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APPEARANCES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE IN PERSON:

ALTON SHAW, MSN, FNP-C (PRESIDENT)
T.J. ADAMS, RN, BSN, MSHA (VICE PRESIDENT)
SANDRA CULPEPPER, LPN (SECRETARY)
MARY STEWART, PhD, RN (TREASURER)
SHIRLEY JACKSON, LPN
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JEREMY L. CUMMINS, LPN, LHNA
JANIE CLANTON, RN
MELISSA KING, DNP, FNP-C
LACEY T. GENTRY, MSN, RN
JAN COLLINS

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM:

LAURA MOORE, MSN, NP-C
MICHELLE OWENS, M.D.

ALSO PRESENT:

JESSICA ROBINSON, ESQ.
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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MR. SHAW: We'll go ahead and call the meeting to order. I'll declare a quorum.

Ms. Shirley, would you mind opening us up?

MS. JACKSON: Good morning, everyone. If you will, please bow your head for prayer.

(Prayer.)

MR. SHAW: As far as approval of the agenda, if you'll notice on 6.6, the Office of Nursing Workforce, that's going to be scratched. That's going to be discussed under number 3. And then we're just going to move the executive session up so we can get all the business done before the officers. Anything else? If not, I have a motion we approve the agenda?

MR. ADAMS: Make a motion.

MS. COLLINS: I make a motion.

MR. SHAW: Motion, T.J. Second? I heard -- Okay, Ms. Jan.

All in favor?

BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

We move to open forum for members of the public to comment, and just a reminder that we do

1 limit it to three minutes per participant.

2 Are there any members of the public that
3 would like to speak? I understand we have -- Can
4 she speak?

5 DR. JOHNSON: She has her hand up.

6 DR. KING: She does have her hand up.

7 DR. JOHNSON: We have one on the screen
8 that has their hand up.

9 MR. SHAW: Okay. I can't see the name.

10 DR. JOHNSON: Ms. Annette Rousseau.

11 MS. ROUSSEAU: Hey.

12 MR. SHAW: Oh, hey.

13 MS. ROUSSEAU: Hello, everybody. My
14 name is Annette Rousseau. Thank you for allowing
15 public comment, and thank you for the prayer.
16 You're the first state that opens in prayer; that's
17 really amazing.

18 What I want to share is that -- I want to
19 just share a few websites for people to check for
20 themselves COVID and vaccination information. I
21 have a couple -- it says, "I cannot share a screen."
22 If you will allow, this will take seconds. And I'll
23 put a chat also with the website so that people have
24 them.

25 The first one is flemingmethod.com,

1 F-L-E-M-I-N-G.com This physician/scientist is a
2 PhD, M.D., J.D. He has done a lot of -- tons of
3 research on COVID and what they are calling
4 vaccinations, and I would encourage everyone to go
5 to that website. He has hours of lectures. He has
6 written a book, and this is information that I have
7 seen across all -- globally, all over the world.
8 Many scientists coming -- and physicians with the
9 same information. You are not going to hear it by
10 mainstream media.

11 A little reason why I've been researching
12 this is because I did work for a company for COVID
13 telephonic, and I knew what the company was
14 practicing was not good medicine; it was not making
15 sense.

16 I am a registered nurse. I've done
17 infection control; I've done quality. I've been a
18 nurse 30-plus years, and what we're seeing in the
19 media is not what -- it's not good medicine.

20 And flemingmethod.com is the first.

21 The second is wwwfda.govwww. And that's a
22 government FDA website that has AERS reporting,
23 which is Adverse Event Reporting System.

24 This is coming from the government, our
25 government, and you do have to finagle and figure

1 out where the reporting is because they recently --
2 in the past couple of months, they've -- they've
3 hidden the information, but it is in there.

4 And, you know, over 26,000 people have died
5 from this -- what they're calling vaccinations.

6 The last thing, because I only have a few
7 minutes, is that I want to share -- I want to share
8 a statement by a Dr. Robert Malone, and he is the
9 inventor of the mRNA technology for vaccinations.
10 He did the technology, not the vaccines.

11 And I just want to read -- you can cut me
12 off when you're -- when my time is up.

13 I want to just paraphrase, and this is in a
14 PowerPoint that I did send to Mississippi Board of
15 Nursing. There are three -- I'm reading his
16 statement. "There are three issues parents" -- and
17 this is why not to vaccinate children. "There are
18 three issues parents need to understand. The first
19 is a viral gene will be injected in your child's
20 cells. The gene forces your child's body to make
21 toxic spike proteins that cause permanent damage in
22 critical organs: their brain, nervous system,
23 heart, blood vessels. Creates" --

24 MR. SHAW: Her three minutes were up.
25 For those of you that don't know, we were forewarned

1 by --

2 (An off-the-record discussion was held.)

3 MR. SHAW: Any more members of the
4 public that would like to speak? If not, we'll move
5 on.

6 Office of Nursing Workforce.

7 MS. CULPEPPER: Okay. So before I do my
8 motion, Dr. Burks, is there anything you want to
9 bring forward before I do the motion for the
10 advisory committee under the practical nursing part?

11 So the only thing I have coming out of the
12 Office of Nursing Workforce, Mr. President, I move
13 that the board accept the nominees for the ONW
14 advisory as follows: Megan Hines, Audrey Murray,
15 Megan Bass-Kendrick, Dwan Wolfe, and Wanda Stroupe
16 beginning in July of 2022, and I have also attached
17 all of their applications as well to this motion.

18 MR. SHAW: Any questions? Comments?
19 Concerns? If not, we have a motion from the
20 committee. All in favor?

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. SHAW: Any opposed?

23 (No verbal response.)

24 MR. SHAW: And, Dr. Burks, you don't
25 have anything?

1 DR. BURKS: Yes, I have a report to
2 bring forward.

3 MR. SHAW: For something else, okay.

4 DR. BURKS: It's not the ONW.

5 MR. SHAW: Go ahead.

6 DR. BURKS: Good morning, everyone. I
7 do have one recommendation to bring forward, and
8 then just an update on the PN programs, in general.

9 Jones County Junior College, they submitted
10 a proposal to expand the practical nursing program
11 to the Jasper County center, which is in Bay
12 Springs, Mississippi. They currently offer the
13 practical nursing programs on their Wayne and
14 Ellisville campuses.

15 Their NCLEX pass scores for Jones for 2021
16 -- theirs was 82 percent. The state was 79 percent
17 and national 71 percent. So they're well above the
18 NCLEX pass rate.

19 Their anticipated enrollment for this first
20 cohort is 15 students, and they are looking at an
21 expansion date of August 2022.

22 I did tour their facility April 31st, and
23 they are equipped with classroom, computer space,
24 lab space. Because currently at that site, they
25 have a healthcare assistant program, so everything

1 is there that they need if they are given the
2 opportunity to expand that program.

3 They also have great support from Jasper
4 County, that center director and also the career
5 tech dean.

6 Looking back in terms of their rationale of
7 why they wanted to expand, in the spring of 2021,
8 they received 50 applications, but they could only
9 accept 40 students. In the fall of 2022, they
10 received 90 applications but could only accept 37
11 students. And then the spring of 2022, they had 74
12 applicants but could only accept 40 students. So
13 right now the seats that are available for the
14 program is limited and because of that, potential
15 applicants are not able to enroll in their program.

16 They do have community support. Mississippi
17 Care Center of Raleigh, Mississippi, supports the
18 expansion of that program because they look at this
19 as a pathway for them to have nurses within their
20 system, and also Jasper General Hospital, they are
21 in support of expanding the program as well.

22 My recommendation is that they be allowed to
23 expand the program in accordance with the following:
24 that they will provide a status update to the board
25 at the end of the first semester and also provide

1 the board with an outcome status report and that
2 will include the number of students admitted to
3 their cohort, the number that completed, their
4 graduation rate, and their NCLEX pass rates.

5 And also for those students who are
6 re-admitted or non-completers, what are their plans
7 for those students to be successful because it's not
8 only important to admit students, but if they have
9 students to fall out, what is that follow-up so that
10 they can be successful.

11 In addition, they will be required to adhere
12 to the standards for our practical nursing
13 accreditation. And also because Mississippi
14 Community College Board -- they provide the codes
15 for new sites, they would have to contact Dr. Mackey
16 in order to get a site-visit code. Although that
17 school is there and established, they don't have a
18 program, so they'll need a program code in order to
19 go forward.

20 The second item I have -- it's not a
21 recommendation; it's just an update regarding the
22 practical nursing state accreditation standards
23 revisions for rule submissions.

24 The goal of the standards is to ensure the
25 nursing programs in the State of Mississippi are all

1 held to a common standard of quality. The standards
2 revisions, I did provide some references in terms of
3 where some of the information comes from because
4 individuals like to know from a historical
5 perspective, "Well, where did that actual standard
6 come from," or "How was it derived?"

7 Also evidence-based practice, the Nurse
8 Practice Act, the agencies' policies and procedures,
9 and other professional organizations are utilized
10 when we look at standards revisions. And the
11 anticipated date of implementation is fall of 2022.
12 Because currently in the standards, they are revised
13 every five years, so we are in that time frame of
14 the revisions, and a copy of those standards were
15 provided for each member of the board.

16 MR. SHAW: Any questions for Dr. Burks?

17 MS. GENTRY: Dr. Burks, I heard you
18 mention for Jones County Community College class,
19 computer, and lab space. Do they also have
20 simulation availability at that campus, or would
21 they have to go to another campus for the
22 simulation?

23 DR. BURKS: They have a small area for
24 simulation, but their main lab is on their campus in
25 Ellisville.

1 MR. SHAW: Any other questions?

2 DR. JOHNSON: So, Mr. Chairman, it was
3 submitted -- the recommendations that have the
4 revised accreditation standards were submitted for
5 your review, and today I think we would need
6 approval to submit those to the OLRC from the board
7 today.

8 MR. SHAW: Does anybody have any
9 questions about the revised rules?

10 DR. JOHNSON: I think on the attachment,
11 the revisions are in red. Is that correct,
12 Dr. Burks?

13 MS. GENTRY: Dr. Burks, are most PN
14 programs in the state accredited by ACEN?

15 DR. BURKS: No, they are not required to
16 have national certification. That is something
17 that's come up in the past, but because of one of
18 the requirements of ACEN in the past of all the
19 faculty having to be master's prepared, that would
20 really be a detriment to many of the programs
21 because with that and also the cost that is incurred
22 with ACEN, some of the programs would probably have
23 to be closed because they couldn't afford those two
24 things.

25 MR. SHAW: While y'all are reviewing

1 this, I would like to make mention that Dr. Owens
2 and Laura Moore, two of our board members, are on
3 the Zoom meeting.

4 MS. GENTRY: Are any of our PN programs
5 accredited by a national accrediting agency?

6 DR. BURKS: Yes.

7 MS. GENTRY: And what agency commonly
8 accredits PN programs, Dr. Burks?

9 DR. BURKS: The PN programs that have
10 national accreditation, they're accredited by ACEN,
11 and it's Meridian and Mississippi Gulf Coast.

12 MR. SHAW: Let me ask a quick question.
13 Is this time-sensitive?

14 DR. BURKS: Yes.

15 MR. SHAW: When does it need to be
16 approved?

17 DR. JOHNSON. Well, we would like to
18 have it approved today, but if you need to review
19 it. I know it was sent out prior to today. It was
20 e-mailed to all of the board members for their
21 review because we needed approval today because it
22 has to go before OLRC, and that is another lengthy
23 wait time. But if you need to review it more
24 in-depth, definitely by July. The July board
25 meeting, we would need to have the board's

1 recommendation or approval.

2 DR. STEWART: Dr. Burks, is there any
3 addition that caused you pause?

4 DR. BURKS: No, not with the standards
5 because one of the things that was done was -- these
6 standards were really vetted, and it was based upon
7 the last cycle of site visits. So we looked at
8 those site visits and what could be done better and
9 then what had changed because we did go back to the
10 evidence and look at what is best practices. Also,
11 one of the resources that was utilized was from
12 NCSBN.

