

THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING
BUSINESS MEETING

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OCTOBER 9, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

- ALTON SHAW, MSN, FNP-C (PRESIDENT)
- T.J. ADAMS, RN, BSN, MSHA (VICE PRESIDENT)
- SANDRA CULPEPPER, LPN (SECRETARY)
- DR. MARY STEWART, PhD, RN
- BLAKE WARD, MSN, CRNA
- LAURA MOORE, MSN, NP-C
- SHIRLEY JACKSON, LPN
- BRANDI TAYLOR, LPN
- DR. MICHELLE OWENS, MD
- NANCY NORRIS JOHNSON, LPN II, CPT

PARTICIPATING VIA ZOOM:

- DR. TERESA STANFORD, DNP, FNP
- DR. MELISSA KING, DNP, FNP-BC, ENP-BC
- JAN COLLINS, CONSUMER

ALSO PRESENT:

- EDWARD WIGGINS, JR., ESQUIRE
- SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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The following meeting was held at the Mississippi Board of Nursing, 713 South Pear Orchard Road, Plaza II, Suite 300, in the City of Ridgeland, State of Mississippi, on Friday, October 9, 2020, commencing at approximately 11:12 a.m.

MR. SHAW: We will go ahead and get started and call the meeting to order. We do have a quorum. Ms. Shirley, would you mind opening us up in prayer?

MS. JACKSON: Yes. Good morning, everyone. If you would, please bow your heads in prayer.

(PRAYER)

MR. SHAW: Approval of Agenda, we have one addition. If you would go down right under 6.4 and 6.5 and add in Practice Committee. Somehow that got omitted. Outside of that, if there are no additions or corrections, I would like a motion to approve the agenda.

DR. OWENS: I move to approve the agenda.

MR. SHAW: Motion by Dr. Owens. Second?

DR. STEWART: I second it.

MR. SHAW: Second by Dr. Stewart. All in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

MR. SHAW: Opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair?

MR. SHAW: Yes.

MS. JOHNSON: This is Phyllis. Can you speak a little louder? We're having a little difficulty hearing you.

MR. SHAW: Will do.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

MR. SHAW: We'll go ahead and move to the open forum part. All right. We have come to the open forum part. There is no one in the room. Is there anyone on the call that would like to make a statement?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

MR. SHAW: Welcome, Dr. King. Having no one asking to speak during the open forum, we will move on. The next item on the agenda is the Office of Nursing Workforce Committee, Scholarship Funds Distribution. Ms. Culpepper?

MS. CULPEPPER: Yes. Mr. President,

today we bring a motion before the board to accept the scholarship -- I'm sorry -- to release scholarship money from ONW to the colleges for disbursement based on ONW scholarship application roster for Fiscal Year 2021, and that will be attached to the motion.

MR. SHAW: Any questions concerning scholarships?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

MR. SHAW: Have a motion we approve the distribution of those funds.

MR. ADAMS: I make a motion to approve.

MR. SHAW: Motion from T.J. Second?

DR. STEWART: I will second it.

MR. SHAW: Second from Dr. Stewart. All in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

MR. SHAW: Any opposed? On the call?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

MR. SHAW: Motion carries. Board Business, I have a motion we approve the Business Zoom Meeting from July 24th, the meeting minutes from July 24th, 2020.

DR. STEWART: I move that we approve the minutes of July 24th as circulated.

MR. SHAW: I have a motion from

Dr. Stewart. Second?

MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: I second.

MR. SHAW: Second, Ms. Nancy Norris. All in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

MR. SHAW: Any opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

MR. SHAW: Agreed Settlement Proposal Minutes, July 2020, do I have a motion that we accept those settlements?

MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: I make a motion.

MR. SHAW: Motion from Ms. Nancy Norris-Johnson. Second?

MS. JACKSON: Second.

MR. SHAW: Second by Ms. Jackson. All in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

MR. SHAW: Any opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

MR. SHAW: Board Hearing Panel Minutes, October of 2019, December 2019, and February of 2020, do I have a motion that we accept those minutes?

MR. ADAMS: I make a motion they be approved.

MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: Second.

1 MR. SHAW: Motion from T.J., second by
 2 Ms. Nancy Norris-Johnson. All in favor?
 3 (ALL IN FAVOR)
 4 MR. SHAW: Motion approved. Now I ask
 5 for a motion that we waive the reading of names on the
 6 motions.
 7 MS. TAYLOR: I make a motion.
 8 MR. SHAW: Motion by Ms. Brandi Taylor.
 9 Second?
 10 MS. JACKSON: I second.
 11 MR. SHAW: Ms. Shirley Jackson. All in
 12 favor?
 13 (ALL IN FAVOR)
 14 MR. SHAW: Motion carries. FYI, Future
 15 Meetings: Agreed Settlement Proposals will be
 16 December 8th; Disciplinary Hearings, December 9th and
 17 10th; Business Meeting, December 11th. The panel at
 18 that time will be Ms. Shirley Jackson, Dr. Melissa
 19 King, Ms. Nancy Norris-Johnson, and T.J. Adams. Next,
 20 we move to our legislation section. Is Trey still
 21 with us?
 22 MR. BOBINGER: Yes, Alton, I'm here.
 23 MR. SHAW: You've got the floor.
 24 MR. BOBINGER: Do you want me to proceed
 25 forward?

1 MR. SHAW: Yes, sir.
 2 MR. BOBINGER: I want to say hello to
 3 everybody. I look forward to when we can all meet
 4 back in person again. I just want to give a brief
 5 update. The legislature left town adjourned this last
 6 Friday. It ended up being basically a 9-month
 7 session. It started out just going to be four months.
 8 So, I think that was probably a record under our
 9 current system of the way the legislature works during
 10 each year. The official signing dive, they call it,
 11 which means the absolute end of the session, is
 12 technically tomorrow, October the 10th.
 13 The 2021 session coming up probably looks
 14 like January the 5th will be the beginning, the first
 15 day of the new session. Nothing official has been
 16 released yet to that effect, but that's what it
 17 appears to be. It will basically be a 3-month session
 18 coming up. I have talked with board staff. We always
 19 enjoy our Board of Nursing Capitol Day. I also think
 20 that it's very beneficial for the Board and for all
 21 the various professionals that the Board regulates, to
 22 have them come and interact with legislators.
 23 I have some dates set, really a good
 24 date, like, the middle of January, but I got a call
 25 within the last couple of weeks from the Department of

1 Finance and Administration stating that they were
 2 going to cancel all of the 2021 events in the rotunda,
 3 much like happened later in the session last year. So
 4 I hope that maybe gets changed at some point, but as
 5 of now, they're not allowing any functions or
 6 activities, obviously due to COVID concerns, but we'll
 7 continue to monitor that.
 8 I wanted to mention briefly, there was a
 9 couple of bills of interest to some of our board
 10 members that just passed last week. You know, they
 11 met the 1st and 2nd of October. One was Senate Bill
 12 3055, just simply they're exempting hospitals from
 13 constructing ICUs, you know, isolation rooms, negative
 14 pressure rooms, any related construction, exempting
 15 that from the CON law. So, because due to COVID
 16 concerns of a second waive, they want the hospitals to
 17 have more flexibility and be able to more timely
 18 effectuate new construction if needed. There was also
 19 \$10 million set aside for hospitals in the state
 20 related to that type of construction.
 21 A second bill that was taken up last week
 22 that passed was Senate Bill 3060. This was setting
 23 aside \$10 million for an ICU infrastructure fund, and,
 24 thirdly, Senate Bill 3059, \$10 million was set
 25 aside -- Phyllis, I know this is near and dear to your

