

THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING
BUSINESS MEETING

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JUNE 19, 2020

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

- EDWARD WIGGINS, 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, June 19, 2020, commencing at approximately 11:12 a.m.

DR. KING: Good morning, everyone. We will go ahead and call to order the Business Meeting for June 19th, 2020. It is 11:12, and I'm going to ask, Ms. Shirley, would you mind opening us up with prayer, please?

MS. JACKSON: If we could bow our heads, please.

(PRAYER)

DR. KING: Amen. Thank you, Ms. Shirley. All right. So we are doing something a little bit different with our Board Business Meeting today. We have social distancing in place where we have all board members present, and we have a hybrid of virtual, and we do have the public that has been able to join virtually either by phone conference or video. At this point we do have a quorum. I will ask for -- you have the agenda in front of you. I will ask for a

this point I will open it up to virtually. Is there anybody on the virtual connection that would like to give a report out to the Board? You can do so by raising your hand on the Zoom connection or unmute yourself, either one.

MS. JOHNSON: Madam Chair?

DR. KING: Yes, ma'am.

MS. JOHNSON: This is Phyllis. I do know that MNA is on the Zoom. Teresa Malone is the executive director. She was having somewhat of a bad connection, but she did want me to convey and express MNA's thanks to the Board for the ONW funds for the psych-mental health nurse practitioner review and the COVID continuing education series. So I wanted to pass that information on just in case she wasn't able to unmute and speak.

DR. KING: Thank you for that, Ms. Johnson. Teresa, are you able to join in? Do you have anything else to add?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: All right. We will take that as a "no." Is there anybody else that is on virtually that would like to -- that has any comments for the Board?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

motion for approval of the agenda.

DR. OWENS: I make a motion.

DR. KING: Moved by Dr. Michelle Owens. Is there a second?

MS. JACKSON: Second.

DR. KING: Second by Shirley Jackson. Is there any discussion or amendments?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: All in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

DR. KING: Opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Abstainers?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Motion passes. At this point it will bring us to an open forum, and so I will ask at this point if there is anybody in the room that needs to give a report, and it appears we only have staff and board members in the room. So, at this point I will ask that while we are asking for an open forum and everybody will be virtually or by phone, that everyone on the Zoom meeting or that has dialed in, to please put yourself on mute, and be aware of other people trying to talk without interruption, and let people finish their statements, please. So, at

DR. KING: All right. So that will bring us to the Office of Nursing Workforce, Gregg.

MR. TAYLOR: Good morning. The ONW Action Plan to respond to COVID-19 was to contact all entities that have been approved for ONW-funded projects initially. Of those projects that were still pending and had not been completed, we asked them to conform to a virtual platform and make it relevant to the COVID-19 response. Here is a partial list of what we have done since mid March: Global Training Institute converting many sites and academies targeting high school students and all school districts to a web-based basic ventilation management training for 250 nurses in the state. First priority was given to the smaller rural hospitals in the state before registration was opened up to everyone. This was in collaboration with the Mississippi Hospital Association, and we thank them for participating.

MNA modified two of their ONW-supported projects. One became the COVID-19 webinar series featuring in-state health experts on the panel. That's ongoing. The second one is the PMHNP Review, providing education on certification of the psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners in the state. Of course, we know there's a shortage there.

1 These are also currently underway or about to be. The
2 American Heart Association converted the Hypertension
3 Summit originally scheduled to be held in Jackson to a
4 series of four webinars. Two of the webinars are
5 complete, with the last two scheduled for July 1 and
6 July 15. We've had over 150 registrants so far for
7 the first two and anticipate a slightly better
8 response for the last two.

9 We're in the process of awaiting return
10 of the contracts for the Mississippi Academy for
11 Simulation Training at UMC. They're going to provide
12 three or four virtual simulation training sessions
13 targeting LPN faculty and directors in the coming few
14 weeks with completion originally by June 30, but some
15 time in mid July. So that's progressing well.

16 In addition, ONW is working on an
17 application for the USDA Distance Learning
18 Telemedicine Grant with the application deadline of
19 July 13th. Christie Levy, Project Manager for ONW, is
20 working with Dr. Cindy Joffrion for the funding
21 advisory group on this project. If we receive this
22 grant, it will allow the Board to provide two schools
23 of nursing located in rural areas an opportunity to
24 apply distance learning technology so that local
25 nursing education educators can link with other

1 nursing educators located at distances too far to
2 access otherwise. We're excited about this. It is a
3 work in process. And the application is currently
4 seeking letters of support from those rural schools of
5 nursing around the state. Any questions about that?

6 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

7 MR. TAYLOR: Scholarship applications for
8 FY 20-21 were sent out in April. Most have been
9 received and some returned. At this moment I'm not
10 sure what the level of support would be for FY '21,
11 and hopefully we will know more about that in the
12 coming few weeks. MnVP, COVID-19 had an impact on the
13 number of inquiries and referrals to the program,
14 quite naturally. While we still received some
15 referrals, there were challenges in obtaining timely
16 initial assessments which impeded our ability to
17 schedule intakes. However, we are pushing on, and we
18 were able to intake three new participants during our
19 lockdown. We have two scheduled for this Tuesday,
20 another one for Monday, the 29th, and three more
21 pending. So I'm looking for a positive uptick in the
22 conversions of those intakes. We also will be working
23 on some virtual educational webinars that we'll use
24 for marketing purposes that we were going to be doing
25 on site with the lunch and learns. That's a change.

1 So that's my report. Any questions?

2 DR. KING: Yes, Dr. Stewart.

3 DR. STEWART: Gregg, can you hear me?

4 MR. TAYLOR: I cannot. Well, I can, but
5 barely.

6 (LAUGHTER)

7 DR. STEWART: Can you hear me now, Gregg?

8 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.

9 DR. STEWART: Okay. Hey, this is Mary
10 Stewart. Thank you for your report. I know that you
11 are super busy, and the last thing you want to do is
12 have somebody ask, what about this, but I have a
13 question about the progress from the Office of Nursing
14 Workforce in terms of the workforce data. I have had
15 several people from different academic institutions
16 across the state, in trying to deal with the numbers
17 of students that we can manage, which students and
18 which programs we see strengthening and targeting, and
19 in many respects it is a guess, because we don't have
20 yet clear data on where our workforce needs are. And
21 I know that's something that you have been working on,
22 and I think that there is perhaps a contact group that
23 has been working on that. But if you could give us an
24 update and when we might expect a report to review, I
25 would appreciate it.

1 MR. TAYLOR: Absolutely, and I appreciate
2 your question. I omitted it from the report today
3 because I anticipated having more information. It is
4 ongoing. We have a deadline of July 1 to publish the
5 joint report with the Hospital Association and
6 Institutions of Higher Learning. It will be in the
7 July report detailing supply and demand and
8 educational data. We're meeting weekly with our
9 consultant to compile that. He now has access to the
10 data from all of the entities, and so we will be
11 combining this and drafting the report over the next
12 week and a half or two.