13 NCSBN has recommendations of approval of
14 schools and what those standards should look like.

15 In addition, last year I completed a class
16 with NCSBN and Dr. Spector, and she brought out some
17 of those suggestions. So those guidelines were used
18 to really revamp.

19 Two of the places that we had some gaps was
20 with hybrid and simulation. The past standards, it
21 did not mention those things. So if you leave a
22 gap, then it is understood that we can do whatever
23 because there's no guidance there. And although
24 during COVID guidance was provided from a national
25 level, we need something on a statewide level to

1 say: This is what you should use to help move your
2 program forward.

3 Also, in addition, some of the areas were --
4 they were very gray where it required schools to do
5 certain things, but if they did not follow through,
6 what was the end result?

7 And I'll give an example. For the annual
8 report, it said the annual report must be completed
9 by October the 15th, and that was the end of it. So
10 there was no substance in if they did not submit,
11 what could the board or anyone else do? Really, you
12 couldn't do anything because there was no
13 ramifications. So it was closing the gaps on things
14 like that.

15 Also for initial programs it left out some
16 things because in the past, it was under MCCB. For
17 example, a feasibility study, that is important to
18 any program. If you start it, will you be able to
19 continue it? So our past standards, it was in there
20 in 2000, but for some reason, that information was
21 removed. So they need a feasibility study. If you
22 start, can you continue? Do you have the resources?

23 So it's going back just putting some
24 substance to several of the areas to make sure that
25 everyone would be on the same page and understand

1 what's going on.

2 DR. STEWART: I'm comfortable voting
3 today.

4 MS. CULPEPPER: Me too.

5 MR. SHAW: So with that said, I have a
6 motion that we approve the amended regulations --
7 it's not regulations. What's it called?

8 DR. BURKS: Standards.

9 MR. SHAW: Standards. Thank you. The
10 amended standards. Do I have a motion?

11 DR. STEWART: I move that we approve
12 them as submitted.

13 MR. SHAW: I have a motion from Mary.
14 Second?

15 MS. JACKSON: I second.

16 MR. SHAW: Second, Shirley.

17 All in favor?

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. SHAW: Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

22 DR. JOHNSON: An approval on Jones.

23 MR. SHAW: Any questions about that one?

24 I have a motion we approve it.

25 MR. CUMMINS: I make a motion we approve

1 it.

2 MR. SHAW: Motion from Jeremy.

3 Second?

4 MS. GENTRY: Second.

5 MR. SHAW: Lacey.

6 All in favor?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

9 Is that it?

10 DR. BURKS: That's it.

11 MR. SHAW: All right. Now, moving on
12 down the road. So I have a motion we approve the
13 business meeting minutes from April the 8th, 2022.

14 MR. ADAMS: I make a motion.

15 MR. SHAW: I have a motion, T.J.

16 Second?

17 DR. KING: Second.

18 MR. SHAW: Second, Melissa.

19 All in favor?

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

22 Motion for agreed settlement proposal
23 minutes February and April 2022. I have a motion?

24 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: I make a motion.

25 MR. SHAW: I heard a -- Ms. Nancy.

1 Second?

2 DR. KING: Second.

3 MR. SHAW: Second, Melissa.

4 All in favor?

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

7 Hearing panel minutes: December 2021,
8 February 2022, and April 2022. I have a motion we
9 accept.

10 DR. KING: Motion to accept the hearing
11 panel minutes.

12 MR. ADAMS: Second.

13 MR. SHAW: Motion, Melissa. Second,
14 T.J.

15 All in favor?

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. SHAW: And waive reading of names on
18 motions.

19 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: Motion.

20 MR. SHAW: Motion, Ms. Nancy.

21 Second?

22 MS. JACKSON: Shirley Jackson.

23 MR. SHAW: Ms. Shirley.

24 All in favor?

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

2 Make note; the future meetings, agreed
3 settlement proposals July 19th, disciplinary
4 hearings July 20, 21, and the business meeting will
5 be July 22.

6 The panel members are Sandra Culpepper,
7 Ms. Nancy Johnson, Lacey Gentry, and Janie Clanton.

8 DR. KING: Alton, on the panel, you can
9 add Melissa King to that as well.

10 MR. SHAW: Okay. And Dr. King.

11 Legislation: Trey, tell us something good.

12 MR. BOBINGER: Good morning, everybody.
13 It's good to see everybody. I'll try to be brief.
14 I told Phyllis I was going to take my Baptist
15 minister disposition out today, so I'll try to be
16 brief.

17 I wanted to start off by talking a little
18 bit about these congressional races that just
19 occurred. I know in your area, all North
20 Mississippi but certainly the 3rd and 4th
21 congressional seats, I think there were a lot of
22 pundits and voters that were really surprised
23 certainly in this area, I think, with the results.
24 But that runoff will be June 28th.

25 And the reason I bring this up is because

1 those are very important positions. You think about
2 your Medicaid program, your Medicare program, all of
3 the federal initiatives where dollars and funding
4 are sent to Mississippi, and there's policy
5 decisions made. So I think there's going to be a
6 lot of interest in that runoff in the 3rd
7 congressional district, which is this area and East
8 Mississippi, and the 4th is the Gulf Coast, South
9 Mississippi area. So both incumbents in those races
10 are in a runoff.

11 The other thing I want to mention -- you
12 know, we usually talk about specific bills or
13 legislation, but there was something that I think is
14 very important that I wanted to mention. A lot of
15 times I end up kind of being an intermediary between
16 our executive director, Phyllis, and Shan and the
17 board. Legislators will call and say, "I have a
18 question. Can you provide me information?"

19 And I've been thinking about this, Phyllis,
20 and lo and behold Chairman Sam Mims, Public Health
21 Chairman of the House, texted me a long text this
22 morning. He had a question about one of our
23 professional nursing classifications that he had
24 been asked by a third party in the healthcare
25 business. And I sent the text out to these guys,

1 and, of course - our computer over here I call her -
2 Ms. Johnson immediately calls and says A, B, C, D,
3 E, and perfectly answered the question.

4 The information he had been provided - I
5 don't think it was intentional - it was not correct.
6 So by talking to Phyllis, I was able to call him
7 back immediately and give him the facts and what the
8 law was, and he was very appreciative and very
9 thankful for us reacting that quickly.

10 DR. KING: What was the question?

11 MR. BOBINGER: It was regarding the LPNs
12 on IVs and what that process was, and Phyllis made
13 it clear what the process was. It is part of their
14 curriculum. There was a question about that same
15 position in a neighboring state being able to come
16 here and do it immediately, and the person that
17 asked him the question said we had a one-year
18 waiting period on that. So, you know, we had to
19 clarify that with him, and he was fine with it.

20 So I mention that to say even out of
21 session, these legislators and things, there's
22 questions that come up or things. One, we want to
23 be accurate and correct, and, two, we want to be
24 very timely, I think, in our response to them, where
25 if they ask something, go, "Hey, you can call the

1 Board of Nursing. They're going to be on top of it,
2 and call you back." I appreciate Phyllis doing
3 that.

4 Shan and I a lot of times on budget matters.
5 I appreciate you, Shan, as well and other staff
6 members. So I just kind of wanted -- I was thinking
7 about that, and then I got that text earlier, and I
8 said, "This works out well."

9 Real quickly, the state is still holding
10 some ARPA funding. I think it's like 300,000,000
11 that was not all expended. And I'm not sitting here
12 promising or saying, but I still think you're going
13 to hear more about nursing shortages and the nursing
14 shortage, and I think there will be some legislation
15 this session. I can't tell you exactly -- hopefully
16 more incentives or things to retain people and
17 recruit, regardless of your classification of
18 professional nursing. So I think we'll see
19 something along those lines; I'm anticipating.

20 I wanted to bring this issue up. I didn't
21 know how relevant it might be today, but the school
22 safety issue around the country. You know, you're
23 already hearing a lot on the federal level. I think
24 we may see something in the upcoming session. And I
25 go to that from a standpoint, we're going to hear

1 more about mental health, which I think we all agree
2 is an issue in society, in general, and the funding
3 is just so limited.

4 You know, the need's out there, and I
5 thought about our nurse practitioners, am I correct,
6 can have a specialty in psychiatric nurse
7 practicing? And I think as we move forward,
8 you've got to think ahead, look ahead; there may be
9 a need for more of those folks in our schools, our
10 public institutions.

11 DR. STEWART: It's desperate.

12 MR. BOBINGER: Counseling --
13 identifying, counseling folks. I'm not saying
14 that's the silver bullet; we all know that. But you
15 take one example where somebody's identified or they
16 have somebody to talk to them that's credentialed
17 that knows what they're talking about, you could
18 possibly prevent something at a school or some other
19 public facility.

20 So I just thought about that in terms of
21 healthcare, mental health, but also people licensed
22 by this board who could actually serve a role in
23 safety, public safety and school safety.

24 And I think as we look for solutions as a
25 society, Congress, our state legislators around the

1 country are trying to figure it out. It's a little
2 thing that I thought about that I would just mention
3 that as we move forward. I think we're going to be
4 hearing about that. We may even be called on to
5 provide information or talk about it at the
6 legislature. So I wanted to mention that to you.

7 Any questions?

8 Thank you, Shan, for that reminder. I
9 forwarded Phyllis and Shan a report, and you can
10 Google it. It's Mississippi Center for Public
11 Policy, and it's a pretty extensive study evaluating
12 state agencies and how -- you know, they're a
13 separate entity that's privately funded, but, you
14 know, they kind of have their own philosophical
15 view, and that's fine. I mean, there's a lot of
16 different groups. But it really focuses on state
17 agencies, and I think the concern more for me is -
18 and I think would be for the agency - is regulatory
19 agencies function, to me, differently than just
20 traditional state agencies. Obviously, those are
21 very, very important.

22 But you guys are responsible for licensing,
23 regulating healthcare professionals who are treating
24 people even in life-and-death situations.

25 But some of their recommendations, you know,

1 are for things that -- I think you would agree, both
2 of you - could make regulation more difficult and
3 put some restraints upon, not just this regulatory
4 board, but boards across state government.

5 So, you know, we faced some of those bills,
6 y'all know, the last few years. Fortunately, most
7 of those have either gone away, or they've been
8 amended or modified where we can work with them.

9 But I wanted to send that to them to inform
10 you, to let you know that we're probably going to
11 see more of those types of bills; in fact, I'm
12 certain we are in the upcoming session.

13 So when you talk to a lot of your friends
14 that are legislators, you don't have to go into a
15 lot of detail, but you can just tell them generally,
16 "Just be sensitive. We're all for efficiency." I
17 know; I've watched this budget process and how this
18 board operates. This agency is very conscious of
19 its funding and what it does with it and how this
20 agency is operated.

21 But, you know, not everybody on the outside
22 understands that, and it varies sometimes from
23 agency to agency. So we just want to be able to
24 operate and be able to do our jobs or your jobs in
25 regulating without getting your hands tied or maybe

1 better yet, we don't want it to become more
2 cumbersome, you know, where you feel like you're
3 limited in your ability to really do what you need
4 to do to keep our profession strong and to protect
5 the public, right, to protect the patients out
6 there.

7 So thank you, Shan. But if you get a
8 chance, if you can Google the website and look at
9 it, it's just a report they put out, but I think it
10 will serve as a basis for some future legislation.

11 MR. SHAW: Thank you, Trey. Any
12 questions?

13 DR. STEWART: Yeah, just a quick
14 comment. I think this is probably the right place,
15 and many of you may know this. Talking about
16 violence and mental health and schools and so forth,
17 I find it really interesting - and you all may know
18 - of course, this has become a very hot topic
19 nationally, or it's kind of bubbling up again. But
20 in terms of relevance for this group, Kay Bender,
21 Dr. Kay Bender -- many of you know Dr. Bender is now
22 the president of the American Public Health
23 Association, which is an interprofessional group
24 across the world.