1 heart -- for the Veterans Affairs Board to help offset
 2 COVID-related expenses that have been incurred by our
 3 state veterans homes, which I think is probably a good
 4 thing to do with some of the COVID money that the
 5 legislature was allocating.
 6 For the upcoming session, again, we just
 7 had some preliminary discussions about full practice
 8 authority. I won't go into a lot of detail.
 9 Obviously, I have talked to some board members,
 10 certainly Phyllis and staff. That is something we
 11 will continue to discuss and closely look at as we
 12 move forward on how we may be proceeding on that issue
 13 when the 2021 session begins. It's still something,
 14 obviously, very important to all the folks, you know,
 15 on the board and particularly to those that are
 16 impacted by it. So I have talked to the
 17 representatives, the Thompsons for the National
 18 Council of State Boards of Nursing, and we're going to
 19 continue to stay in contact and kind of see where we
 20 go.
 21 I will also tell the board that Senator
 22 Hob Bryan is going to be holding some hearings. He
 23 had one recently, but he has got some others, I think,
 24 he wants to hold on various topics. I will keep
 25 Phyllis and the board updated on those hearings as

1 they are scheduled. There may be some things that the
2 Board or members of the Board may want to possibly
3 attend, and I will keep the board updated on that.

4 Obviously, we'll have another meeting in
5 December, a board meeting, and in the interim, I will
6 be talking with our executive director, our staff, and
7 you, the board members, about potential other issues
8 for the 2021 session. That concludes my report,
9 Mr. President.

10 MR. SHAW: Thank you, Mr. Bobinger. Does
11 anybody have any questions from a legislative
12 standpoint for Trey?

13 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

14 MR. SHAW: If not, we'll move right along
15 to the Executive Director Report.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Good morning. Good morning
17 to the board members that I have not seen this week or
18 I have not spoken to today. Again, welcome, and I
19 would like to take this opportunity to begin with
20 recognizing that October is Breast Cancer Awareness
21 Month. It is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month.
22 So, to those individuals who are still in the struggle
23 and who have survived the struggle, we salute you and
24 continue to give you encouragement for continued hope
25 and to keep fighting. Congratulations to those who

1 have survived breast cancer. It is indeed something
2 to be noteworthy of when you have survived breast
3 cancer. So, we congratulate you on that achievement
4 and continued strength to those who are still
5 fighting. So, with that being said, let me first
6 thank my staff. Again, they have done a tremendous
7 job. They continue to conduct business here at the
8 Board of Nursing. So, without such a diligent and
9 supportive and committed staff, I would not be able to
10 do what I do. So, thank you to all of the staff
11 members.

12 We will proceed with the updates on the
13 PowerPoint. I did want to bring to your attention a
14 couple of congratulatory remarks here. Dr. Mary
15 Stewart was selected to the American Academy of
16 Nursing Fellows. Dr. Stewart is one of our board
17 members. We salute you, Dr. Stewart, for that
18 momentous achievement. In addition, we have another
19 board member, Ms. Sandra Culpepper, who is one of my
20 LPNs on the board who was selected to serve on the
21 National Council State Boards of Nursing FY2021 NCLEX
22 Item Review Subcommittee. So we're proud of you,
23 also, Sandra, for your commitment and your selection
24 to serve at the national level. So, if you-all will
25 give a virtual round of applause for those

1 individuals, I would definitely appreciate it. I'm so
2 proud of them.

3 (APPLAUSE)

4 MS. JOHNSON: As you can see, I was
5 appointed to the NCSBN Board of Directors. That was a
6 surprise but definitely one that I have enjoyed. I
7 did my first meeting about two weeks ago. I will be
8 fulfilling the terms of one of the other members in
9 Area III. I was selected to serve as the Area III
10 director. So, it is because of the leadership and
11 support that I have from the Board of Directors that I
12 am able to do that, and I give recognition of your
13 leadership and the staff, as well. So, thank you-all
14 for that.

15 Moving on to Board Visibility, as you
16 see, we have been busy. This slide is a little bit
17 different from our last slide. Due to COVID-19, there
18 was not a lot going on. We have been extremely busy.
19 Back to board visibility, many of these things that
20 you see on this slide the staff have been involved
21 with. We have Dr. Tina Highfill who has been
22 attending conferences. We have Talisha Greenlaw who
23 is our licensure officer. We have Sandra Culpepper
24 with ONW who has been presenting conferences. We have
25 Shan Montgomery who has been instrumental in a lot of

1 conferences going on and, of course, myself dealing
2 with conferences. So we've had staff members that
3 have been busy carrying out the business of the Board.