13 So, we anticipate having a draft the last
14 week of June, and it should be ready for publication
15 by July 1 or shortly thereafter. So we're really on
16 task with it. We did have a little hiccup with the
17 lockdown, but beyond that, I feel like this will
18 address some of your questions, and we are very
19 hopeful in years to come that it will take on much
20 more meaning than perhaps this first pass will. So I
21 hope that answers your question somewhat.

22 DR. STEWART: Yes. Thank you.

23 MR. TAYLOR: Yes, ma'am.

24 DR. KING: Thank you, Dr. Stewart. So,
25 Gregg, can we anticipate a full report of those data

1 metrics to come out in the July meeting?
 2 MR. TAYLOR: I certainly would hope so,
 3 yes, ma'am.
 4 DR. KING: Thank you for that. Any other
 5 questions or comments about the ONW report?
 6 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 7 DR. KING: Thank you very much.
 8 MR. TAYLOR: May I just thank the -- I
 9 would like to say thank you to the executive
 10 leadership of the Board of Nursing, the Board itself,
 11 Ms. Sandra Culpepper, and, of course, all of my
 12 co-workers with whom I work daily. Thank you.
 13 DR. KING: Very good. Thank you. All
 14 right. That will move us to the next order of
 15 business, which is, we need a motion to approve the
 16 Business Zoom Meeting Minutes that took place April
 17 29th of 2020. Do I have a motion to accept or approve
 18 those?
 19 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: I make a motion.
 20 DR. KING: Motion made by Ms. Nancy
 21 Johnson. Is there a second?
 22 DR. STANFORD: I second.
 23 DR. KING: Seconded by Dr. Stanford. Any
 24 discussion about that?
 25 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

1 DR. KING: All right. All in favor?
 2 (ALL IN FAVOR)
 3 DR. KING: Any opposed?
 4 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 5 DR. KING: Abstainers?
 6 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 7 DR. KING: Motion passes. Next, I think
 8 I need to back and amend -- ask for a motion to amend
 9 the agenda to include the Special Call Meeting that
 10 was held on June 11th regarding the public statement
 11 from the Board of Directors and Board staff that
 12 occurred on 06/11. So I move to amend the agenda to
 13 include approval of those minutes.
 14 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: I make a motion.
 15 DR. KING: That motion was made by
 16 Ms. Nancy Johnson. Is there a second?
 17 DR. OWENS: Second.
 18 DR. KING: Seconded by Dr. Michelle
 19 Owens. Is there any discussion about that?
 20 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 21 DR. KING: All in favor?
 22 (ALL IN FAVOR)
 23 DR. KING: Opposed?
 24 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 25 DR. KING: Abstainers?

1 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 2 DR. KING: Motion passes. So, at this
 3 point I would like to -- I need a motion to approve
 4 those Special Call Meeting Minutes that occurred on
 5 06/11/2020 regarding a public statement to be placed
 6 on social media.
 7 DR. STANFORD: I make a motion.
 8 DR. KING: I have a motion made by
 9 Dr. Stanford. Is there a second?
 10 DR. OWENS: Second.
 11 DR. KING: Second by Dr. Owens. Any
 12 discussion?
 13 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 14 DR. KING: At this point, Ms. Johnson,
 15 can I ask you to read the results of that statement,
 16 please, for the record, of what that meeting incurred?
 17 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. (Quoted as read):
 18 "The Mississippi Board of Nursing Statement on
 19 Diversity and Equality in America: Our nation has
 20 witnessed violent deaths in recent weeks that have
 21 especially impacted our communities of color. The
 22 Mississippi Board of Nursing shares in the pain and
 23 trauma experienced by our nation and joins with
 24 millions of our fellow citizens who are making their
 25 voices heard for justice and equality.

1 "The Mississippi Board of Nursing is
 2 dedicated to licensing a diverse and competent
 3 workforce to ensure that all individuals have access
 4 to quality health care. The nursing profession
 5 embodies a code of conduct that has given nursing the
 6 reputation of being the most trusted profession.
 7 Nurses manifest that code of conduct when rendering
 8 care to all individuals regardless of skin color. The
 9 Mississippi Board of Nursing's charge - to promote and
 10 maintain the health of the citizens we serve - can
 11 only be fulfilled when we denounce any form of racism,
 12 bias, or prejudice within our prestigious ranks or
 13 elsewhere. We reject racism and all violence against
 14 our fellow man. As nurses and public servants, we
 15 persist in our commitment to caring for all persons.
 16 The Mississippi Board of Nursing stands in solidarity
 17 to support true equality, human dignity, health
 18 equity, and justice for all."
 19 DR. KING: Thank you, Ms. Johnson. Is
 20 there any discussion -- or a motion was made by
 21 Ms. Nancy Johnson to approve and accept those minutes
 22 and seconded by Dr. Stanford, and it was read. Any
 23 discussion about that?
 24 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 25 DR. KING: All right. All in favor?

1 (ALL IN FAVOR)
 2 DR. KING: Any opposed?
 3 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 4 DR. KING: Any abstainers?
 5 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 6 DR. KING: Motion passes. Now we will
 7 move to a motion needed to approve hearing panel
 8 minutes from June and July of 2019.
 9 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: I make a motion.
 10 DR. KING: Motion made by Ms. Nancy
 11 Johnson. Is there a second?
 12 MS. TAYLOR: Second.
 13 DR. KING: Second by Ms. Brandi Taylor.
 14 Any discussion?
 15 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 16 DR. KING: All in favor?
 17 (ALL IN FAVOR)
 18 DR. KING: Any opposed?
 19 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 20 DR. KING: Abstainers?
 21 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 22 DR. KING: Motion passes. At this point
 23 we need a motion to waive the reading of the names.
 24 MR. ADAMS: Motion.
 25 DR. KING: Motion made by Mr. T.J. Adams.

1 Is there a second?
 2 MR. SHAW: Second.
 3 DR. KING: Second by Mr. Alton Shaw. Any
 4 discussion?
 5 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 6 DR. KING: All in favor?
 7 (ALL IN FAVOR)
 8 DR. KING: Any opposed?
 9 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 10 DR. KING: Any abstainers?
 11 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 12 DR. KING: Motion passes. Next business
 13 is future meetings. We have agreed settlement
 14 proposals scheduled for July 21st, 2020, and
 15 disciplinary hearings July 22nd and 23rd, 2020,
 16 beginning at 08:30 a.m. Business Meeting is scheduled
 17 for July 24th, 2020, at 11:05, and the disciplinary
 18 panel for that week will consist of Ms. Sandra
 19 Culpepper, Ms. Brandi Taylor, Dr. Melissa King, and
 20 Mr. T.J. Adams. That brings us to legislation update,
 21 Trey.
 22 MR. BOBINGER: Yes. Thank you. Can
 23 everyone hear me?
 24 DR. KING: We can, and I'm glad to hear
 25 your voice. It has been too long.