25 And in their strategic plan and priorities

1 this year, it's violence as a public safety and
2 public health issue. And so I think it kind of sets
3 the groundwork for what the Mississippi Public
4 Health Association, which is also -- has a lot of
5 nurses involved but something for us to think about.
6 There's some leadership on the state and national
7 level already on the issues that you were raising.

8 MR. BOBINGER: Thank you for that
9 comment. That's all I was doing was just raising
10 it. It may be something that -- because I know our
11 legislature and certainly Congress is concerned
12 about -- and, like you said, relating it back from,
13 not a political position.

14 DR. STEWART: Right.

15 MR. BOBINGER: We stay away from that --

16 DR. STEWART: Right.

17 MR. BOBINGER: -- but a healthcare.

18 DR. STEWART: It's a public health
19 issue.

20 MR. BOBINGER: That's what I'm saying.
21 It's a public health issue and not a political issue
22 certainly for this board or this agency. But I do
23 think it's something -- it's just so out there right
24 now with the public and parents and their children
25 that I think it's something that is worth at least

1 thinking about.

2 DR. STEWART: Physicians have been
3 working on this for a while, actually, as a public
4 issue. Emergency room physicians and so forth have
5 been looking at violence.

6 MS. COLLINS: Do you have a brief
7 statement on what you think is going to happen with
8 the CON laws? It seems like it's coming back up
9 again. We've got some hospitals dipping their toes
10 in the water to see what kind of reaction they get.

11 MR. BOBINGER: Jan, I don't have to tell
12 you. I think all of y'all know CON is a big, big
13 deal, you know, for hospitals, particularly our
14 existing facilities that do have their CON. I don't
15 know. I would say, Jan, this year certainly I think
16 there will be a bill introduced or bills.

17 But remember, guys, this coming year we're
18 going into an election year, so those legislators
19 are going to be out there -- Jeremy, you're going to
20 hear from people you haven't heard from in a while.
21 They're going to be, "Man, we miss seeing you," but
22 you know what I mean. They're going to be out
23 campaigning, and that's good.

24 But my point is -- usually, the general rule
25 at the Capitol, an election year, they try to stay

1 away from controversial issues, and there's no way
2 to cut it. I'm not saying it couldn't be done away
3 with, but that's a major-league fight there, so I
4 would think aside from the fight itself, the timing
5 of the election would tend to make me think that I
6 wouldn't expect to see it this year. In fact, I
7 wouldn't really expect -- there may be a bill drop,
8 but I don't think you'll see a big engagement on it
9 just because of the timing this year. But it's been
10 percolating, you're right, and I think eventually
11 you're going to see a big fight over there, you
12 know, re-emerge. There's been skirmishes over the
13 years.

14 MS. COLLINS: Thank you.

15 MS. GENTRY: Any update on nurse
16 salaries, nurse educator salaries?

17 MR. BOBINGER: Up, up, up. Seriously,
18 I've talked to some of the folks over there;
19 Ms. Johnson and I have talked. I've actually
20 reached out -- I've had a couple of deans, actually,
21 I've talked to trying to be supportive from our
22 standpoint in the legislative process, and there's
23 been a lot of lip service - and I'm not saying that
24 in a negative manner - about, "We need to do --
25 we've got to pay our nurse educators more to retain

1 and recruit." It's kind of back to what we talked
2 about earlier.

3 That's why I mentioned -- that's totally up
4 to the Mississippi Legislature what they do. There
5 are some additional ARPA funds still remaining. So
6 I think there's -- it's been discussed. I think
7 there's some continuing dialogue on it. It's hard
8 to say now, but I do think you'll hear -- the issue
9 will be brought up in January, and I really hope
10 that there is something -- that it's more than talk.
11 That it can be translated into action to pay these
12 people more to teach our young nursing professionals
13 or people that are seeking nursing as a profession.

14 MR. SHAW: Any other questions? All
15 right, thank you, Trey.

16 MR. BOBINGER: Thank y'all very much. I
17 appreciate it.

18 MR. SHAW: Dr. Johnson, executive
19 director's report.

20 DR. JOHNSON: Well, good morning again.
21 Thank you very much. A couple of things. You have
22 the report before you, and I wanted to highlight
23 some things that are of importance. The NCSBN
24 annual meeting will be conducted August 17th through
25 19th in Chicago, Illinois.

1 And, again, usually during that meeting,
2 they have a component of the NLC that occurs either
3 one day earlier. I have not received the
4 information from the NLC on when they will entertain
5 doing their portion during the annual meeting, but
6 we need delegates. Today is the day I need you to
7 submit the names of delegates from the State of
8 Mississippi who will be attending that meeting. It
9 has to be one RN and one LPN, and we need two
10 alternates.

11 Thank you all for those that responded, that
12 had an interest. That was Janie Clanton, Jeremy
13 Cummins, and Sandra Culpepper that had an interest
14 in serving in that capacity.

15 Last year we had one staff member to attend
16 because you can have a staff member serve as one of
17 the delegates, but it must be an RN, and
18 Dr. Priscilla Burks served last year. Dr. Burks has
19 agreed to serve again in that capacity if the board
20 so deems that -- one of their recommendations that
21 she be part of that.

22 But I do need the names of the other
23 delegate and the two alternates today from the board
24 so I can submit that information and submit the
25 forms.

1 Additionally, any board members interested
2 in attending, I need you to send an e-mail to my
3 executive assistant, Vanessa Gray, with your
4 interest because as you know, we have to get those
5 registrations in and your reservations made and
6 those do fill up -- the hotel fills up very quickly
7 for the annual meeting.

8 This is a very important meeting because
9 they will be electing officers. I serve currently
10 as president-elect. The delegates are very
11 important in the voting process, and I have to run
12 again, according to the bylaws of NCSBN, because the
13 position I filled was someone else's position, and I
14 had to fulfill that term.

15 I ran un-opposed last year, but I do have an
16 opponent this year, so it is very important that we
17 have our delegates named today that can serve in
18 that capacity because the delegates are the ones
19 that kind of network and do the campaigning on the
20 ground, in addition to the person that is running.
21 So it's very important that we have our contingents
22 in place.

23 So I do ask that I get those names today,
24 and I know we have it on our agenda at the end
25 there, Mr. Chair. I don't know if you want to do it

1 at the end of my report or during that time, but I
2 do want to make sure we cover that.

3 Additionally, we did receive our board
4 appointments from the governor's office, and that
5 was Janie Clanton, Sandra Culpepper, and T.J. Adams.
6 So we did receive those letters from the governor's
7 office. So I thank the governor for getting that
8 information to us as quickly as possible, and you
9 all should have received your letters. You know you
10 have confirmation coming up in the next legislative
11 session, so more to come on that, and they will be
12 notifying you of that.

13 Ms. Shirley Jackson, this is her last
14 meeting, but not her last meeting. And I say that
15 because she has fulfilled her obligations and terms.
16 Her replacement has not been submitted to us. I
17 have not received anything from the governor's
18 office, so until we do, she will be attending the
19 July meeting.

20 (Weather alerts.)

21 MR. SHAW: We will recess.

22 (Proceeding recessed due to inclement
23 weather at 11:47 A.M.)

24 (Proceeding resumed on the record at
25 12:08 P.M.)

1 MR. SHAW: So we'll go ahead and call
2 the meeting back to order. I guess as those of you
3 on Zoom can tell, we did survive and are still here.

4 Dr. Johnson, we'll let you continue your
5 report.

6 DR. JOHNSON: Okay, with all of that
7 excitement, I'm trying to remember where I was. I
8 was getting ready to talk about the OLRC.

9 I do want to bring to the attention of the
10 board the matter of our medical cannabis
11 regulations. I received a call from the governor's
12 office that the OLRC will meet on June 21st, 2022,
13 at 2:00 o'clock P.M. at the Sillers Building on the
14 19th floor. Our medical cannabis rules and
15 regulations will be presented at that time, along
16 with the other regulatory boards by Board of Medical
17 Licensure and, I think, the Optometry Board, I
18 believe, for consistency purposes.

19 Ms. Shan Montgomery will be representing us
20 at that particular meeting because I will be in
21 Chicago for an EO leadership summit during that
22 time, and that has been communicated to the
23 governor's office, and they are in full agreement.

24 They didn't have any questions, what I was
25 told, about our rules and regulations, so it's just

1 a matter of us being present there. It is open for
2 you all to attend, so that's why I wanted you to put
3 it on your calendar if you're interested in
4 attending the OLRC meeting. Dr. Cleveland will
5 spearhead the conversation and go first, and our
6 rules and regulations mirror theirs, and that is
7 what the governor's office noted. So hopefully
8 there will be no questions or anything because it's
9 been vetted pretty extensively.

10 DR. KING: And you said that was June
11 22nd?

12 DR. JOHNSON: June 21st at 2:00 P.M.,
13 Sillers Building, 19th floor.

14 The other thing that I wanted to bring to
15 your attention is, as you know, we have selected an
16 attorney, general counsel for the board. We are
17 very excited. We have selected Ms. Deanne Saltzman.
18 Deanne is from the Attorney General's Office, and
19 Deanne helped with our transition, early transition,
20 and doing some hearings for our board when Brett
21 resigned in January. She starts Monday, June 13th,
22 and we're just excited about having her on board.
23 She's also excited about coming to the Board of
24 Nursing, so that speaks volumes of the leadership.
25 She was very impressed with what she saw.

1 And we had a very hard selection. We had a
2 group of great candidates with great experience. It
3 was very, very difficult, and she led the pack there
4 in the end. So when you see Deanne, make sure you
5 make her feel welcome, and we're excited about
6 getting her on board.

7 The next thing I want to bring to your
8 attention is Dr. Tina Highfill has submitted her
9 resignation. Her effective date is June 30th, 2022.
10 Dr. Highfill is leaving to accept a leadership
11 position in one of the professional associations.
12 We wish her the very, very best. She's been with
13 the board for five years, and we're sad to see her
14 go but definitely understand the opportunity to do
15 different things.

16 And she has definitely been an asset to the
17 board. We will truly miss her. She's implemented a
18 lot of things that we have benefited from. So when
19 you see Dr. Highfill, just wish her godspeed and
20 success in her new endeavors.

21 We will have election of officers today.
22 You all will be addressing that later.

23 And I did provide in your packet an overview
24 of the Mississippi Pharmacy Association Convention
25 annual meeting that I attended -- Shan Montgomery,

1 and Dr. Burks last week. I actually spoke at that
2 convention as part of the panel on opioids and
3 regulations. And it's a great conference. They
4 provided some great information on medical cannabis,
5 and that overview talks about -- I think the
6 gentleman that did the last session, which I was
7 unable to attend but Dr. Burks was there, talked
8 about medical cannabis and the chemistry of it and
9 the importance of providers being aware of the
10 interaction of medical cannabis with other
11 medications.

12 So hopefully I can get with our Office of
13 Nursing Workforce. I think that is education that
14 is needed for our providers, as well as for the
15 other providers in the state. This guy was
16 excellent, has a degree in medical chemistry, from
17 what I understand, a master's degree in that area.
18 So I think it would behoove us to try to work with
19 our Office of Nursing Workforce to provide some
20 education for our licensees regarding this issue.
21 But a great overview. Just peruse at your own
22 leisure on that.

23 And also the strategic plan, I think
24 Dr. Stewart mentioned. That's coming up, and we
25 value input. We need your input. Shan and I will

1 be working on that. Usually, it's due in August.
2 We get it together and submit it. So I think the
3 violence component would be a great strategy to look
4 at. So please submit your suggestions. You can
5 e-mail me with your suggestions on what you would
6 like to see in the strategic plan. We will be
7 working on that next month to get that together.

8 The last thing --

9 DR. KING: Dr. Johnson, would you mind
10 sending us a copy of the current strategic plan that
11 we have since we have some new members and just so
12 that we make sure we have it.

