, at approximately 10:01a.m., with Myra Collins, Chairwoman, presiding.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS	
Brent Campanella, MD	Absent
Myra Collins, LPN Chairwoman of the Board	Present
Roberta Connelley, RN	Present
Janie Cypret, LPN	Present
Gwendolyn Dunn, LPN	Present
Barbara Gibbs, RN	Present
Christopher Mallett, LPN	Present
Candace Melancon, LPN Vice-Chair & Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Andrew Morson, MD	Absent
Albertha Prince, LPN	Present
Kenison Roy, MD	Present
Mohammad Suleman, MD	Present

STAFF/LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT

STAFF	
Lynn Ansardi	Present
Denise Klein	Present
Tammy Touchard	Present
Kerri Palmer	Present
Johnette Kay	Present
Kristen Hill	Present
Janette Patterson	Present
John Becknell	Present

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DECLARATION OF
QUORUM

The Chair declared that a quorum was present.

WELCOME

Roberta Connelley welcomed the audience.

MOTION TO ADOPT
MINUTES OF JULY 27
AND 28, 2017,
BOARD MEETING

Dr. Suleman moved that the minutes of the board meeting of November 2 and 3, 2017, be adopted as printed in the book of reports.

SECOND: Melancon

YEAS: 10

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The motion passed.

MOTIONS RELATED
TO DISCIPLINE

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Elizabeth De Loach) license #20110010, 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 findings. Upon completion of the suspension stipulations, license will be probated for no less than two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the findings.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 7

NAYS: Roy

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Charlotte Holt) license #200440, 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 two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the findings.

SECOND: Dunn

YEAS: 8

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman

The motion passed.

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Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Karen Miller) **license #290251**, the board adopt the hearing officer's findings of fact and conclusions of law without exception, and that the respondent's practical nursing license in the state of Louisiana be revoked with stipulations as written in the findings.

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

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (Jamie Pelican) **license #20130760**, 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 findings.

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

Janie Cypret moved that in the case of (La Neisha Wilson) **license #20110696**, 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 two (2) years with the stipulations as written in the findings.

SECOND: Dunn
YEAS: 8
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: Collins, Suleman
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Roberta Connelley moved that the following consent agreements be accepted by the board without exception:

License #20170104	Shondrika Albert
License #240384	Mary Bass
License #810552	Leigh Couvillon
License #270720	Brittainy Ducote
License #220181	Chantella Gallow
License #272383	Elizabeth Graham
License #20150067	Megan Jones
Last four digits S.S. #5333	Iesha Lewis
Last four digits S.S. #8436	Arnisha Martin
Last four digits S.S. #2377	Augusta Rami
License #930866	Sheila Romero
License #980870	Marilyn Sepulvado
License #20120177	Kapatrea Smith
License #920977	Regina Smith
Last four digits S.S. #1496	Sashi Smothers
License #20130957	Amber Thomas
License #20170760	Kiera Young

SECOND: Melancon
 YEAS: 9
 NAYS: 0
 ABSTENTIONS: Suleman
 The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE
 ADVISORY
 COMMITTEE

OLD BUSINESS /
 CRIMINAL HISTORY
 LICENSURE
 HANDOUT

Roberta Connelley, Chairwoman of the advisory committee, presented a non-inclusive list of criminal offenses that would possibly delay or deny a student the opportunity to take the NCLEX-PN. This would be a tool that schools could use as part of their orientation process to advise students that their past arrest(s)/offense(s) could impact their ability to be licensed or hired as an LPN in the future. No action was needed or taken.

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REPORT OF THE
EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT

Johnette Kay reported to the board that a site visit was done at the new facility located in Jennings, LA, for the Morgan Smith Campus, SOWELA Technical Community College. Ms. Kay reported that the campus has a state of the art simulation lab with an observation room and a debriefing room along with a skills lab with recording capability to aid with Student's self-evaluation and remediation. The new Morgan Smith, STCC, site met all requirements of LSBPNE.