1 MR. BOBINGER: You, too. Thank you,
 2 Madam President, and same to you and all the board
 3 members. I'm glad everybody is staying safe, and
 4 certainly being a non-medical professional, I
 5 appreciate each and every board member and staff, what
 6 you're doing kind of in addition to your normal
 7 duties, protecting the public and treating those that
 8 are sick from COVID.
 9 I would just like to start out by saying
 10 very quickly, as you might imagine, much like what you
 11 have experienced in your clinics and hospitals, the
 12 legislative session, this has been the strangest one
 13 that I've been a part of, and I've been a part of a
 14 number of them. We are near the end of the session.
 15 The plan is for the -- we anticipate the legislature
 16 signing or recessing until October probably next
 17 Wednesday or maybe Thursday. I'll get into this in a
 18 moment. Of course, we have still got to get our
 19 appropriations bill finalized, as well as the other
 20 state agencies that have appropriation bills.
 21 I will make a quick mention -- you may
 22 have seen this in the media -- Lieutenant Governor
 23 Hosemann is seeking \$150 million for long distance
 24 learning, including the expansion of broadband to our
 25 rural areas where a lot of people don't have adequate

1 access to the Internet. And that's a real problem,
 2 whether it's our school children, but it also hits us
 3 directly in the availability of telemedicine, Madam
 4 President, which you have a keen interest in, as well
 5 as other board members. And this could be, I guess,
 6 an accelerant, if you will, for availability and usage
 7 in the future if indeed this money is appropriated to
 8 fund this purpose.
 9 There have been some questions about
 10 whether or not this compliance is within the intent of
 11 the Federal CARES Act, which is what provided
 12 Mississippi the \$1.25 billion for COVID-related
 13 expenses. But I did want to mention that, and it is
 14 something that really could help our rural areas and
 15 thus potentially telemedicine availability.
 16 I would like to also mention real
 17 briefly, House Bill 984 is headed to the governor.
 18 That was a Board of Nursing sponsored bill that you,
 19 the Board, and Phyllis and our staff, you know,
 20 Gloria, Brett, Shan, a lot of us worked on it. But
 21 basically, for your special call meetings, as you
 22 know, you have to have a 10-day notice provided in the
 23 current statute, which is antiquated and problematic.
 24 Madam President, as you know, when you have pressing
 25 issues, sometimes it's difficult if it's an emergency

1 or something that needs to be addressed, to wait for a
2 10-day notice.

3 What we did is asked the legislature to
4 eliminate that 10-day requirement from the current
5 state law, and I'm pleased to report that they did
6 that. We had a bill introduced in the House of Public
7 Health. It passed the House, went to the Senate,
8 passed out of the Senate of Public Health, and it is
9 now headed to the governor. So, that is something, I
10 think, just from a procedural administrative
11 standpoint that will be helpful for future special
12 call meetings.

13 Secondly, we had House Bill 983, which
14 was also a BON bill that we worked on. I want to
15 thank Brett for doing a lot of work, because it
16 specifically deals with the hearings that we have,
17 disciplinary, revocation, those type proceedings that
18 you guys have been dealing with this week. We have a
19 Bill 983 that passed the House overwhelmingly which
20 first passed out of the House Public Health Committee,
21 went to the Senate, and was not taken up at the Senate
22 Public Health Committee. But I met with the
23 Lieutenant Governor's Office, and basically it came
24 down to the fact that with the COVID break of almost
25 two months, there were a number of bills, unless they

1 were absolutely essential, that they made a decision
2 not to take up. But I was told in six months, when we
3 come back in January, this bill will have priority.
4 And, quite frankly, we also wanted to make some tweaks
5 to it.

6 This will allow us to recoup expenses for
7 conducting these revocation hearings or disciplinary
8 hearings, and we want to be able to recoup basically
9 expenses for those things and also have that money
10 added back to our special fund when collected. It
11 also gave us a mechanism to collect the money if it
12 wasn't paid. So I feel really good meeting with the
13 Lieutenant Governor's Office that, in January, this
14 bill will be taken up, and I feel really good about
15 our prospects of passing that bill when we go back
16 into session.

17 I wanted to mention House Bill 94 very
18 quickly. Ms. Johnson, our director, executive
19 director, has spoken to me about this bill. This bill
20 establishes the Mississippi Center for Rural Health
21 Innovation that is set up within the Mississippi
22 Department of Health, and it's really, the purpose of
23 the center is to provide services and resources to
24 rural hospitals, critical access hospitals, rural
25 health clinics, and other similar facilities. You

1 know, and they're supposed to provide expert analysis,
2 guidance, training opportunities, and telehealth
3 investment.

4 To qualify the rural hospitals under this
5 act, this House Bill 94, it is going through the
6 process, and it is going to be sent to the governor
7 for his signature. But, other than the bill, rural
8 hospital would mean a licensed Mississippi hospital
9 that has 50 or fewer licensed general acute
10 non-specialty beds or is located within the boundaries
11 within a municipality that hasn't even a population of
12 less than 7,400 people. This is a bill that, like I
13 said, is just an effort to help and give more support
14 to our rural hospitals in Mississippi.

15 Senate Bill 2117, Phyllis and I have also
16 discussed this bill. This is known as the Military
17 Family Freedom Act. It gives a lot of sensitivity to
18 our military personnel, and we certainly understand
19 and appreciate that. This bill basically provides a
20 streamlining of military personnel or spouses to
21 expedite occupational licensing, obtaining
22 occupational licenses, which covers many disciplines.
23 Of course, it covers nursing as well.

24 It does not interfere with our Interstate
25 Compact. There's language in there that it does not

1 hurt that or in any way interfere with it, but there
2 is a good bit of language, detailed language about
3 streamlining someone, particularly from another state
4 that is coming to Mississippi that has, you know, a
5 license from another state or work experience, that
6 the Board would consider, could consider to meet our
7 requirements, to grant them a license. Like I said,
8 it's an effort to just try to help some of the
9 military folks.

10 In speaking with Phyllis, she believes --
11 and I concur -- that I don't know that it really
12 changes a lot, because you guys have already kind of
13 been ahead of the curve on some of this in expediting
14 and helping folks obtaining a license. I know the
15 Board of Nursing should be commended for being one of
16 the literally first agencies, if not the first, to
17 step out as far as occupational licensing and working
18 to make it easier to allow health-care workers to come
19 into the state.

20 Another bill I'm going to quickly mention
21 is House Bill 1104. This is a bill that a number of
22 state agencies had some questions about, but the
23 leadership at the Capitol, I think, there was a lot of
24 support for it. House Bill 1104 allows the review of
25 existing occupational regulations by the Occupational

1 Licensing Review Commission. You know, that
2 Occupational Licensing Review Commission is made up of
3 the governor, the secretary of state, and the attorney
4 general, and it's already in the law, as you guys
5 know, that any prospective regulations that we
6 propose, you know, we have to submit them to this
7 commission for review. So that's already in place.

8 This basically just says they could also
9 consider, on their own motion, an existing regulation
10 of basically any licensing agency in the state to
11 consider, if there's something that they think is
12 inappropriate -- or I say inappropriate -- not
13 necessarily needed. Of course, if they took such
14 action, the agency would be provided an opportunity to
15 change the regulation, modify it, or whatever may be
16 appropriate. So that was the other bill. It had a
17 companion bill, House Bill 1105, but that bill died.