13 DR. JOHNSON: Yes, we'll send that out
14 to you.

15 Dr. Burks -- I don't know if y'all know;
16 she's such a gem. It is a joy to have her as the
17 director of the practical nursing programs in the
18 State of Mississippi, and it's under your watch, the
19 Board of Nursing. She is such an expert, not only
20 in practical nursing, but in nursing in general, and
21 she doesn't toot her own horn, but I have to toot it
22 for her because of these site visits.

23 She takes everything very seriously, which
24 she should, and she researches it to the utmost, and
25 she definitely talks about best practices. Like I

1 said, she served as my mentor when I was in my
2 doctoral program, and I learned so much from her
3 based on that. And she always told me, "Trust the
4 process."

5 But I just wanted you all to realize how
6 important, and it is such a great joy to have
7 someone of her magnitude to serve in that capacity.
8 Because the revisions of the standards falls under
9 the Board of Nursing, that was part of that when we
10 took that on legislatively, and she has worked
11 extensively, and she has communicated with me every
12 step of the way to make sure that we hold people
13 accountable -- accountability in the standards.

14 I know she doesn't like all of that, but I
15 just wanted you all to know she's working on your
16 behalf every single day to make sure that the
17 practical nurses that come out of the State of
18 Mississippi are educated and they're competent to
19 practice. So I just wanted to say that in her
20 presence.

21 The other thing I wanted to say - and this
22 is my last, I believe. The administrative code task
23 force committee, Mr. Chair, we definitely need that
24 to be up and running. We need that operational as
25 soon as possible. We have several rules and

1 regulations that we need to be reviewing and making
2 changes, looking at best practices. We have some
3 antiquated rules and regulations. One of those is
4 the APRN prescribing rules dealing with
5 benzodiazepines; we need to look at that. We need
6 to look at telehealth. There are so many things
7 that we need to be looking at, and COVID has set us
8 back and set many agencies back, but it's time to
9 move forward with that. So I would like to see the
10 members named so that we can get to work; the staff
11 can do what they need to do to do their research,
12 and we can start meeting on a regular basis and get
13 some of these things achieved.

14 Because, as you know, once we revise
15 anything, we have to send it to OLRC for approval,
16 and that, again, may be six months to another year
17 before approval. And I don't want us to be a burden
18 to our licensees to be able to do what they need to
19 do because of antiquated rules and regulations.

20 You have all of the other information about
21 the visibility of the board in your packet. We've
22 been very, very busy. Our staff has been a joy in
23 going out and presenting at conferences.

24 Shan Montgomery, Dwayne Jamison, Floyd
25 Wiley, and I'm still getting rave reviews about

1 Floyd Wiley and his presentation, which I was not
2 able to attend, but they've already requested that
3 he come back.

4 So it just speaks volumes for our staff,
5 Dr. Highfill, and the licensure staff, the
6 investigative staff, and all the staff here at the
7 board. I always say, "I'm only as good as the
8 people that I work with, not that I work for,"
9 because we are a team and we work together to
10 achieve what we need to, to support the mission of
11 the board.

12 And I think that's all I have. Let me make
13 sure I've covered all of my notes, Mr. Chair.

14 MR. SHAW: Any questions for
15 Dr. Johnson?

16 All right, if not, we'll move on to
17 committee reports.

18 Executive committee: We didn't have
19 anything specific to come out, but did have
20 something we wanted to discuss related to an issue
21 that occurred yesterday in this room. Dr. Johnson,
22 would you like to address the steps and what
23 happened?

24 DR. JOHNSON: So yesterday we had a
25 little incident with one of our hearings, and I

1 think we had some - how can I say - disgruntled or
2 was not able to accept the decision of the board and
3 became very angry. And with today's culture and you
4 mentioning the violence, there were some things that
5 were said and done that were basically a threat to
6 the board.

7 So based on that information, I will be
8 meeting with our law officers here in Ridgeland,
9 Mississippi, as well as the staff, and we're going
10 to be reviewing our security policies to implement
11 some additional security. We do have security in
12 place, but I think based on what we're seeing across
13 the nation, the things that are happening and,
14 again, the mental health component of the state --
15 of the nation, that we need to make sure that not
16 only are our board members safe but our staff is
17 safe.

18 So we will be looking at our security
19 measures in place and implementing new security
20 measures, and I'll be making a report to the board
21 based on my meeting with the chief of police here at
22 the Ridgeland Police Department.

23 In the future, we will request that we have
24 law enforcement present. We're looking at the
25 hearings as well as the business meeting. I have to

1 discuss that with my COO to see what we can come up
2 with, with that, in addition to talking to law
3 enforcement here in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

4 I will say they have been very receptive
5 when we have called them and asked them about
6 anything. So I anticipate under new leadership -- I
7 think Chief Neal is retiring at the end of this
8 month and the new chief will take place July 1st.
9 So I will be meeting with the new chief to discuss
10 those opportunities and looking at what we can do to
11 enhance our safety here for our staff and you, the
12 members of the board.

13 MR. SHAW: Thank you, Dr. Johnson.

14 Nothing else from executive committee.

15 Compliance committee.

16 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. President. I
17 have two motions to bring forward to the group. I
18 move that the board adopt the compliance committee's
19 recommendation to deny the request of license number
20 R-880149 for early termination for her 60-month
21 probationary period.

22 I move that the board adopt the compliance
23 committee's recommendation to approve the request of
24 Kerri Cunningham, licensed addiction counselor with
25 Victory Addiction Recovery Center, to be added to

1 the board-approved assessor list.

2 MR. SHAW: Any questions about those?
3 If not, I have a motion from the committee.

4 All in favor?

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

7 Dr. King - Advanced practice.

8 DR. KING: Thank you, Mr. President. We
9 don't really have anything to bring forward, but
10 just kind of an update from the advanced practice
11 committee. As Dr. Johnson alluded to previously,
12 rules and regulations that need to be reviewed and
13 be on a consistent and meet some standards and get
14 up to date. And so just as an overview of what we
15 will re-refer or refer to administrative code
16 include opioid and benzo testing, specifically
17 telehealth regulations, obesity, not necessarily the
18 controlled substance prescription of that piece but
19 other pieces of that part.

20 And then delegation, the ability for APRNs
21 to delegate to non-nurses. So all of those will be
22 either re-referred or referred to administrative
23 code for research and further deliberations to bring
24 back.

25 MR. SHAW: Any questions on that?

1 Moving on. Practice committee.

2 DR. STEWART: We had no business.

3 MR. SHAW: Okay. Finance.

4 DR. STEWART: Shan, do you want to put
5 that on the screen. So the board has, I think, a
6 copy of these slides, but just to go through some of
7 the highlights on our financial situation.

8 So expenditures: Our individual line
9 expenditures are lower this year than they were this
10 time last year except in travel and subsidies and
11 loans. And travel, of course, has to do with the
12 COVID restrictions being lifted. And then ONW has
13 distributed increasing amounts of grants.

14 When compared to fiscal year '20, instead of
15 fiscal year '21, our travel is approximately \$34,000
16 less than it was. So although our travel is
17 increasing, we're still below where we were
18 pre-COVID.

19 The agency has only expended about three-
20 fourths of the budget. This is very consistent,
21 even a little bit less than the previous two years.

22 And we are still waiting on some issues with
23 DFA to get the vehicle that we need to purchase,
24 purchased, also in terms of supply.

25 Under revenue, we have an increase of about

1 \$3,900 compared to this time last year, and our
2 renewal fees for this month were almost identical to
3 the previous month, but our year-to-date comparison
4 differs by about 4.2 million. This is attributed to
5 the LPN renewal cycle, but it does line up with
6 previous renewal years.

7 Cash on hand, 5.2 million in available cash,
8 which is sufficient to meet our operational
9 expenses. And then, of course, this is the time of
10 year we're looking at fiscal year '23 and the budget
11 appropriation. So we did receive an appropriation
12 of 5.1 million plus and 42 positions. The
13 appropriation is about \$24,600 less than last year.
14 That's contractual money that's less. ONW stayed
15 the same. I think it's \$105,000 to the Board of
16 Pharmacy for our PMP program - stayed the same.

17 We do have our in-house court reporter, and
18 we're happy about that. So that amount allotted to
19 contractual services decreased. That's where you
20 see the difference.

21 We are still waiting on some guidance from
22 the legislature about salary appropriations, but we
23 anticipate getting those numbers today. They're due
24 before July 1st, so hopefully we'll get those very
25 soon.

1 And we did receive authority to hire an
2 investigator position for the medical cannabis.
3 That's one of those 42 positions, but we're waiting
4 on an interagency agreement to be finalized with the
5 State Department of Health.

6 And then lastly, the MStar grant update. I
7 have reported this out in a couple of previous
8 meetings, but Shan doesn't like kudos either, but
9 she certainly deserves them. She has stepped in as
10 director of ONW. It was a full-time job just to do
11 - I will tell you this is a big deal - and she did a
12 beautiful job in terms of laying out the application
13 process, the requirements, the rubrics.

14 Jeremy and I both had the opportunity to
15 participate in that because we wanted to make sure
16 that we got the best -- we were, again, using our
17 money that we've been granted in the best way
18 possible. So the committee met as we were going
19 through those criteria and selected Howard
20 Technology Solutions as the vendor.

21 We chose them because they have a lot of
22 experience. They have previous positive
23 relationships with a lot of the community colleges,
24 and most importantly, they were very comprehensive
25 in their bid and their details of how they're going

1 to not only install equipment but also provide
2 training for faculty and staff in the schools.

3 And right now we have 20 of the 23 schools
4 that will be participating. The hope is that we
5 purchase the equipment this summer with installation
6 and training starting in the fall.

7 And that's the end of my report. I welcome
8 questions.

9 MR. SHAW: Anybody?

10 DR. STEWART: So the only motion that I
11 have is that -- it comes out of the finance
12 committee that we approve the budget as circulated.

13 MR. SHAW: Any questions? I have a
14 motion from the committee. All in favor?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. SHAW: Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

19 NCSBN annual meeting: As previously stated,
20 if you plan on attending, please send an e-mail to
21 Vanessa so that she can make the necessary plans.

22 Also the selection of delegates. There are
23 four people that have expressed interest. Is there
24 anyone else with a burning desire to be a delegate?
25 All right. So we have -- as I said, it has to be

1 two RNs, two LPNs. You have Dr. Burks and Janie
2 Clanton as RNs. Sandra Culpepper and Jeremy Cummins
3 as LPNs. So the decision is: Who's going to be the
4 primary delegate, and who's going to be the
5 alternate?

6 MR. CUMMINS: You can go primary.

7 MR. SHAW: Okay. So Sandra and Jeremy.
8 And then you have Dr. Burks and Janie.

9 DR. STEWART: I think both, obviously,
10 would be fabulous delegates, and I think both will
11 be heavily engaged because we do have an election,
12 so there's going to be a lot of networking.
13 Dr. Burks has served in this role in the past, and
14 my suggestion would be, if Janie is comfortable with
15 that, is to work with Dr. Burks as the primary. Let
16 Dr. Burks be the primary this time and kind of learn
17 some of those ropes because I think this is the
18 first time we will have all attended in a while.

19 MS. CLANTON: I'm fine with that.

20 MR. SHAW: Hadn't been to one in two
21 years.

22 DR. STEWART: So that's my two bits.

23 MS. CLANTON: I'm fine with that.

24 MR. SHAW: Okay. So we have Dr. Burks
25 primary, and Janie alternate.

1 So we have the delegates as Dr. Burks and
2 Sandra Culpepper and the alternates as Janie Clanton
3 and Jeremy Cummins. Do I have a motion we accept
4 those?

5 DR. STEWART: I move that we accept
6 those.

7 MR. SHAW: I have a motion. Second?

8 MR. CUMMINS: Jeremy.

9 All in favor?

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

12 I'm going back up here. I skipped over
13 administrative code.

14 MR. ADAMS: Just a brief update around
15 administrative code. As Dr. Johnson stated and
16 Dr. King, working to get that committee more active.
17 We've got a lot of things that we need to get over
18 to the OLRC, and time is of the essence. So we will
19 be working on that and setting up routine meetings
20 and working through and getting those agenda items
21 because just advanced practice has four or five
22 items that need to get there now. That's all I
23 have.