4 I do want to -- and I think Dr. Hoover is
5 on the call. I see her on the screen right here. I
6 might be putting her on the spot, but I did want to
7 bring up that from a national perspective, nursing
8 students are having problems obtaining a clinical, and
9 Dr. Hoover reached out, the Hospital Association to
10 the Board of Nursing, as well as IHL, and Dr. Janette
11 McCrory is involved in that. She has developed a task
12 force to look at some things that could be done, and
13 the board members, I will be sending you a copy of
14 some deadlines that they are presenting to us just for
15 informational purposes only so that you are aware of
16 what they're trying to do. Dr. Priscilla Burks has
17 been instrumental and will be working in longterm care
18 and drafting some guidelines possibly for LPNs. I'm
19 not sure if Dr. Hoover can even speak.

20 DR. HOOVER: I am. Good morning.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, are you there?

22 DR. HOOVER: I am. I am here, yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Mr. Chairman, if you
24 will allow me to allow Dr. Hoover to speak on this
25 issue, because this is something at the national

1 level, as well, and I have enjoyed working with
2 Dr. Hoover on this, and I'm just pleased that she
3 reached out to us. So, if you will, Mr. Chairman,
4 allow Dr. Hoover a few minutes.

5 **MR. SHAW:** Absolutely, Dr. Hoover.

6 **DR. HOOVER:** Thank you. Good morning,
7 and thank you, Phyllis, first of all, for working with
8 us. So, as we got into past our spring, the COVID
9 surge, and into the summer when there was not relief,
10 hospitals really began to suffer from pretty severe
11 staffing shortages around nurses and respiratory
12 therapists. So it's a surprise that we had had from
13 schools of nursing. We had heard that our students
14 were not being allowed into the clinical sites.
15 Externships were cut in some areas. The hospital
16 simply didn't have the bandwidth willing to deal with
17 a lot of that.

18 So, we heard from the hospitals that they
19 wanted the students in, but they needed them to be
20 there in a different capacity. They needed some help.
21 And so with the support of the task force that we
22 formed that included Ms. Johnson and Janette McCrory
23 from the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning,
24 we developed a student nurse extender law that allows
25 or will allow student nurses to be hired, but they can

1 also receive clinical credit. So, many of the
2 students now are completing their didactic work
3 through either completely online or blended models.
4 So that means they have more flexibility in their
5 schedule. They can work nights and get up and
6 complete some of their learning at any time that they
7 might want to do that.

8 So, what we're doing, this is not
9 something -- it's total voluntary. We are trying to
10 do this on a temporary basis right now so that there
11 can be some relief for staffing vacations and staff
12 who are working in areas other than COVID areas that
13 are not getting a vacation either, and many times
14 there is not anyone to take those shifts. So, what we
15 want to do is put this out for the areas that do want
16 to use it, for example, in the Delta where those
17 schools of nursing in that area and the hospitals can
18 get together and decide how many students they can
19 hire. And then the schools of nursing can decide how
20 they will make that hire and which students are
21 allowed to do that.

22 From there, they will begin to really,
23 from these relatively broad guidelines, decide which
24 ones that will work in their area. So that's just a
25 brief overview, and, Ms. Johnson, I appreciate the

1 opportunity to just speak a little bit about that and
2 the Board of Nursing's support in this and the
3 temporary license, as well. So, thank you.

4 **MS. JOHNSON:** Thank you. Does anyone
5 have any questions for Dr. Hoover before we move on?

6 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

7 **MS. JOHNSON:** So, thank you -- oh, I'm
8 sorry.

9 **MR. SHAW:** I was just going to say, there
10 are no questions in the room. Are there any on the
11 phone?

12 **MS. COLLINS:** No.

13 **MR. SHAW:** All right. Thank you.