18 Finally, we have our appropriations bill.
19 As usual, Shan has done an outstanding job working
20 with me and with the Legislative Budget Office in
21 having all our numbers and data prepared to back up
22 our request. We don't just ask for monies or PINs.
23 We have a real need for that, and that is in
24 conference right now. I told Shan earlier, I'm
25 expecting something early next week to come out, a

1 final proposed version of our Board of Nursing
2 Appropriations Bill.

3 That bill number is House Bill 1688,
4 1-6-8-8. And I have talked to Jason and different
5 legislators, and we have certainly continued to
6 communicate with them on our needs, particularly to
7 make sure that we have all the PINs that we have and
8 the funding that's appropriate to carry out the
9 mission and the goals of the Mississippi Board of
10 Nursing. That concludes my report, Madam President.

11 DR. KING: Thank you so much, Trey. I
12 think that is the biggest report that we've had from
13 our legislative update in a long time. So, thank you
14 for the thorough report and keeping us up to date.
15 Any questions for Trey?

16 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

17 DR. KING: All right. Perfect. Thanks,
18 Trey. That will bring us to the Executive Director's
19 Report, Ms. Johnson.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Good morning again. You
21 have the Executive Director's Report, I know, in your
22 packet. Since we're doing this thing from a social
23 distancing standpoint, I will briefly give you a
24 summation. First of all, I want to say thank you,
25 thank you, thank you to the nurses in the State of

1 Mississippi, all of those that have been on the front
2 lines during what has definitely been some
3 unprecedented times and uncharted waters. Thank you
4 for the service that you have provided. That includes
5 the nurses that serve on our Board of Directors, which
6 is all of you, except for Jan. And, Jan, we take you
7 in as a nurse. But thank you-all, because Jan has
8 worked hard, as well. I know that from firsthand
9 experience in her role, but thank you-all for the work
10 that you have done.

11 Also, to our doctor that serves on our
12 board, the physicians have been phenomenal. They have
13 worked as hard, if not harder, than the nurses. So,
14 thank you to the physicians in the State of
15 Mississippi, as well. I just couldn't let that go by.
16 It has been phenomenal. COVID-19, COVID-19, COVID-19,
17 what else can be said? It is definitely uncharted
18 waters, but I think we, here at the Board of Nursing,
19 have navigated those waters pretty successfully.

20 That being said, kudos to the Board of
21 Nursing staff. We have done tremendous things to make
22 sure that the citizens of the State of Mississippi
23 have remained safe throughout this. I want to take
24 just a few minutes to single out some of the staff
25 that have been -- all the staff has been phenomenal,

1 but the executive leadership staff: Ms. Shan
2 Montgomery, Brett Thompson-May, and our director of
3 HR, Elaine Hunter, have worked tirelessly in making
4 sure that we were able to continue to provide the
5 services that needed to be provided, and also that our
6 personnel remained safe. There was a mental health
7 component that came into that, as well. I thank our
8 HR director for being available and assisting us with
9 those maneuvers, as well.

10 The licensure team, they have been
11 phenomenal. We have been able to, as of the last
12 report -- I think that was June 15th -- we had 1,105
13 temporary permits have been issued. As you are aware,
14 the Board of Directors authorized an emergency
15 proclamation at the beginning of this, in March, that
16 also assisted us being able to provide those temporary
17 permits. Of those 1,105, 772 are RNs. 199 are LPNs.
18 127 are nurse practitioners, and seven of those are
19 our CRNAs, our nurse anesthetists.

20 So, 1,105 temporary permits have been
21 issued thus far, and those individuals are out there
22 and contributing. So, kudos to the Board of Directors
23 for allowing us to have that capacity or ability,
24 rather, to issue those temporary permits. And
25 Licensure has worked hard. Kudos to the licensure

1 staff and Tina Highfill, who is the director of that
2 division, and all that they have done.

3 In Legal, kudos to Brett Thompson-May.
4 We have been able to do virtual hearings. Brett and
5 her team also were a part of the temporary permits
6 being developed. So, Brett has worked diligently on
7 this, and I think this has been successful in our
8 first attempt at doing the virtual hearings, and you
9 are a prime example that we have been able to do this
10 and provide this information to the public. So, thank
11 you, Brett, for that.

12 And Shan Montgomery, our Director of
13 Operations, CFO, and many other hats, has been very
14 instrumental in the technology that we're utilizing
15 here today. She has worked effortlessly, and I must
16 say that again, effortlessly, in making sure that we
17 were able to continue our operations and fulfill our
18 mission. So, thank you to her and her team for all
19 that they have done. The Safe Return to Work Handbook
20 that we have developed, all of that has been put in
21 place. So our staff, your staff has worked very, very
22 hard to accomplish these things.

23 I am eternally grateful to them for the
24 hard work that they have done. We spent a lot of time
25 after hours teleworking. We have been able to

1 telework. So there have been lessons learned. We
2 were able to continue to work from the data. As the
3 governor said, you know, you know we're going to be on
4 lockdown, for lack of a better term, for a little
5 while, but the operations of the Board of Nursing
6 continued. There was never a letdown. We never let
7 up off of anything that we had to do, and that is
8 attributable to the staff and the hard work that they
9 have put forward. I just had to say that.

10 Some of the lessons, also, again, the
11 telework, we're able to do telework, and we now know
12 that we can do that. You will notice that we are
13 social distancing, and one of the reasons that we are
14 able to do that is because of the hard work that has
15 been put in place, but also because we have an
16 alternate schedule of telework where all the staff are
17 not in the agency at any one length of time. So we
18 have some working today from home and some in the
19 office. The Board of Nursing is open for business.
20 However, we do advocate that anybody that has business
21 with the Board, to contact the Board and schedule an
22 appointment. Again, that's to make sure that we're
23 compliant and maintain our social distancing
24 requirements.

25 Some of the other things that I wanted to

1 mention, we have the Annual Meeting coming up on
2 August the 12th, 2020, and everything -- National
3 Council has reviewed their information about
4 conferences in the near future, and this will be
5 totally virtual. So, this conference will be virtual.
6 If you have not registered and you want to attend the
7 conference virtually, please do so. We do have our
8 delegates that have been named, and I think that is
9 Ms. Sandra Culpepper, and Dr. Mary Stewart will be an
10 alternate board delegate member. And from the staff,
11 we have Tina Highfill who is going to be the delegate,
12 and Dr. Priscilla Burks will be the alternate delegate
13 to attend the meeting on that day. So, if you have
14 not registered and you wish to attend, I think it's
15 going to be a four-hour -- they condensed it -- but
16 please do so. Just get with Vanessa, and there is no
17 charge to register to the members. So, feel free to
18 do so if you have not.

19 As far as the Board Visibility, pretty
20 much everything that has been done has been done from
21 home, with the exception we were visible in a lot of
22 things prior to the governor declaring the state of
23 emergency for our state. And some of the things that
24 we did attend was the Mid-Year Conference. We were
25 able to do that just about a week or so, a week and a

1 half prior to everything going on lockdown, and that
2 was held in Boston. So, thank you to the members that
3 did attend that, the board members that did attend
4 that particular conference.