24 MR. SHAW: All right. So at this time,
25 I'd like to have a motion to go into closed session

1 to determine if executive session is necessary.

2 DR. KING: Make a motion we go into
3 closed determination.

4 MS. CLANTON: Motion.

5 MR. SHAW: So we've got the motion, the
6 second.

7 All in favor?

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. SHAW: So we're in closed session.

10 (Board enters closed session at 12:31
11 P.M.)

12 (Board returns from closed session at
13 1:17 P.M.)

14 MR. SHAW: We are out of executive
15 session. There was no action taken.

16 Last thing on the agenda is the election of
17 officers.

18 (Off-the-record discussions were held.)

19 MS. COLLINS: Okay. The election of
20 officers. We have president, T.J. Adams; vice
21 president, Sandra Culpepper; Secretary, Janie
22 Clanton; and the treasurer by just a hair of the
23 chinny-chin-chin is Jeremy Cummins.

24 Congratulations.

25 MR. SHAW: Well, I said to keep this

1 from ending, we just may not adjourn today.

2 MR. ADAMS: Hold on. Before you
3 adjourn, I think it would be proper in thanking
4 Mr. Alton Shaw as leading us through the COVID and
5 everything else through this and doing a wonderful
6 job, and I'd just like to say thank you on behalf of
7 us because you've done a great job.

8 MR. SHAW: I started my tenure with
9 COVID and go out with weed. So let's go ahead and
10 make this official. I have a motion we adjourn.

11 MS. COLLINS: I move that we adjourn.

12 MR. SHAW: Second?

13 MS. CLANTON: Second.

14 MR. SHAW: All in favor?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
18 proceeding concluded at 1:24 P.M.)
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1 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER

2 I, CYNTHIA HARRIS, Court Reporter and Notary
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5 That the foregoing pages contain a full,
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8 heretofore stated;

9 That I am not kin or in anywise associated
10 with any of the parties to said cause of action or
11 their counsel, and that I am not financially
12 interested in the action.

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
14 hand and seal, this the 20th day of June, 2022.



Cynthia Harris

CYNTHIA HARRIS, RPR, CCR 1828

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1 APPEARANCES

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3 BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE IN PERSON:

4 ALTON SHAW, MSN, FNP-C (PRESIDENT)

5 T.J. ADAMS, RN, BSN, MSHA (VICE PRESIDENT)

6 SANDRA CULPEPPER, LPN (SECRETARY)

7 MARY STEWART, PhD, RN (TREASURER)

8 SHIRLEY JACKSON, LPN

9 NANCY NORRIS-JOHNSON, LPN, II, CPT

10 JEREMY L. CUMMINS, LPN, LHNA

11 JANIE CLANTON, RN

12 MELISSA KING, DNP, FNP-C

13 LACEY T. GENTRY, MSN, RN

14 JAN COLLINS

15 BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VIA ZOOM:

16 LAURA MOORE, MSN, NP-C

17 MICHELLE OWENS, M.D.

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19 ALSO PRESENT:

20 JESSICA ROBINSON, ESQ.

21 SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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3 MR. SHAW: We'll go ahead and call the

4 meeting to order. I'll declare a quorum.

5 Ms. Shirley, would you mind opening us up?

6 MS. JACKSON: Good morning, everyone.

7 If you will, please bow your head for prayer.

8 (Prayer.)

9 MR. SHAW: As far as approval of the

10 agenda, if you'll notice on 6.6, the Office of

11 Nursing Workforce, that's going to be scratched.

12 That's going to be discussed under number 3. And

13 then we're just going to move the executive session

14 up so we can get all the business done before the

15 officers. Anything else? If not, I have a motion

16 we approve the agenda?

17 MR. ADAMS: Make a motion.

18 MS. COLLINS: I make a motion.

19 MR. SHAW: Motion, T.J. Second? I

20 heard -- Okay, Ms. Jan.

21 All in favor?

22 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

23 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

24 We move to open forum for members of the

25 public to comment, and just a reminder that we do

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1 limit it to three minutes per participant.

2 Are there any members of the public that

3 would like to speak? I understand we have -- Can

4 she speak?

5 DR. JOHNSON: She has her hand up.

6 DR. KING: She does have her hand up.

7 DR. JOHNSON: We have one on the screen

8 that has their hand up.

9 MR. SHAW: Okay. I can't see the name.

10 DR. JOHNSON: Ms. Annette Rousseau.

11 MS. ROUSSEAU: Hey.

12 MR. SHAW: Oh, hey.

13 MS. ROUSSEAU: Hello, everybody. My

14 name is Annette Rousseau. Thank you for allowing

15 public comment, and thank you for the prayer.

16 You're the first state that opens in prayer; that's

17 really amazing.

18 What I want to share is that -- I want to

19 just share a few websites for people to check for

20 themselves COVID and vaccination information. I

21 have a couple -- it says, "I cannot share a screen."

22 If you will allow, this will take seconds. And I'll

23 put a chat also with the website so that people have

24 them.

25 The first one is flemingmethod.com,

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1 F-L-E-M-I-N-G.com This physician/scientist is a
2 PhD, M.D., J.D. He has done a lot of -- tons of
3 research on COVID and what they are calling
4 vaccinations, and I would encourage everyone to go
5 to that website. He has hours of lectures. He has
6 written a book, and this is information that I have
7 seen across all -- globally, all over the world.
8 Many scientists coming -- and physicians with the
9 same information. You are not going to hear it by
10 mainstream media.

11 A little reason why I've been researching
12 this is because I did work for a company for COVID
13 telephonic, and I knew what the company was
14 practicing was not good medicine; it was not making
15 sense.

16 I am a registered nurse. I've done
17 infection control; I've done quality. I've been a
18 nurse 30-plus years, and what we're seeing in the
19 media is not what -- it's not good medicine.

20 And flemingmethod.com is the first.

21 The second is www.fda.govwww. And that's a
22 government FDA website that has AERS reporting,
23 which is Adverse Event Reporting System.

24 This is coming from the government, our
25 government, and you do have to finagle and figure

1 out where the reporting is because they recently --
2 in the past couple of months, they've -- they've
3 hidden the information, but it is in there.

4 And, you know, over 26,000 people have died
5 from this -- what they're calling vaccinations.

6 The last thing, because I only have a few
7 minutes, is that I want to share -- I want to share
8 a statement by a Dr. Robert Malone, and he is the
9 inventor of the mRNA technology for vaccinations.
10 He did the technology, not the vaccines.

11 And I just want to read -- you can cut me
12 off when you're -- when my time is up.

13 I want to just paraphrase, and this is in a
14 PowerPoint that I did send to Mississippi Board of
15 Nursing. There are three -- I'm reading his
16 statement. "There are three issues parents" -- and
17 this is why not to vaccinate children. "There are
18 three issues parents need to understand. The first
19 is a viral gene will be injected in your child's
20 cells. The gene forces your child's body to make
21 toxic spike proteins that cause permanent damage in
22 critical organs: their brain, nervous system,
23 heart, blood vessels. Creates" --

24 MR. SHAW: Her three minutes were up.
25 For those of you that don't know, we were forewarned

1 by --

(An off-the-record discussion was held.)

2 MR. SHAW: Any more members of the
3 public that would like to speak? If not, we'll move
4 on.
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6 Office of Nursing Workforce.

7 MS. CULPEPPER: Okay. So before I do my
8 motion, Dr. Burks, is there anything you want to
9 bring forward before I do the motion for the
10 advisory committee under the practical nursing part?

11 So the only thing I have coming out of the
12 Office of Nursing Workforce, Mr. President, I move
13 that the board accept the nominees for the ONW
14 advisory as follows: Megan Hines, Audrey Murray,
15 Megan Bass-Kendrick, Dwan Wolfe, and Wanda Stroupe
16 beginning in July of 2022, and I have also attached
17 all of their applications as well to this motion.

18 MR. SHAW: Any questions? Comments?
19 Concerns? If not, we have a motion from the
20 committee. All in favor?

21 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

22 MR. SHAW: Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

23 MR. SHAW: And, Dr. Burks, you don't
24 have anything?
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1 DR. BURKS: Yes, I have a report to
2 bring forward.

3 MR. SHAW: For something else, okay.

4 DR. BURKS: It's not the ONW.

5 MR. SHAW: Go ahead.

6 DR. BURKS: Good morning, everyone. I
7 do have one recommendation to bring forward, and
8 then just an update on the PN programs, in general.

9 Jones County Junior College, they submitted
10 a proposal to expand the practical nursing program
11 to the Jasper County center, which is in Bay
12 Springs, Mississippi. They currently offer the
13 practical nursing programs on their Wayne and
14 Ellisville campuses.

15 Their NCLEX pass scores for Jones for 2021
16 -- theirs was 82 percent. The state was 79 percent
17 and national 71 percent. So they're well above the
18 NCLEX pass rate.

19 Their anticipated enrollment for this first
20 cohort is 15 students, and they are looking at an
21 expansion date of August 2022.

22 I did tour their facility April 31st, and
23 they are equipped with classroom, computer space,
24 lab space. Because currently at that site, they
25 have a healthcare assistant program, so everything

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1 is there that they need if they are given the
2 opportunity to expand that program.

3 They also have great support from Jasper
4 County, that center director and also the career
5 tech dean.

6 Looking back in terms of their rationale of
7 why they wanted to expand, in the spring of 2021,
8 they received 50 applications, but they could only
9 accept 40 students. In the fall of 2022, they
10 received 90 applications but could only accept 37
11 students. And then the spring of 2022, they had 74
12 applicants but could only accept 40 students. So
13 right now the seats that are available for the
14 program is limited and because of that, potential
15 applicants are not able to enroll in their program.

16 They do have community support. Mississippi
17 Care Center of Raleigh, Mississippi, supports the
18 expansion of that program because they look at this
19 as a pathway for them to have nurses within their
20 system, and also Jasper General Hospital, they are
21 in support of expanding the program as well.

22 My recommendation is that they be allowed to
23 expand the program in accordance with the following:
24 that they will provide a status update to the board
25 at the end of the first semester and also provide

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1 held to a common standard of quality. The standards
2 revisions, I did provide some references in terms of
3 where some of the information comes from because
4 individuals like to know from a historical
5 perspective, "Well, where did that actual standard
6 come from," or "How was it derived?"

7 Also evidence-based practice, the Nurse
8 Practice Act, the agencies' policies and procedures,
9 and other professional organizations are utilized
10 when we look at standards revisions. And the
11 anticipated date of implementation is fall of 2022.
12 Because currently in the standards, they are revised
13 every five years, so we are in that time frame of
14 the revisions, and a copy of those standards were
15 provided for each member of the board.

16 MR. SHAW: Any questions for Dr. Burks?

17 MS. GENTRY: Dr. Burks, I heard you
18 mention for Jones County Community College class,
19 computer, and lab space. Do they also have
20 simulation availability at that campus, or would
21 they have to go to another campus for the
22 simulation?

23 DR. BURKS: They have a small area for
24 simulation, but their main lab is on their campus in
25 Ellisville.

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1 the board with an outcome status report and that
2 will include the number of students admitted to
3 their cohort, the number that completed, their
4 graduation rate, and their NCLEX pass rates.

5 And also for those students who are
6 re-admitted or non-completers, what are their plans
7 for those students to be successful because it's not
8 only important to admit students, but if they have
9 students to fall out, what is that follow-up so that
10 they can be successful.

11 In addition, they will be required to adhere
12 to the standards for our practical nursing
13 accreditation. And also because Mississippi
14 Community College Board -- they provide the codes
15 for new sites, they would have to contact Dr. Mackey
16 in order to get a site-visit code. Although that
17 school is there and established, they don't have a
18 program, so they'll need a program code in order to
19 go forward.