14 **MS. JOHNSON:** Okay. Thank you,
15 Dr. Hoover. Again, this is a national interest, topic
16 of interest, as well. So we will keep the board aware
17 as to how this progresses. On the Upcoming Board
18 Visibility, you will see that we have the MNA
19 Conference coming up next week, as well as the
20 National Council IT Conference that will be coming
21 up September 24th, 2020. I think that's -- I know --
22 I actually think that Shan Montgomery will be
23 presenting at the IT Conference that's coming up. So,
24 I think that date may be wrong on there. But the MNA
25 Conference next week, Brett and myself will be

1 speaking at that conference, along with Dr. Highfill.
2 So we look forward to always participating with MNA in
3 the RN and APRN Conference that they have. With that,
4 I did want to take this opportunity, also, to wish
5 Ashley, our court reporter, has a birthday. So, I had
6 to put that in. Happy birthday to Ashley.

7 (APPLAUSE)

8 **MS. JOHNSON:** With that, Mr. Chairman, I
9 think that's all I have to report at this point. We
10 can move on to the Budget Committee.

11 **MR. SHAW:** All right. Budget Report.
12 Shan, are you there?

13 **MS. MONTGOMERY:** Hi, everyone. This is
14 Shan. I hope everyone is doing well today. The
15 budget analysis as of August 31st, 2020, the fiscal
16 year ended June 30th. The agency had until August
17 31st to finalize the Fiscal Year 20 Budget. During
18 the last quarter, we were under the COVID pandemic
19 restrictions which curtailed travel. That allowed the
20 Board to go through the revisions of any contractual
21 obligations. We are able to expend \$4,286,287 for
22 Fiscal Year 20. That was 85 percent of the budget
23 expended by the end of June. Although revenue was
24 down in Fiscal Year 20, the Board ended the year with
25 a \$4,029,722.53 cash balance.

1 Fiscal Year 21, the spending authority
2 for Fiscal Year 21 began July 1st with \$5,041,671.
3 Expenditures for the first two months of the year were
4 lower than the same time the prior year due to the
5 continuation of the COVID restrictions. All expense
6 categories, except for one, are lower than this time
7 last year. For example, the travel expenses are 75
8 percent below the Fiscal Year 21 expenses at this
9 point. The expenses that are higher is the salary
10 category, and that's primarily due to the low vacancy
11 rate that we have at the Board right now.

12 Revenue at this point is higher than
13 normal, and that's due to the licensure extension
14 granted last year during the Fiscal Year 20 COVID.
15 And including the background checks, we have restarted
16 doing background checks. That was a significant part
17 of the increased revenue for Fiscal Year 21 beginning.

18 Fiscal Year 22, we have submitted the
19 Fiscal Year 22 Budget Request to the LBO Office by the
20 deadline, which was August 17th. We did not change
21 much from Fiscal Year 20 Budget. We did ask for a
22 court reporter. We asked for a car replacement, and
23 to offset those additional spendings, we did slightly
24 reduce some of the other categories. The overall
25 budget request for Fiscal Year 22 is \$5,116,749, and

1 that represents only a 1.4 percent increase. I'm open
2 for any questions on the budget.

3 **MR. SHAW:** Any questions for Shan on the
4 budget?

5 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

6 **MR. SHAW:** There doesn't appear to be any
7 questions. So, at this time I will entertain a motion
8 to accept the budget report.

9 **DR. STEWART:** I so move --

10 **MS. COLLINS:** I move that we accept the
11 budget report.

12 **MR. SHAW:** Ms. Jan Collins made a motion,
13 seconded by Dr. Stewart. All in favor of approving
14 the budget?

15 (ALL IN FAVOR)

16 **MR. SHAW:** Any opposed?

17 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

18 **MR. SHAW:** Motion carries. Committee
19 Reports. Executive Committee, we have two
20 administrative denials and one issue to raise. As far
21 as the administrative denials, I move License No.
22 R-886475 and License No. R-898549 be denied at this
23 time. Do I have a second?

24 **MS. CULPEPPER:** I second.

25 **MR. SHAW:** Second from Ms. Sandra

1 Culpepper. All in favor?

2 (ALL IN FAVOR)

3 **MR. SHAW:** Any opposed?