5 We were also able to participate in the
6 MNA Nursing Summit. ONW has done a tremendous job,
7 and I thank you, Gregg, for all that you do and your
8 team, in that they have continued to provide the
9 necessary services to make sure that we have a skilled
10 workforce ready for this pandemic and ongoing, during
11 the pandemic, to provide training which he gave you in
12 his report. I was also part of the Governor's
13 COVID-19 Advisory Group and Task Force.

14 I have worked with Dr. Dobbs and members
15 of that particular advisory group and also the State
16 Department of Health in doing some things to make sure
17 that the Board of Nursing has a seat at the table to
18 ensure that we have a skilled nursing workforce going
19 forward. I'm trying to think if there is anything
20 else specifically that I needed to bring up at this
21 point. Very short, just know that we have been very,
22 very busy, very, very busy. At this point, if there
23 are no questions, I will turn it over to Shan, and she
24 can give us an update on the budget.

25 DR. KING: Thanks, Phyllis. Shan,

1 budget?

2 MS. MONTGOMERY: I will go right into the

3 budget. Most of you have received the budget analysis

4 before today. As Ms. Johnson said earlier, COVID has

5 definitely taken an impact, and the budget has been no

6 different. As of April 30th, we are down 13.97

7 percent. Before COVID, we were only down 2.36

8 percent. I do believe as we continue to monitor the

9 revenue, that we will be in line with Fiscal Year

10 2018, as the licensees continue to get real licenses,

11 because the permits were of no charge. I'm sure we

12 will go back up in those numbers. And fingerprinting,

13 we were also not fingerprinting during COVID-19. We

14 have about 900 of those on standby as Dwayne and his

15 team are getting ready to begin fingerprinting. So

16 I'm confident that those numbers will go back up and

17 will be in line with Fiscal Year '18, if not above

18 Fiscal Year '18.

19 Expenditures, we have been -- in

20 expenditures, we are low in expenditures, as we have

21 not done any travel over the last three months. A lot

22 of things have been cut out from expenditures. So I'm

23 pretty excited about having that balance out the

24 revenue shortage. Trey did a great job at covering

25 our Fiscal Year '21 Budget. As Trey said, we are

1 currently waiting to hear from the Legislative Budget

2 Office. They have proposed to cut us by 11 positions,

3 six of those which are unfilled, five which are

4 filled. So I'm hopeful that we will know more once

5 they know more, maybe at the beginning of next week.

6 It's my understanding that most state agencies were

7 getting cut by 20 percent. We have escaped that 20

8 percent. We're going to be cut, possibly cut by

9 \$645,864. That's in conversation with the LBO

10 analyst, and, again, it's kind of up in the air.

11 Our analyst has been with us for four

12 years. He usually gives me straight answers, but

13 under these circumstances, he's not able to give me

14 straight answers. And I think that may be just with

15 the leadership in the legislature right now. But

16 we're hopeful. This will probably be the largest cut

17 that we've had in many years, but I'm very hopeful. I

18 remain hopeful. I will end with saying that we do

19 have sufficient funds to cover our Fiscal Year '21.

20 As of today, we have \$4,695,232, which will definitely

21 fund our Fiscal Year '21 request. And I'm open for

22 any questions, comments, or concerns about the budget.

23 DR. STEWART: First of all, thank you for

24 the report. So, just a clarification. So, what

25 you're anticipating is the reduction, because we were

1 only awarded 29 of 41 PINs; is that right?

2 MS. MONTGOMERY: Correct, yes.

3 DR. STEWART: So we're actually looking

4 at 12 positions?

5 MS. MONTGOMERY: One position --

6 DR. STEWART: Well, six were not filled,

7 so that's six that we would lose, not five?

8 MS. MONTGOMERY: Correct.

9 DR. STEWART: Okay. Just clarifying.

10 Thank you.

11 MS. MONTGOMERY: Any additional

12 questions?

13 DR. KING: Thank you, Dr. Stewart. Did

14 everybody hear that clarification?

15 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

16 DR. KING: Thanks, Shan. With that, I

17 will ask for a motion to approve the budget.

18 DR. STEWART: I make a motion.

19 DR. KING: Motion made by Dr. Mary

20 Stewart. Is there a second?

21 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: I second.

22 DR. KING: Seconded by Nancy

23 Norris-Johnson. Any discussion or questions?

24 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

25 DR. KING: All in favor?

1 (ALL IN FAVOR)

2 DR. KING: Opposed?

3 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

4 DR. KING: Abstainers?

5 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

6 DR. KING: Motion passes. I do, also,

7 want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the

8 board staff for everything that you have done. I

9 personally participated in the virtual hearings.

10 Shan, thank you for the technology. I know what it

11 feels like to go live with a technology situation and

12 platform, and it is very trying and difficult, and

13 you're always on edge. So, thank you for your

14 diligence in getting that to work well.

15 Brett, thank you so much for the legal

16 proceedings and how they went smoothly and seamlessly.

17 If we can see any silver lining in COVID, I think it

18 is that we are learning how to be nimble and

19 innovative in our health-care work and make our

20 situation work to keep our economy going, as well.

21 So, thank you. And kudos to you, Ms. Johnson, in your

22 leadership. So, thanks that for.

23 All right. That brings us to committee

24 reports, and the first one up is Executive Committee.

25 So, at this point the Executive Committee would bring

1 a motion forward to accept the administrative denial,
2 Case No. 2019-0790, which is a denial of an LPN
3 reinstatement. Is there a second for that?

4 **MS. CULPEPPER:** I will second it.

5 **DR. KING:** Seconded by Ms. Sandra
6 Culpepper. Any discussion?

7 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

8 **DR. KING:** All in favor?

9 (ALL IN FAVOR)

10 **DR. KING:** Opposed?

11 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

12 **DR. KING:** Abstainers?

13 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

14 **DR. KING:** Motion passes. The next

15 motion that is coming out of Executive Committee is
16 for July virtual hearings to stay on availability,
17 whether it be virtual or a hybrid, but to at least
18 allow that to occur. So, the motion is on the floor
19 for July hearings to have the ability to maintain a
20 virtual connection. Is there a second?

21 **MS. TAYLOR:** Second.

22 **DR. KING:** Seconded by Ms. Brandi Taylor.
23 Any discussion or, Brett, do you have anything that
24 you would like to add during this time, talking about
25 the authority and the virtual connection during this

1 time for Board Business Meetings and Hearings?

2 **MS. THOMPSON-MAY:** Sure. Good morning,
3 Madam Chair and board members. I do want to make
4 mention that we did have the emergency rule filed
5 regarding our disciplinary virtual proceedings. That
6 is found in Part 2825 in the Administrative Code, Rule
7 1.1(3). Those were filed as an emergency rule on June
8 3rd, so they are operating. We did have that rule out
9 there that operates as law, so we are able to proceed
10 virtually. I did also want to take this time to
11 welcome Edward Wiggins. I know, Madam Chair, you may
12 want to welcome him, as well, but certainly we will
13 miss Gloria Green. She has been endearing to our
14 board. But I wanted to certainly mention Mr. Wiggins
15 and thank him already for his assistance and legal
16 expertise on the matter as we have been able to
17 proceed forward, particularly with the virtual
18 process.