20 The second item I have -- it's not a
21 recommendation; it's just an update regarding the
22 practical nursing state accreditation standards
23 revisions for rule submissions.

24 The goal of the standards is to ensure the
25 nursing programs in the State of Mississippi are all

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1 MR. SHAW: Any other questions?

2 DR. JOHNSON: So, Mr. Chairman, it was
3 submitted -- the recommendations that have the
4 revised accreditation standards were submitted for
5 your review, and today I think we would need
6 approval to submit those to the OLRC from the board
7 today.

8 MR. SHAW: Does anybody have any
9 questions about the revised rules?

10 DR. JOHNSON: I think on the attachment,
11 the revisions are in red. Is that correct,
12 Dr. Burks?

13 MS. GENTRY: Dr. Burks, are most PN
14 programs in the state accredited by ACEN?

15 DR. BURKS: No, they are not required to
16 have national certification. That is something
17 that's come up in the past, but because of one of
18 the requirements of ACEN in the past of all the
19 faculty having to be master's prepared, that would
20 really be a detriment to many of the programs
21 because with that and also the cost that is incurred
22 with ACEN, some of the programs would probably have
23 to be closed because they couldn't afford those two
24 things.

25 MR. SHAW: While y'all are reviewing

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1 this, I would like to make mention that Dr. Owens
 2 and Laura Moore, two of our board members, are on
 3 the Zoom meeting.

4 MS. GENTRY: Are any of our PN programs
 5 accredited by a national accrediting agency?

6 DR. BURKS: Yes.

7 MS. GENTRY: And what agency commonly
 8 accredits PN programs, Dr. Burks?

9 DR. BURKS: The PN programs that have
 10 national accreditation, they're accredited by ACEN,
 11 and it's Meridian and Mississippi Gulf Coast.

12 MR. SHAW: Let me ask a quick question.
 13 Is this time-sensitive?

14 DR. BURKS: Yes.

15 MR. SHAW: When does it need to be
 16 approved?

17 DR. JOHNSON. Well, we would like to
 18 have it approved today, but if you need to review
 19 it. I know it was sent out prior to today. It was
 20 e-mailed to all of the board members for their
 21 review because we needed approval today because it
 22 has to go before OLRC, and that is another lengthy
 23 wait time. But if you need to review it more
 24 in-depth, definitely by July. The July board
 25 meeting, we would need to have the board's

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1 recommendation or approval.

2 DR. STEWART: Dr. Burks, is there any
 3 addition that caused you pause?

4 DR. BURKS: No, not with the standards
 5 because one of the things that was done was -- these
 6 standards were really vetted, and it was based upon
 7 the last cycle of site visits. So we looked at
 8 those site visits and what could be done better and
 9 then what had changed because we did go back to the
 10 evidence and look at what is best practices. Also,
 11 one of the resources that was utilized was from
 12 NCSBN.

13 NCSBN has recommendations of approval of
 14 schools and what those standards should look like.

15 In addition, last year I completed a class
 16 with NCSBN and Dr. Spector, and she brought out some
 17 of those suggestions. So those guidelines were used
 18 to really revamp.

19 Two of the places that we had some gaps was
 20 with hybrid and simulation. The past standards, it
 21 did not mention those things. So if you leave a
 22 gap, then it is understood that we can do whatever
 23 because there's no guidance there. And although
 24 during COVID guidance was provided from a national
 25 level, we need something on a statewide level to

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1 say: This is what you should use to help move your
 2 program forward.

3 Also, in addition, some of the areas were --
 4 they were very gray where it required schools to do
 5 certain things, but if they did not follow through,
 6 what was the end result?

7 And I'll give an example. For the annual
 8 report, it said the annual report must be completed
 9 by October the 15th, and that was the end of it. So
 10 there was no substance in if they did not submit,
 11 what could the board or anyone else do? Really, you
 12 couldn't do anything because there was no
 13 ramifications. So it was closing the gaps on things
 14 like that.

15 Also for initial programs it left out some
 16 things because in the past, it was under MCCB. For
 17 example, a feasibility study, that is important to
 18 any program. If you start it, will you be able to
 19 continue it? So our past standards, it was in there
 20 in 2000, but for some reason, that information was
 21 removed. So they need a feasibility study. If you
 22 start, can you continue? Do you have the resources?

23 So it's going back just putting some
 24 substance to several of the areas to make sure that
 25 everyone would be on the same page and understand

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1 what's going on.

2 DR. STEWART: I'm comfortable voting
 3 today.

4 MS. CULPEPPER: Me too.

5 MR. SHAW: So with that said, I have a
 6 motion that we approve the amended regulations --
 7 it's not regulations. What's it called?

8 DR. BURKS: Standards.

9 MR. SHAW: Standards. Thank you. The
 10 amended standards. Do I have a motion?

11 DR. STEWART: I move that we approve
 12 them as submitted.

13 MR. SHAW: I have a motion from Mary.
 14 Second?

15 MS. JACKSON: I second.

16 MR. SHAW: Second, Shirley.
 17 All in favor?

18 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

19 MR. SHAW: Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

22 DR. JOHNSON: An approval on Jones.

23 MR. SHAW: Any questions about that one?
 24 I have a motion we approve it.

25 MR. CUMMINS: I make a motion we approve

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1 it.

2 MR. SHAW: Motion from Jeremy.

3 Second?

4 MS. GENTRY: Second.

5 MR. SHAW: Lacey.

6 All in favor?

7 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

8 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

9 Is that it?

10 DR. BURKS: That's it.

11 MR. SHAW: All right. Now, moving on

12 down the road. So I have a motion we approve the

13 business meeting minutes from April the 8th, 2022.

14 MR. ADAMS: I make a motion.

15 MR. SHAW: I have a motion, T.J.

16 Second?

17 DR. KING: Second.

18 MR. SHAW: Second, Melissa.

19 All in favor?

20 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

21 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

22 Motion for agreed settlement proposal

23 minutes February and April 2022. I have a motion?

24 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: I make a motion.

25 MR. SHAW: I heard a -- Ms. Nancy.

1 Second?

2 DR. KING: Second.

3 MR. SHAW: Second, Melissa.

4 All in favor?

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

7 Hearing panel minutes: December 2021,

8 February 2022, and April 2022. I have a motion we

9 accept.

10 DR. KING: Motion to accept the hearing

11 panel minutes.

12 MR. ADAMS: Second.

13 MR. SHAW: Motion, Melissa. Second,

14 T.J.

15 All in favor?

16 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

17 MR. SHAW: And waive reading of names on

18 motions.

19 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: Motion.

20 MR. SHAW: Motion, Ms. Nancy.

21 Second?

22 MS. JACKSON: Shirley Jackson.

23 MR. SHAW: Ms. Shirley.

24 All in favor?

25 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

1 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

2 Make note; the future meetings, agreed

3 settlement proposals July 19th, disciplinary

4 hearings July 20, 21, and the business meeting will

5 be July 22.

6 The panel members are Sandra Culpepper,

7 Ms. Nancy Johnson, Lacey Gentry, and Janie Clanton.

8 DR. KING: Alton, on the panel, you can

9 add Melissa King to that as well.

10 MR. SHAW: Okay. And Dr. King.

11 Legislation: Trey, tell us something good.

12 MR. BOBINGER: Good morning, everybody.

13 It's good to see everybody. I'll try to be brief.

14 I told Phyllis I was going to take my Baptist

15 minister disposition out today, so I'll try to be

16 brief.

17 I wanted to start off by talking a little

18 bit about these congressional races that just

19 occurred. I know in your area, all North

20 Mississippi but certainly the 3rd and 4th

21 congressional seats, I think there were a lot of

22 pundits and voters that were really surprised

23 certainly in this area, I think, with the results.

24 But that runoff will be June 28th.

25 And the reason I bring this up is because

1 those are very important positions. You think about

2 your Medicaid program, your Medicare program, all of

3 the federal initiatives where dollars and funding

4 are sent to Mississippi, and there's policy

5 decisions made. So I think there's going to be a

6 lot of interest in that runoff in the 3rd

7 congressional district, which is this area and East

8 Mississippi, and the 4th is the Gulf Coast, South

9 Mississippi area. So both incumbents in those races

10 are in a runoff.

11 The other thing I want to mention -- you

12 know, we usually talk about specific bills or

13 legislation, but there was something that I think is

14 very important that I wanted to mention. A lot of

15 times I end up kind of being an intermediary between

16 our executive director, Phyllis, and Shan and the

17 board. Legislators will call and say, "I have a

18 question. Can you provide me information?"

19 And I've been thinking about this, Phyllis,

20 and lo and behold Chairman Sam Mims, Public Health

21 Chairman of the House, texted me a long text this

22 morning. He had a question about one of our

23 professional nursing classifications that he had

24 been asked by a third party in the healthcare

25 business. And I sent the text out to these guys,

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1 and, of course - our computer over here I call her -
2 Ms. Johnson immediately calls and says A, B, C, D,
3 E, and perfectly answered the question.

4 The information he had been provided - I
5 don't think it was intentional - it was not correct.
6 So by talking to Phyllis, I was able to call him
7 back immediately and give him the facts and what the
8 law was, and he was very appreciative and very
9 thankful for us reacting that quickly.

10 DR. KING: What was the question?

11 MR. BOBINGER: It was regarding the LPNs
12 on IVs and what that process was, and Phyllis made
13 it clear what the process was. It is part of their
14 curriculum. There was a question about that same
15 position in a neighboring state being able to come
16 here and do it immediately, and the person that
17 asked him the question said we had a one-year
18 waiting period on that. So, you know, we had to
19 clarify that with him, and he was fine with it.

20 So I mention that to say even out of
21 session, these legislators and things, there's
22 questions that come up or things. One, we want to
23 be accurate and correct, and, two, we want to be
24 very timely, I think, in our response to them, where
25 if they ask something, go, "Hey, you can call the

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1 Board of Nursing. They're going to be on top of it,
2 and call you back." I appreciate Phyllis doing
3 that.

4 Shan and I a lot of times on budget matters.
5 I appreciate you, Shan, as well and other staff
6 members. So I just kind of wanted -- I was thinking
7 about that, and then I got that text earlier, and I
8 said, "This works out well."

9 Real quickly, the state is still holding
10 some ARPA funding. I think it's like 300,000,000
11 that was not all expended. And I'm not sitting here
12 promising or saying, but I still think you're going
13 to hear more about nursing shortages and the nursing
14 shortage, and I think there will be some legislation
15 this session. I can't tell you exactly -- hopefully
16 more incentives or things to retain people and
17 recruit, regardless of your classification of
18 professional nursing. So I think we'll see
19 something along those lines; I'm anticipating.

20 I wanted to bring this issue up. I didn't
21 know how relevant it might be today, but the school
22 safety issue around the country. You know, you're
23 already hearing a lot on the federal level. I think
24 we may see something in the upcoming session. And I
25 go to that from a standpoint, we're going to hear

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1 more about mental health, which I think we all agree
2 is an issue in society, in general, and the funding
3 is just so limited.

4 You know, the need's out there, and I
5 thought about our nurse practitioners, am I correct,
6 can have a specialty in psychiatric nurse
7 practicing? And I think as we move forward,
8 you've got to think ahead, look ahead; there may be
9 a need for more of those folks in our schools, our
10 public institutions.

11 DR. STEWART: It's desperate.

12 MR. BOBINGER: Counseling --
13 identifying, counseling folks. I'm not saying
14 that's the silver bullet; we all know that. But you
15 take one example where somebody's identified or they
16 have somebody to talk to them that's credentialed
17 that knows what they're talking about, you could
18 possibly prevent something at a school or some other
19 public facility.

20 So I just thought about that in terms of
21 healthcare, mental health, but also people licensed
22 by this board who could actually serve a role in
23 safety, public safety and school safety.

24 And I think as we look for solutions as a
25 society, Congress, our state legislators around the

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1 country are trying to figure it out. It's a little
2 thing that I thought about that I would just mention
3 that as we move forward. I think we're going to be
4 hearing about that. We may even be called on to
5 provide information or talk about it at the
6 legislature. So I wanted to mention that to you.