4 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

5 **MR. SHAW:** Motion carries. One other
6 issue we had that came up is the Executive Committee
7 recommended to come out against Initiative 65. With
8 that said, we are bringing this before you today to
9 have that discussion to see if this is to be a
10 board-approved thing. Now, if we go forward with this
11 and approve opposing Initiative 65, then there will be
12 some language drafted up, and we'll probably come back
13 for a quick meeting next week to approve that language
14 as we see fit. So I will open the floor for any
15 discussion on that.

16 **MS. COLLINS:** The Business League hosted
17 a webinar with both sides addressing 65 and 65A, and
18 I've heard numerous talks on this topic, and the more
19 I hear, the more I am against it. So that's just my
20 opinion. This is Jan.

21 **MR. SHAW:** Thank you, Ms. Collins.

22 **DR. STEWART:** Can the Executive Committee
23 summarize the points that would lead us to be in
24 opposition as a nursing regulatory body?

25 **MR. SHAW:** It comes down to a few things.

1 One would be the oversight of it.

2 **DR. STEWART:** By the Health Department?

3 **MR. SHAW:** And putting something into the
4 Constitution, we all run into situations or we know of
5 situations where laws have been created, and once
6 they're implemented, there are some unintended
7 consequences, and that's when we go back and correct
8 those. With this in the Constitution, simply going
9 back and correcting it is very difficult. So you
10 always look out for that.

11 The other part is dealing with the
12 studies. How much of a study is there to show the
13 efficacy of it versus any type of harm? There are
14 medical marijuana type medications that have existed
15 for years that are safe to use. This is not what this
16 is talking about. And, also, to throw it out there
17 that people may be confused on, this is not something
18 you're going to go in, get a prescription for, and go
19 to your local pharmacy to get it filled. There will
20 be a schedule displayed around the state as a separate
21 stand-alone. Right now those dispensaries can be
22 manned by whomever. So it just raises a lot of
23 concerns.

24 I guess to clarify the whole issue, we're
25 not trying to -- we know there's a lot of different

1 sides and opinions on the use of medical marijuana.
2 This is simply saying that it's not the right move or
3 venue. If there's no other questions, make sure
4 there's no one else on the phone, a board member that
5 would like to speak.

6 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

7 MR. SHAW: If not, we ask for a motion
8 that we approve the opposition to Initiative 65 with
9 language to be drafted and then will get back to you.

10 MR. ADAMS: I make a motion.

11 MR. SHAW: Motion by T.J. Adams. Second?

12 MS. JACKSON: I second.

13 MS. COLLINS: I second.

14 MR. SHAW: Shirley beat you to it. It
15 has been moved and seconded. All in favor?

16 (ALL IN FAVOR)

17 MR. SHAW: On the phone?

18 MS. COLLINS: Aye.

19 MR. SHAW: I think the other two may be
20 having technical difficulty. Any opposed?

21 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

22 MR. SHAW: Motion carries. If no other
23 board business, we will skip over to the Compliance
24 Committee Business.

25 MR. ADAMS: We're bringing two motions

1 today from the Compliance Committee, but I also wanted
2 to briefly mention our annual report from Fiscal Year
3 2020 dated July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020. Just
4 at a high-level review, activity reviewed and directed
5 activity, the Board staff regarding noncompliance,
6 removal of stipulations received and responded to
7 Board staff requests, removal of stipulations, 29; RNP
8 completions, 11; Letters of Concern, 46; files
9 referred for Case Review, 39; agreed settlement
10 proposals, 66; board orders received, 19; and files
11 referred for board acceptance of affidavits, 228.

12 Then, coming from the Compliance
13 Committee, two motions today. I move that the board
14 adopt the Compliance Committee's recommendation that
15 the following affidavits/formal reprimands be accepted
16 for ratification, License No. R-865497. And I move
17 that the board adopt the Compliance Committee's
18 recommendation to approve Dr. Benjamin Hudson, MD, to
19 be placed on the Board-approved Assessor List.

20 MR. SHAW: I have a motion from T.J. Do
21 I have a second on the motion?

22 MR. WARD: Second.

23 MR. SHAW: Second from Mr. Blake Ward.
24 All in favor?

25 (ALL IN FAVOR)

1 MR. SHAW: Any opposed?

2 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

3 MR. SHAW: Motion carries. Advanced
4 Practice. Dr. Stanford, can you speak?

5 DR. STEWART: She said there's nothing to
6 bring forward on APRNs. Wait, I'm sorry. Nothing to
7 bring forward on APRNs, other than we are working with
8 the Practice Committee to develop a decision tree.