19 So, I do just want to let the Board know
20 that we have those filed. We have been operating, and
21 it's working. I'm glad that you-all are voting to
22 move it to July. I think there is some value even
23 passed COVID to implement some virtual proceedings and
24 processes. It just works. So, I appreciate you-all
25 very much allowing us to proceed, and I thank Shan

1 with technology. We would not have done this without
2 her and her team making sure that we're able to have
3 enough bandwidth and all of the other IT components
4 that go into that, for sure. And, then, to our
5 executive director, again, who has blessed all of this
6 and said go, just go. So I appreciate her leadership
7 in allowing us to try this. So, if there are any
8 questions about the procedure, I just wanted to make
9 sure the Board knew that they were filed, and they are
10 filed as an emergency rule, and we have the capability
11 of proceeding even beyond COVID.

12 **DR. KING:** Thank you, Brett, for that
13 report. And my apologies, Mr. Wiggins, for not
14 introducing you at the very beginning. We greatly
15 appreciate your input and are very grateful for all
16 the help that you have given us. So, thank you, and
17 welcome to the team. So now we will go to a vote.
18 All in favor of extending July to have the ability to
19 be virtual?

20 (ALL IN FAVOR)

21 **DR. KING:** Any opposed?

22 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

23 **DR. KING:** Any abstainers?

24 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

25 **DR. KING:** All right. Motion passes.

1 The other motion that we have coming out of Executive
2 Committee would be the filing of the rules for the
3 Fresh Start Act. They are in your packet, but I think
4 I will, Brett, ask you before we -- I think we'll go
5 ahead and discuss that. Do you mind giving a brief
6 high-level overview of these rules and the process
7 needed to get here?

8 **MS. THOMPSON-MAY:** Sure. So, the law was
9 passed in 2019 for the Fresh Start Act, and it is
10 codified in 73-77-1 et. seq. And in the Fresh Start
11 Act, basically it mandated that all state agencies
12 supply the procedures within the Admin. Code on how to
13 address pre-licensure determinations. So, the gist is
14 that basically any individual who wants to know prior
15 to them entering nursing school, for example, if they
16 could perhaps have a license, given some criminal
17 history, then the Board would have to respond to that
18 request. And that seems -- you may be puzzled. You
19 may be scratching your head. Trust me, we, on this
20 end, did, as well, but it is part of the occupational
21 licensure movement, as well as trying to help
22 individuals that want to go to nursing school but they
23 knew that they perhaps may not obtain a license, then
24 it would be a financial gain for them not to pursue
25 perhaps nursing school.

1 So, the procedure, then, would be that
 2 when an individual wants to request whether or not a
 3 license could be granted them because of, you know, in
 4 lieu of the fact that they have some criminal past,
 5 then our staff here, we would review that material,
 6 much like a case review process, and then issue some
 7 written letter to that individual stating the reasons
 8 why or why not they may or may not be licensed. I do
 9 want to remind the Board that -- I'm trying to
 10 remember exactly which hearing cycle, but there was a
 11 letter that was signed by Ms. Johnson on behalf of the
 12 Board, and it involved at least 32 other boards,
 13 because we formed a committee with myself, Gloria
 14 Green, Leyser Hayes, and another gentleman at the AG's
 15 Office. His name is Ken. Edward, you may have to
 16 help me with his last name.

17 MR. WIGGINS: Walley.
 18 MS. THOMPSON-MAY: What is it?
 19 DR. KING: Walley.
 20 MS. THOMPSON-MAY: Walley, that's it.
 21 And we all met and, in representing a lot of different
 22 boards, came up with a draft that would be
 23 implemented, not just by this board, but by other
 24 boards, as well, so that we could at least be
 25 consistent in our process. So, I don't know if that's

1 enough, Madam Chair, information to provide the Board,
 2 but if there are questions, I would be happy to answer
 3 best I can.

4 DR. KING: So, it is recommended out of
 5 Executive Committee, and the motion has been made to
 6 accept these rules for the Fresh Start Act. Do I have
 7 a second?

8 MS. TAYLOR: Second.

9 DR. KING: Seconded by Ms. Brandi Taylor.
 10 Now, is there any discussion or further questions for
 11 Brett or Mr. Wiggins at this point?

12 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

13 DR. KING: All right. All in favor?

14 (ALL IN FAVOR)

15 DR. KING: Any opposed?

16 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

17 DR. KING: Any abstainers?

18 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

19 DR. KING: Motion passes. All right. We
 20 also have a Special Call Zoom Meeting that we need the
 21 minutes approved from 03/16/20 and accepted. Can I
 22 get a motion to accept those?

23 MR. WARD: So moved.

24 DR. KING: Moved by Mr. Blake Ward. Is
 25 there a second?

1 DR. OWENS: Second.
 2 DR. KING: Seconded by Dr. Michelle
 3 Owens. Any discussion or questions about that?
 4 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 5 DR. KING: All in favor?
 6 (ALL IN FAVOR)
 7 DR. KING: Any opposed?
 8 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 9 DR. KING: Any abstainers?
 10 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
 11 DR. KING: Motion passes. All right.

12 That brings us to the Compliance Committee, T.J.

13 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Madam President.
 14 I move that the Board adopt the Compliance Committee's
 15 recommendation that for the following
 16 affidavits/formal reprimands be accepted for
 17 ratification: License No. R-888160, License No.
 18 P-318687, License No. R-862315, License No. R-907721,
 19 License No. R-863487, License No. R-865708.

20 I move that the Board adopt the
 21 Compliance Committee's recommendation to approve the
 22 second request of License No. P-318760 for an
 23 extension on her probation to complete the six (6)
 24 months of monitored practice requirement. And I move
 25 that the Board adopt the Compliance Committee's

1 recommendation to approve the provider's treatment
 2 regimen for License No. R-860354.

3 DR. KING: Thanks, Mr. Adams. Y'all have
 4 been busy. We have a motion on the table to accept
 5 multiple affidavits from the Compliance Committee. Is
 6 there a second?

7 MR. WARD: I second.

8 DR. KING: Seconded by Mr. Blake Ward.

9 Thank you. Any discussion or questions?
 10 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

11 DR. KING: All in favor?

12 (ALL IN FAVOR)

13 DR. KING: Any opposed?

14 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

15 DR. KING: Abstainers?

16 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

17 DR. KING: Motion passes. Any other
 18 committee business from you, Mr. Adams?

19 MR. ADAMS: No, ma'am.

20 DR. KING: Thank you very much. Advanced
 21 Practice, Dr. Stanford?

22 DR. STANFORD: We have no business to
 23 bring forward.

24 DR. KING: Thank you, Dr. Stanford. The
 25 Practice Committee, Dr. Stewart?

1 DR. STEWART: I feel like I'm talking a
2 lot.
3 DR. KING: That's because you speak so
4 well.
5 DR. STEWART: Okay. So, I do have -- the
6 Practice Committee did meet this morning, and there
7 are a couple of things that we discussed that I want
8 to just bring forward information-wise. One is
9 actually coming in the form of a recommendation, but I
10 wanted to give you a little background on that. So,
11 we had guests in our meeting today from a law firm
12 representing an agency in North Mississippi. They had
13 asked a question about LPN practice in terms of
14 tracheostomy care, and they were requesting a position
15 statement. After much discussion and referencing of
16 materials that the Board has already posted in this
17 regard, we agreed to -- our recommendation is that we
18 reaffirm what is already on our website about LPN
19 trach care, and then legal counsel will communicate
20 that to the firm in Tupelo.