7 Any questions?

8 Thank you, Shan, for that reminder. I
9 forwarded Phyllis and Shan a report, and you can
10 Google it. It's Mississippi Center for Public
11 Policy, and it's a pretty extensive study evaluating
12 state agencies and how -- you know, they're a
13 separate entity that's privately funded, but, you
14 know, they kind of have their own philosophical
15 view, and that's fine. I mean, there's a lot of
16 different groups. But it really focuses on state
17 agencies, and I think the concern more for me is -
18 and I think would be for the agency - is regulatory
19 agencies function, to me, differently than just
20 traditional state agencies. Obviously, those are
21 very, very important.

22 But you guys are responsible for licensing,
23 regulating healthcare professionals who are treating
24 people even in life-and-death situations.

25 But some of their recommendations, you know,

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1 are for things that -- I think you would agree, both
2 of you - could make regulation more difficult and
3 put some restraints upon, not just this regulatory
4 board, but boards across state government.

5 So, you know, we faced some of those bills,
6 y'all know, the last few years. Fortunately, most
7 of those have either gone away, or they've been
8 amended or modified where we can work with them.

9 But I wanted to send that to them to inform
10 you, to let you know that we're probably going to
11 see more of those types of bills; in fact, I'm
12 certain we are in the upcoming session.

13 So when you talk to a lot of your friends
14 that are legislators, you don't have to go into a
15 lot of detail, but you can just tell them generally,
16 "Just be sensitive. We're all for efficiency." I
17 know; I've watched this budget process and how this
18 board operates. This agency is very conscious of
19 its funding and what it does with it and how this
20 agency is operated.

21 But, you know, not everybody on the outside
22 understands that, and it varies sometimes from
23 agency to agency. So we just want to be able to
24 operate and be able to do our jobs or your jobs in
25 regulating without getting your hands tied or maybe

1 this year, it's violence as a public safety and
2 public health issue. And so I think it kind of sets
3 the groundwork for what the Mississippi Public
4 Health Association, which is also -- has a lot of
5 nurses involved but something for us to think about.
6 There's some leadership on the state and national
7 level already on the issues that you were raising.

8 MR. BOBINGER: Thank you for that
9 comment. That's all I was doing was just raising
10 it. It may be something that -- because I know our
11 legislature and certainly Congress is concerned
12 about -- and, like you said, relating it back from,
13 not a political position.

14 DR. STEWART: Right.

15 MR. BOBINGER: We stay away from that --

16 DR. STEWART: Right.

17 MR. BOBINGER: -- but a healthcare.

18 DR. STEWART: It's a public health
19 issue.

20 MR. BOBINGER: That's what I'm saying.
21 It's a public health issue and not a political issue
22 certainly for this board or this agency. But I do
23 think it's something -- it's just so out there right
24 now with the public and parents and their children
25 that I think it's something that is worth at least

1 better yet, we don't want it to become more
2 cumbersome, you know, where you feel like you're
3 limited in your ability to really do what you need
4 to do to keep our profession strong and to protect
5 the public, right, to protect the patients out
6 there.

7 So thank you, Shan. But if you get a
8 chance, if you can Google the website and look at
9 it, it's just a report they put out, but I think it
10 will serve as a basis for some future legislation.

11 MR. SHAW: Thank you, Trey. Any
12 questions?

13 DR. STEWART: Yeah, just a quick
14 comment. I think this is probably the right place,
15 and many of you may know this. Talking about
16 violence and mental health and schools and so forth,
17 I find it really interesting - and you all may know
18 - of course, this has become a very hot topic
19 nationally, or it's kind of bubbling up again. But
20 in terms of relevance for this group, Kay Bender,
21 Dr. Kay Bender -- many of you know Dr. Bender is now
22 the president of the American Public Health
23 Association, which is an interprofessional group
24 across the world.

25 And in their strategic plan and priorities

1 thinking about.

2 DR. STEWART: Physicians have been
3 working on this for a while, actually, as a public
4 issue. Emergency room physicians and so forth have
5 been looking at violence.

6 MS. COLLINS: Do you have a brief
7 statement on what you think is going to happen with
8 the CON laws? It seems like it's coming back up
9 again. We've got some hospitals dipping their toes
10 in the water to see what kind of reaction they get.

11 MR. BOBINGER: Jan, I don't have to tell
12 you. I think all of y'all know CON is a big, big
13 deal, you know, for hospitals, particularly our
14 existing facilities that do have their CON. I don't
15 know. I would say, Jan, this year certainly I think
16 there will be a bill introduced or bills.

17 But remember, guys, this coming year we're
18 going into an election year, so those legislators
19 are going to be out there -- Jeremy, you're going to
20 hear from people you haven't heard from in a while.
21 They're going to be, "Man, we miss seeing you," but
22 you know what I mean. They're going to be out
23 campaigning, and that's good.

24 But my point is -- usually, the general rule
25 at the Capitol, an election year, they try to stay

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1 away from controversial issues, and there's no way
2 to cut it. I'm not saying it couldn't be done away
3 with, but that's a major-league fight there, so I
4 would think aside from the fight itself, the timing
5 of the election would tend to make me think that I
6 wouldn't expect to see it this year. In fact, I
7 wouldn't really expect -- there may be a bill drop,
8 but I don't think you'll see a big engagement on it
9 just because of the timing this year. But it's been
10 percolating, you're right, and I think eventually
11 you're going to see a big fight over there, you
12 know, re-emerge. There's been skirmishes over the
13 years.

14 MS. COLLINS: Thank you.

15 MS. GENTRY: Any update on nurse
16 salaries, nurse educator salaries?

17 MR. BOBINGER: Up, up, up. Seriously,
18 I've talked to some of the folks over there;
19 Ms. Johnson and I have talked. I've actually
20 reached out -- I've had a couple of deans, actually,
21 I've talked to trying to be supportive from our
22 standpoint in the legislative process, and there's
23 been a lot of lip service - and I'm not saying that
24 in a negative manner - about, "We need to do --
25 we've got to pay our nurse educators more to retain

1 and recruit." It's kind of back to what we talked
2 about earlier.

3 That's why I mentioned -- that's totally up
4 to the Mississippi Legislature what they do. There
5 are some additional ARPA funds still remaining. So
6 I think there's -- it's been discussed. I think
7 there's some continuing dialogue on it. It's hard
8 to say now, but I do think you'll hear -- the issue
9 will be brought up in January, and I really hope
10 that there is something -- that it's more than talk.
11 That it can be translated into action to pay these
12 people more to teach our young nursing professionals
13 or people that are seeking nursing as a profession.

14 MR. SHAW: Any other questions? All
15 right, thank you, Trey.

16 MR. BOBINGER: Thank y'all very much. I
17 appreciate it.

18 MR. SHAW: Dr. Johnson, executive
19 director's report.

20 DR. JOHNSON: Well, good morning again.
21 Thank you very much. A couple of things. You have
22 the report before you, and I wanted to highlight
23 some things that are of importance. The NCSBN
24 annual meeting will be conducted August 17th through
25 19th in Chicago, Illinois.

1 And, again, usually during that meeting,
2 they have a component of the NLC that occurs either
3 one day earlier. I have not received the
4 information from the NLC on when they will entertain
5 doing their portion during the annual meeting, but
6 we need delegates. Today is the day I need you to
7 submit the names of delegates from the State of
8 Mississippi who will be attending that meeting. It
9 has to be one RN and one LPN, and we need two
10 alternates.

11 Thank you all for those that responded, that
12 had an interest. That was Janie Clanton, Jeremy
13 Cummins, and Sandra Culpepper that had an interest
14 in serving in that capacity.

15 Last year we had one staff member to attend
16 because you can have a staff member serve as one of
17 the delegates, but it must be an RN, and
18 Dr. Priscilla Burks served last year. Dr. Burks has
19 agreed to serve again in that capacity if the board
20 so deems that -- one of their recommendations that
21 she be part of that.

22 But I do need the names of the other
23 delegate and the two alternates today from the board
24 so I can submit that information and submit the
25 forms.

1 Additionally, any board members interested
2 in attending, I need you to send an e-mail to my
3 executive assistant, Vanessa Gray, with your
4 interest because as you know, we have to get those
5 registrations in and your reservations made and
6 those do fill up -- the hotel fills up very quickly
7 for the annual meeting.

8 This is a very important meeting because
9 they will be electing officers. I serve currently
10 as president-elect. The delegates are very
11 important in the voting process, and I have to run
12 again, according to the bylaws of NCSBN, because the
13 position I filled was someone else's position, and I
14 had to fulfill that term.

15 I ran un-opposed last year, but I do have an
16 opponent this year, so it is very important that we
17 have our delegates named today that can serve in
18 that capacity because the delegates are the ones
19 that kind of network and do the campaigning on the
20 ground, in addition to the person that is running.
21 So it's very important that we have our contingents
22 in place.

23 So I do ask that I get those names today,
24 and I know we have it on our agenda at the end
25 there, Mr. Chair. I don't know if you want to do it

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1 at the end of my report or during that time, but I
2 do want to make sure we cover that.

3 Additionally, we did receive our board
4 appointments from the governor's office, and that
5 was Janie Clanton, Sandra Culpepper, and T.J. Adams.
6 So we did receive those letters from the governor's
7 office. So I thank the governor for getting that
8 information to us as quickly as possible, and you
9 all should have received your letters. You know you
10 have confirmation coming up in the next legislative
11 session, so more to come on that, and they will be
12 notifying you of that.

13 Ms. Shirley Jackson, this is her last
14 meeting, but not her last meeting. And I say that
15 because she has fulfilled her obligations and terms.
16 Her replacement has not been submitted to us. I
17 have not received anything from the governor's
18 office, so until we do, she will be attending the
19 July meeting.

20 (Weather alerts.)

21 MR. SHAW: We will recess.

22 (Proceeding recessed due to inclement
23 weather at 11:47 A.M.)

24 (Proceeding resumed on the record at
25 12:08 P.M.)

1 MR. SHAW: So we'll go ahead and call
2 the meeting back to order. I guess as those of you
3 on Zoom can tell, we did survive and are still here.

4 Dr. Johnson, we'll let you continue your
5 report.

6 DR. JOHNSON: Okay, with all of that
7 excitement, I'm trying to remember where I was. I
8 was getting ready to talk about the OLRC.

9 I do want to bring to the attention of the
10 board the matter of our medical cannabis
11 regulations. I received a call from the governor's
12 office that the OLRC will meet on June 21st, 2022,
13 at 2:00 o'clock P.M. at the Sillers Building on the
14 19th floor. Our medical cannabis rules and
15 regulations will be presented at that time, along
16 with the other regulatory boards by Board of Medical
17 Licensure and, I think, the Optometry Board, I
18 believe, for consistency purposes.

19 Ms. Shan Montgomery will be representing us
20 at that particular meeting because I will be in
21 Chicago for an EO leadership summit during that
22 time, and that has been communicated to the
23 governor's office, and they are in full agreement.

24 They didn't have any questions, what I was
25 told, about our rules and regulations, so it's just

1 a matter of us being present there. It is open for
2 you all to attend, so that's why I wanted you to put
3 it on your calendar if you're interested in
4 attending the OLRC meeting. Dr. Cleveland will
5 spearhead the conversation and go first, and our
6 rules and regulations mirror theirs, and that is
7 what the governor's office noted. So hopefully
8 there will be no questions or anything because it's
9 been vetted pretty extensively.

10 DR. KING: And you said that was June
11 22nd?

12 DR. JOHNSON: June 21st at 2:00 P.M.,
13 Sillers Building, 19th floor.

14 The other thing that I wanted to bring to
15 your attention is, as you know, we have selected an
16 attorney, general counsel for the board. We are
17 very excited. We have selected Ms. Deanne Saltzman.
18 Deanne is from the Attorney General's Office, and
19 Deanne helped with our transition, early transition,
20 and doing some hearings for our board when Brett
21 resigned in January. She starts Monday, June 13th,
22 and we're just excited about having her on board.
23 She's also excited about coming to the Board of
24 Nursing, so that speaks volumes of the leadership.
25 She was very impressed with what she saw.