9 MR. SHAW: Thank you for that update.
10 Moving on from that, we go to Advanced Practice
11 Committee.

12 DR. STEWART: And Dr. Stanford stole my
13 thunder. The ad hoc committee, I'm going to be
14 working with Dr. Stanford, as well as other
15 volunteers, to bring a decision tree forward.

16 MR. SHAW: Other Committee Business,
17 Administrative Code is just an update on two things.
18 Part 2815 and Part 2840 are dealing with continuing
19 education. They have made it through the public
20 comment period. They are ready to be filed as a final
21 rule to go before the OLRC. Part 2825 is the Fresh
22 Start Act which has also made it through the public
23 comment period and is ready to be filed as a final
24 rule. Westley has asked to just get an official board
25 motion for action to go ahead and file those two as a

1 final rule for the OLRC. So we ask for a motion that
2 we officially file Part 2815, 2840, and Part 2825 as a
3 final rule.

4 MR. WARD: So moved.

5 MR. SHAW: Motion from Mr. Ward.

6 MS. MOORE: Second.

7 MR. SHAW: Second from Ms. Moore. All in
8 favor?

9 (ALL IN FAVOR)

10 MR. SHAW: Any opposed?

11 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

12 MR. SHAW: LPN Education, Ms. Taylor.

13 MS. TAYLOR: There is no business today
14 from the LPN Committee. We came up with some goals
15 for the Fiscal Year 2021, and some of those goals
16 include developing and building strong relationships
17 and partnerships with the LPNs in practice to assist
18 in meeting their educational needs via information on
19 webinars and conferences, collaborating with the
20 Mississippi LPN Association to increase participation
21 of LPNs professional organization, collaborating with
22 schools to identify resources needed to support the
23 admission of LPNs to the workforce, for example, Next
24 Gen test taking tips, professionalism, time
25 management, scope of practice, developing and building

1 strong relationships and partnerships with nursing,
2 and collaborating with practicing LPNs to identify
3 resources related to best practices, which includes
4 medication administration, wound care, and
5 professionalism.

6 MR. SHAW: Sounds perfect. Thank you for
7 your work there. Finance Committee. Dr. King, can
8 you speak is the question.

9 DR. KING: I can speak. I don't have
10 anything to bring forward. Shan has given a good
11 update.

12 MR. SHAW: All right. Thank you.
13 Methods of Operations, Mr. Ward?

14 MR. WARD: Mr. President, there is
15 nothing to report at this time.

16 MR. SHAW: Nursing Practice and
17 Standards, Ms. Moore?

18 MS. MOORE: Nothing to report at this
19 time.

20 MR. SHAW: And ONW, Ms. Culpepper?

21 MS. CULPEPPER: At this time coming out
22 of ONW, of course, we asked for a motion to release
23 the funds for the scholarships. We are currently
24 still collecting data which we are advised should be
25 completed within the next week or so. So we'll have

1 that data analysis in, as well as, in November, we
2 will have a quarterly meeting. Of course, we will
3 start going through what is upcoming for the next
4 year.

5 MR. SHAW: Thank you for that. All
6 right. As we come down to the end here, I would like
7 to ask for a motion for closed session to determine if
8 executive session is necessary.

9 MR. WARD: So moved.

10 MR. SHAW: Motion from Mr. Ward. Second?

11 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: Second.

12 MR. SHAW: Nancy Norris-Johnson. All in
13 favor?

14 (ALL IN FAVOR)

15 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

16 (OFF THE RECORD)

17 (MEETING CLOSED)

18 (EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD)

19 MS. MONTGOMERY: So, they voted to give
20 Phyllis a 5 percent increase and with a pending
21 proposal of presenting a legislative amendment to the
22 Fiscal Year 22 Budget for a \$50,000 salary increase.

23 (MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 12:31 P.M.)

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