21 So, and this is coming from the Practice
22 Committee. So I don't know that we need a second, but
23 this is the recommendation, and it is verbatim what we
24 currently have on the website. So, I move that the
25 Board adopt the Practice Committee's recommendation

1 that it is within the scope of practice of the
2 licensed practical nurse to perform tracheostomy care,
3 nasopharyngeal suctioning and to suction secretions
4 from a trach/endotracheal tube. That it is within the
5 scope of practice of the licensed practical nurse to
6 suction secretions from a tracheostomy, and that it is
7 not within the scope of practice of a licensed
8 practical nurse to perform deep right main stem
9 suctioning. If deep right main stem suctioning is
10 required for the patient, a registered nurse must
11 perform this procedure.

12 Furthermore, the appropriately prepared
13 licensed practical nurse may replace a tracheostomy
14 provided:

- 15 (1) The nurse is educated and competent
- 16 in the procedure. This education and competence are
- 17 documented initially and on an ongoing basis;
- 18 (2) The tract is well healed (for
- 19 replacement);
- 20 (3) There is a medical order for the
- 21 procedure;
- 22 (4) The nurse practices according to
- 23 generally accepted standards;
- 24 (5) All the necessary resources are
- 25 available;

1 (6) The patient's status does not
2 contraindicate the procedure; and
3 (7) The agency/facility has policies and
4 procedures addressing all aspects of this issue.
5 (Policies should specifically address protocols
6 related to elective versus accidental dislodgement of
7 tracheostomy).

8 DR. KING: Thank you, Dr. Stewart. Just
9 for clarification, that recommendation, if passed by
10 the Board today, would be submitted in writing to the
11 law firm that has requested it. Mr. Mutziger, do you
12 have anything to add to that? Will you give that in
13 writing to this law firm?

14 DR. STEWART: That's my understanding.

15 MR. MUTZIGER: So, good morning or good
16 afternoon, rather. So, ultimately, any motion that is
17 acted on by the Full Board today will be reduced to
18 the minutes, and I would, in fact, provide minutes of
19 this Full Board's action to the law firm that made the
20 inquiry.

21 DR. KING: Thank you, Mr. Mutziger and
22 Dr. Stewart. There is a motion. Is there a second to
23 accept this recommendation?

24 DR. OWENS: Second.

25 DR. KING: Seconded by Dr. Michelle

1 Owens. Is there any discussion or questions for
2 Dr. Stewart?

3 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

4 DR. KING: All right. All in favor?

5 (ALL IN FAVOR)

6 DR. KING: Opposed?

7 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

8 DR. KING: Abstainers?

9 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

10 DR. KING: Motion passes. Thank you,
11 Dr. Stewart. Any other business from your committee?

12 DR. STEWART: Thank you. Just some
13 information. As you-all are familiar, the Practice
14 Committee is often charged with looking at specific
15 practice issues or tasks, and that today is no
16 different. And so, as part of that discussion, we
17 have asked that the Board staff gather best evidence
18 on the use of decision trees at a national level for
19 us to review at the next meeting to help us perhaps
20 guide in some of these responses in our role to the
21 public, and that's informational.

22 DR. KING: Thank you, Dr. Stewart. I'm
23 sure, I see Mr. Shaw over here laughing and smiling
24 from ear to ear. He has been trying to get that
25 pushed through for years. Blake, you may have been a

1 part of that, as well.

2 MR. WARD: Yes, we approved it, too,
3 several years ago.

4 DR. KING: All right. So I think smiles
5 from both of you guys.

6 DR. STEWART: Smiles, yeah. I'm smiling,
7 too, but this is pretty much what other states are
8 doing. Ms. Johnson is going to be doing that research
9 for us.

10 DR. KING: Perfect. Thank you. We look
11 forward to seeing the evidence that will support us
12 getting that availability. So, thank you for your
13 work on that, Dr. Stewart. All right. Other
14 business, we have Administrative Code, Mr. Shaw.

15 MR. SHAW: Yes. We have one thing to
16 bring forward. This is dealing with APRN continuing
17 education. Each of you should have a copy of this. I
18 move the Board adopt the Administrative Code Ad Hoc
19 Committee's recommendation to file the following
20 amendments to Administrative Code Part 2840, Rules 1.1
21 and 1.2, as proposed rules with the Secretary of State
22 and OLRC. So that's the motion on the table.

23 DR. KING: There is a motion on the table
24 to accept the APRN continuing education rules. Is
25 there a second?

1 MR. WARD: Second.

2 DR. KING: Second by Mr. Blake Ward. Is
3 there any discussion or questions?

4 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

5 DR. KING: All in favor?

6 (ALL IN FAVOR)

7 DR. KING: Any opposed?

8 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

9 DR. KING: Abstainers?

10 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

11 DR. KING: Motion passes. Any other
12 business from Administrative Code?

13 MR. SHAW: We did have a few pieces of
14 Code pass through dealing with telemedicine, as well
15 as mobile clinics. That has been referred to Westley
16 at this time for a little bit of research for
17 inclusion into the Code, and hopefully, by the next
18 meeting, we will be able to vote on that.

19 DR. KING: Thank you, Mr. Shaw. I also
20 want to thank Mr. Mutziger, Floyd Wiley, and Tina
21 Highfill for your input with Administrative Code. I
22 was sitting on that as we were looking at these
23 telehealth regulations, and we didn't want to have
24 unintended consequences. That's why we have decided
25 to postpone that until the next meeting. So I

1 appreciate all of your input and your guidance to help
2 us make the best decision. All right. LPN Education
3 Committee, Ms. Taylor.

4 (INAUDIBLE)

5 DR. KING: So, Ms. Taylor is just
6 transitioning to that role. And so I think I heard
7 her say she has no updates right now for the business
8 meeting, and they will reconvene at a later time
9 before the next meeting. Thank you, Ms. Taylor.
10 Finance Committee, T.J.

11 MR. ADAMS: No further business to bring
12 forward.

13 DR. KING: Thank you, T.J. Thank you,
14 Shan. Method of Operations, Mr. Ward.

15 MR. WARD: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair.
16 There is no business to bring forward at this time.
17 However, I am excited to continue our progress in the
18 upcoming weeks and months.

19 DR. KING: Thank you, Mr. Ward.
20 Emergency Practice and Standards Committee, Ms. Moore?

21 MS. MOORE: We have no business at this
22 time, but I'm hoping to get a meeting scheduled in the
23 next few weeks.

24 DR. KING: Perfect. Thank you,
25 Ms. Moore. Let's see, Telehealth Task Force

1 Committee, we, as well, do not have anything to bring
2 forward in this business meeting. Depending on the
3 next election that occurs today will be dependent on
4 if we need that, since the regulations have already
5 made it up to Administrative Code. So, we will --
6 more to be known about that committee. And then
7 Office of Nursing Workforce, Ms. Culpepper, do you
8 have anything to bring forward?