No action was needed or taken.

PROGRAM(S) ON
INITIAL
ACCREDITATION

Programs on initial accreditation include the following:
Infinity College

PROGRAM(S) ON
PROVISIONAL
ACCREDITATION

Programs on provisional accreditation include the following:
Dryades YMCA School of Commerce
Healthcare Training Institute
Unitech Training Academy – Metairie
Westside Campus, BRCC

NEW PROGRAM
REQUESTS

Ms. Kay presented her review of the proposed curriculum and survey of the physical location of the branch campus for Hammond Area, NTCC. It has been determined that the Northshore Technical Community College, Hammond Area Campus PN program, meets and/or exceeds all program requirements, as defined by the Louisiana Administrative Code and will be starting their 3rd cohort (nontraditional MA to LPN articulation) in the Spring 2018 semester.

Ms. Kay reported that the Louisiana Delta Community College, Monroe Campus's curriculum, policies, and proposed plan meets and/or exceeds the established standards of Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners. The Monroe campus will offer an evening program to meet the community's need for evening programs. The proposed curriculum mimics the established West Monroe program and is adequate to ensure the graduate gains the knowledge, skill, ability, and clinical competency to practice safely and effectively as an entry level practical nurse in the state of Louisiana.

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Recognizing Excellence in Nursing Education:
Rebecca Brown, BSN, RN is the PN coordinator at the Morgan Smith campus was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Award by the SOWELA Technical Community College System.

MOTION

Christopher Mallett moved to approve Phase II of the PN program request for the Monroe campus at Louisiana Delta Community College. The Monroe campus is approved to admit no more than 36 students into the first cohort: enrollment shall be completed within one year. Initial accreditation shall be granted and effective on the date of enrollment of the first class.

SECOND: Prince
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

ATTORNEY
RESOLUTION

Mohammad Suleman moved to accept the resolution approving Brian Grubb 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 violation of rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

SECOND: Gibbs
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
The motion passed.

FULL
PARTICIPATION IN
NURSIS

Janie Cypret moved to grant permission for the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners to implement full participation in the Nursis database.

SECOND: Melancon
YEAS: 10
NAYS: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0
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TAXONOMY OF
ERROR, ROOT CAUSE
ANALYSIS AND
PRACTICE
RESPONSIBILITY
(TERCAP)

Candace Melancon presented information to the board concerning taxonomy of error, root cause analysis and practice responsibility (TERCAP). TERCAP is a national database that takes all of the disciplinary actions from every state and compiles the data. Each facility would be responsible for completing an application regarding the employee's disciplinary action. The quality of the data secured, length of the application and subjectivity of the data collected was concerning relating to the accuracy of the data that would be gathered. Ms. Mealncon stated that the information presented was for informational purposes only and no further action was needed or taken.

BOARD
JOURNAL/MAGAZINE

Christopher Mallett presented information to the board concerning possible implementation of a board journal / magazine by Publishing Concepts, Inc. The board would be responsible for all of the content and the magazine would be funded by ad space, which would consist of 30% of the magazine content.

Some concerns were raised regarding the contract that would be entered into between the board and Publishing Concepts, Inc., as well as the time needed to gather resources for material to include in the magazine and submit all content to the company for publishing in a timely manner. Mr. Mallett offered to contact the company and speak to a representative regarding the questions and concerns that were asked by the board members, particularly the contract and terms of said contract of Publishing Concepts, Inc.

All answers to questions proposed by board members will be discussed with legal counsel and will be presented at the next scheduled board meeting.

No action was needed or taken.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business that needed to be addressed.

FUTURE MEETING
DATES

The proposed board meeting dates for the next board meetings are April 12 and 13, 2018, and July 26 and 27, 2018. Board staff has secured the Jefferson Parish East Bank Library for April 13, 2018.