9 MS. CULPEPPER: I have nothing to bring
10 forward. However, I want to express my gratitude to
11 Gregg Taylor who has remained in great contact with
12 me, making sure that ONW filled the gap during this
13 time. And so I'm grateful to him and his staff for
14 making it happen on such a quick notice.

15 DR. KING: Thank you, Ms. Culpepper. I
16 need to go back on one thing that probably should have
17 come out of Administrative Code, and it slipped my
18 mind because it was on a different piece of paper.
19 I'm going to ask Mr. Mutziger to go over some parts of
20 our Administrative Code and rules so that we can see
21 about the filings of those.

22 MR. MUTZIGER: Sure. This board
23 previously filed rules and regulations regarding
24 emergency practice standards which will be
25 encapsulated in Part 2830 and Part 2840 following the

1 public comment period. We received no public
2 comments. So, at this time I would like to ask the
3 Board for a motion to continue in the rulemaking
4 process to file with the OLRC and Secretary of State
5 as a final rule those regulations without any change.

6 DR. KING: All right. So, I would like a
7 motion for the Board to approve the following
8 amendments to the Administrative Code without change
9 to be filed as final rules with the Secretary of State
10 and OLRC, and that's Part 2830, Rule 1.5; Part 2830,
11 Rule 2.8; and Part 2840, Rule 1.6.

12 DR. STANFORD: Motion.

13 DR. KING: Motion is made by
14 Dr. Stanford. Is there a second?

15 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: I second.

16 DR. KING: Second by Ms. Nancy Johnson.
17 Any discussion or questions?

18 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

19 DR. KING: All in favor?

20 (ALL IN FAVOR)

21 DR. KING: Opposed?

22 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

23 DR. KING: Abstainers?

24 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

25 DR. KING: Motion passes. Thank you,

1 Westley. Sorry about that on the delay.

2 MR. MUTZIGER: No problem.

3 DR. KING: Just to reiterate, the next
4 thing is the NCSBN Virtual Annual Meeting, which is to
5 be held August 12th of 2020. Delegates consist of
6 Ms. Sandra Culpepper and Ms. Tina Highfill. And the
7 alternates are Dr. Mary Stewart and Dr. Priscilla
8 Burks. With that, it comes to the next item on the
9 agenda is election of officers, and I will ask
10 Mr. T.J. Adams, who is chair of the Nominating
11 Committee, for his findings.

12 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Madam President.
13 So, first, I want to say thank you to Ms. Shirley
14 Jackson and Ms. Brandi Taylor for assisting me on the
15 committee. We met a few weeks ago and took the
16 nominations, and we now have them on ballot. So I
17 will hand those out. Just fold those over, and we
18 will count them once you have submitted them. Please
19 feel free to also write in if you did not submit
20 anyone.

21 DR. KING: Would you mind announcing the
22 positions and the nominees, please?

23 MR. ADAMS: Sure. So, the positions up
24 for on the ballot today for vote is president,
25 vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. For the

1 nominations that were received for the panel, running
2 for president is Alton Shaw; vice-president, T.J.
3 Adams; treasurer, Dr. Melissa King and; secretary,
4 Sandra Culpepper.

5 DR. KING: So it appears by current
6 ballot from the Nominations Committee that there is
7 only one candidate for each position. Any nomination
8 from other board members or anybody on the call or in
9 the public? Going once, going twice. Okay. So, I
10 think I am accurate in saying at this point we can
11 vote by acclamation -- is that correct? -- since there
12 are not any oppositions to the current ballot? Is
13 that correct, Mr. Wiggins?

14 MR. WIGGINS: Yes, that's correct.

15 DR. KING: All right. So, we can -- it
16 looks like we have our officers, which will include
17 Mr. Alton Shaw as president, Mr. T.J. Adams as
18 vice-president, Melissa King as treasurer, and Sandra
19 Culpepper as secretary. Congratulations to everyone.
20 And then, I guess, before we adjourn or ask if there
21 is any more business, I just kind of want to take this
22 last moment to say I am termed out as president. It
23 has been the most honoring and humbling experience
24 that I have had. I have learned a lot from everybody.
25 I have had more support than I could ever imagine, and

1 there's no way that I could have done anything and
2 this board could have moved forward from an innovative
3 perspective or successfully without everybody that has
4 participated. I thank Blake for being a mentor.
5 Dr. Catledge before was a mentor, as well. So I just
6 thank each and every one of you for your participation
7 and engagement and willingness to work, and I promise
8 you I will give the same support to Mr. Alton Shaw as
9 he moves forward over the next year. And if there is
10 anything anybody else needs, I will still be here
11 hopefully.

12 (APPLAUSE)

13 DR. KING: At this point is there any
14 other business that needs to be brought forward?
15 Ms. Shirley Jackson? Oh, goodness. Okay. Sorry, I
16 almost forgot. We have another board member who has
17 been a staple here for my four years who has been
18 wonderful to me and has also been wonderful to the
19 board staff, and your expertise and knowledge is
20 incredible. We are very saddened that your term is
21 up, and we will see what the next steps are. So I
22 would like to present you with this plaque for
23 dedication of your service, and know that you are very
24 much appreciated and respected. Thank you,
25 Dr. Stanford.

1 (APPLAUSE)

2 DR. KING: So, with that, I think -- oh,
3 Ms. Shirley Jackson?

4 MS. JACKSON: Madam President, I would
5 like to humbly thank all the men that are here. Happy
6 Father's Day to you. If you're not a father, you are
7 a mentor for somebody's child. Thank you so very
8 much, and, mothers, last month to you, as well.

9 DR. KING: Very good call, Ms. Shirley.
10 Happy Father's Day to you gentlemen. Hope you enjoy
11 your day. And then the last reminder, which was not
12 on the agenda here, but we do have the Executive
13 Director Evaluation that is due. You do have it in
14 your email with the link. A lot of us have done it,
15 but we don't have a hundred percent completion yet.
16 So, if you could please get that done by Wednesday of
17 next week, that would be greatly appreciated. It
18 should be an email that just comes from, it says MBON,
19 I believe. Executive Director Evaluation is how it's
20 labeled. So, if you could get that done, please.
21 Then, we will review those with Ms. Johnson once those
22 are complete. All right. With that, I will ask for a
23 motion to adjourn.

24 MS. COLLINS: I make a motion that we
25 adjourn.

1 DR. KING: Motion made by Ms. Jan
2 Collins.

3 DR. STANFORD: Second.

4 DR. KING: Seconded by Dr. Teresa
5 Stanford. All in favor?

6 (ALL IN FAVOR)

7 DR. KING: Opposed?

8 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

9 DR. KING: Abstainers?

10 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

11 DR. KING: All right. So, meeting
12 adjourned. Thank you guys. Thanks to everybody who
13 joined virtually.

14 (MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 12:24 P.M.)

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