1 And we had a very hard selection. We had a
2 group of great candidates with great experience. It
3 was very, very difficult, and she led the pack there
4 in the end. So when you see Deanne, make sure you
5 make her feel welcome, and we're excited about
6 getting her on board.

7 The next thing I want to bring to your
8 attention is Dr. Tina Highfill has submitted her
9 resignation. Her effective date is June 30th, 2022.
10 Dr. Highfill is leaving to accept a leadership
11 position in one of the professional associations.
12 We wish her the very, very best. She's been with
13 the board for five years, and we're sad to see her
14 go but definitely understand the opportunity to do
15 different things.

16 And she has definitely been an asset to the
17 board. We will truly miss her. She's implemented a
18 lot of things that we have benefited from. So when
19 you see Dr. Highfill, just wish her godspeed and
20 success in her new endeavors.

21 We will have election of officers today.
22 You all will be addressing that later.

23 And I did provide in your packet an overview
24 of the Mississippi Pharmacy Association Convention
25 annual meeting that I attended -- Shan Montgomery,

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1 and Dr. Burks last week. I actually spoke at that
2 convention as part of the panel on opioids and
3 regulations. And it's a great conference. They
4 provided some great information on medical cannabis,
5 and that overview talks about -- I think the
6 gentleman that did the last session, which I was
7 unable to attend but Dr. Burks was there, talked
8 about medical cannabis and the chemistry of it and
9 the importance of providers being aware of the
10 interaction of medical cannabis with other
11 medications.

12 So hopefully I can get with our Office of
13 Nursing Workforce. I think that is education that
14 is needed for our providers, as well as for the
15 other providers in the state. This guy was
16 excellent, has a degree in medical chemistry, from
17 what I understand, a master's degree in that area.
18 So I think it would behoove us to try to work with
19 our Office of Nursing Workforce to provide some
20 education for our licensees regarding this issue.
21 But a great overview. Just peruse at your own
22 leisure on that.

23 And also the strategic plan, I think
24 Dr. Stewart mentioned. That's coming up, and we
25 value input. We need your input. Shan and I will

1 be working on that. Usually, it's due in August.
2 We get it together and submit it. So I think the
3 violence component would be a great strategy to look
4 at. So please submit your suggestions. You can
5 e-mail me with your suggestions on what you would
6 like to see in the strategic plan. We will be
7 working on that next month to get that together.

8 The last thing --
9 DR. KING: Dr. Johnson, would you mind
10 sending us a copy of the current strategic plan that
11 we have since we have some new members and just so
12 that we make sure we have it.

13 DR. JOHNSON: Yes, we'll send that out
14 to you.

15 Dr. Burks -- I don't know if y'all know;
16 she's such a gem. It is a joy to have her as the
17 director of the practical nursing programs in the
18 State of Mississippi, and it's under your watch, the
19 Board of Nursing. She is such an expert, not only
20 in practical nursing, but in nursing in general, and
21 she doesn't toot her own horn, but I have to toot it
22 for her because of these site visits.

23 She takes everything very seriously, which
24 she should, and she researches it to the utmost, and
25 she definitely talks about best practices. Like I

1 said, she served as my mentor when I was in my
2 doctoral program, and I learned so much from her
3 based on that. And she always told me, "Trust the
4 process."

5 But I just wanted you all to realize how
6 important, and it is such a great joy to have
7 someone of her magnitude to serve in that capacity.
8 Because the revisions of the standards falls under
9 the Board of Nursing, that was part of that when we
10 took that on legislatively, and she has worked
11 extensively, and she has communicated with me every
12 step of the way to make sure that we hold people
13 accountable -- accountability in the standards.

14 I know she doesn't like all of that, but I
15 just wanted you all to know she's working on your
16 behalf every single day to make sure that the
17 practical nurses that come out of the State of
18 Mississippi are educated and they're competent to
19 practice. So I just wanted to say that in her
20 presence.

21 The other thing I wanted to say - and this
22 is my last, I believe. The administrative code task
23 force committee, Mr. Chair, we definitely need that
24 to be up and running. We need that operational as
25 soon as possible. We have several rules and

1 regulations that we need to be reviewing and making
2 changes, looking at best practices. We have some
3 antiquated rules and regulations. One of those is
4 the APRN prescribing rules dealing with
5 benzodiazepines; we need to look at that. We need
6 to look at telehealth. There are so many things
7 that we need to be looking at, and COVID has set us
8 back and set many agencies back, but it's time to
9 move forward with that. So I would like to see the
10 members named so that we can get to work; the staff
11 can do what they need to do to do their research,
12 and we can start meeting on a regular basis and get
13 some of these things achieved.

14 Because, as you know, once we revise
15 anything, we have to send it to OLRC for approval,
16 and that, again, may be six months to another year
17 before approval. And I don't want us to be a burden
18 to our licensees to be able to do what they need to
19 do because of antiquated rules and regulations.

20 You have all of the other information about
21 the visibility of the board in your packet. We've
22 been very, very busy. Our staff has been a joy in
23 going out and presenting at conferences.

24 Shan Montgomery, Dwayne Jamison, Floyd
25 Wiley, and I'm still getting rave reviews about

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1 Floyd Wiley and his presentation, which I was not
2 able to attend, but they've already requested that
3 he come back.

4 So it just speaks volumes for our staff,
5 Dr. Highfill, and the licensure staff, the
6 investigative staff, and all the staff here at the
7 board. I always say, "I'm only as good as the
8 people that I work with, not that I work for,"
9 because we are a team and we work together to
10 achieve what we need to, to support the mission of
11 the board.

12 And I think that's all I have. Let me make
13 sure I've covered all of my notes, Mr. Chair.

14 MR. SHAW: Any questions for
15 Dr. Johnson?

16 All right, if not, we'll move on to
17 committee reports.

18 Executive committee: We didn't have
19 anything specific to come out, but did have
20 something we wanted to discuss related to an issue
21 that occurred yesterday in this room. Dr. Johnson,
22 would you like to address the steps and what
23 happened?

24 DR. JOHNSON: So yesterday we had a
25 little incident with one of our hearings, and I

1 discuss that with my COO to see what we can come up
2 with, with that, in addition to talking to law
3 enforcement here in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

4 I will say they have been very receptive
5 when we have called them and asked them about
6 anything. So I anticipate under new leadership -- I
7 think Chief Neal is retiring at the end of this
8 month and the new chief will take place July 1st.
9 So I will be meeting with the new chief to discuss
10 those opportunities and looking at what we can do to
11 enhance our safety here for our staff and you, the
12 members of the board.

13 MR. SHAW: Thank you, Dr. Johnson.
14 Nothing else from executive committee.
15 Compliance committee.

16 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. President. I
17 have two motions to bring forward to the group. I
18 move that the board adopt the compliance committee's
19 recommendation to deny the request of license number
20 R-880149 for early termination for her 60-month
21 probationary period.

22 I move that the board adopt the compliance
23 committee's recommendation to approve the request of
24 Kerri Cunningham, licensed addiction counselor with
25 Victory Addiction Recovery Center, to be added to

1 think we had some - how can I say - disgruntled or
2 was not able to accept the decision of the board and
3 became very angry. And with today's culture and you
4 mentioning the violence, there were some things that
5 were said and done that were basically a threat to
6 the board.

7 So based on that information, I will be
8 meeting with our law officers here in Ridgeland,
9 Mississippi, as well as the staff, and we're going
10 to be reviewing our security policies to implement
11 some additional security. We do have security in
12 place, but I think based on what we're seeing across
13 the nation, the things that are happening and,
14 again, the mental health component of the state --
15 of the nation, that we need to make sure that not
16 only are our board members safe but our staff is
17 safe.

18 So we will be looking at our security
19 measures in place and implementing new security
20 measures, and I'll be making a report to the board
21 based on my meeting with the chief of police here at
22 the Ridgeland Police Department.

23 In the future, we will request that we have
24 law enforcement present. We're looking at the
25 hearings as well as the business meeting. I have to

1 the board-approved assessor list.

2 MR. SHAW: Any questions about those?
3 If not, I have a motion from the committee.
4 All in favor?

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

6 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.
7 Dr. King - Advanced practice.

8 DR. KING: Thank you, Mr. President. We
9 don't really have anything to bring forward, but
10 just kind of an update from the advanced practice
11 committee. As Dr. Johnson alluded to previously,
12 rules and regulations that need to be reviewed and
13 be on a consistent and meet some standards and get
14 up to date. And so just as an overview of what we
15 will re-refer or refer to administrative code
16 include opioid and benzo testing, specifically
17 telehealth regulations, obesity, not necessarily the
18 controlled substance prescription of that piece but
19 other pieces of that part.

20 And then delegation, the ability for APRNs
21 to delegate to non-nurses. So all of those will be
22 either re-referred or referred to administrative
23 code for research and further deliberations to bring
24 back.

25 MR. SHAW: Any questions on that?

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1 Moving on. Practice committee.
 2 DR. STEWART: We had no business.
 3 MR. SHAW: Okay. Finance.
 4 DR. STEWART: Shan, do you want to put
 5 that on the screen. So the board has, I think, a
 6 copy of these slides, but just to go through some of
 7 the highlights on our financial situation.
 8 So expenditures: Our individual line
 9 expenditures are lower this year than they were this
 10 time last year except in travel and subsidies and
 11 loans. And travel, of course, has to do with the
 12 COVID restrictions being lifted. And then ONW has
 13 distributed increasing amounts of grants.
 14 When compared to fiscal year '20, instead of
 15 fiscal year '21, our travel is approximately \$34,000
 16 less than it was. So although our travel is
 17 increasing, we're still below where we were
 18 pre-COVID.
 19 The agency has only expended about three-
 20 fourths of the budget. This is very consistent,
 21 even a little bit less than the previous two years.
 22 And we are still waiting on some issues with
 23 DFA to get the vehicle that we need to purchase,
 24 purchased, also in terms of supply.
 25 Under revenue, we have an increase of about

1 \$3,900 compared to this time last year, and our
 2 renewal fees for this month were almost identical to
 3 the previous month, but our year-to-date comparison
 4 differs by about 4.2 million. This is attributed to
 5 the LPN renewal cycle, but it does line up with
 6 previous renewal years.
 7 Cash on hand, 5.2 million in available cash,
 8 which is sufficient to meet our operational
 9 expenses. And then, of course, this is the time of
 10 year we're looking at fiscal year '23 and the budget
 11 appropriation. So we did receive an appropriation
 12 of 5.1 million plus and 42 positions. The
 13 appropriation is about \$24,600 less than last year.
 14 That's contractual money that's less. ONW stayed
 15 the same. I think it's \$105,000 to the Board of
 16 Pharmacy for our PMP program - stayed the same.
 17 We do have our in-house court reporter, and
 18 we're happy about that. So that amount allotted to
 19 contractual services decreased. That's where you
 20 see the difference.
 21 We are still waiting on some guidance from
 22 the legislature about salary appropriations, but we
 23 anticipate getting those numbers today. They're due
 24 before July 1st, so hopefully we'll get those very
 25 soon.

1 And we did receive authority to hire an
 2 investigator position for the medical cannabis.
 3 That's one of those 42 positions, but we're waiting
 4 on an interagency agreement to be finalized with the
 5 State Department of Health.
 6 And then lastly, the MStar grant update. I
 7 have reported this out in a couple of previous
 8 meetings, but Shan doesn't like kudos either, but
 9 she certainly deserves them. She has stepped in as
 10 director of ONW. It was a full-time job just to do
 11 - I will tell you this is a big deal - and she did a
 12 beautiful job in terms of laying out the application
 13 process, the requirements, the rubrics.
 14 Jeremy and I both had the opportunity to
 15 participate in that because we wanted to make sure
 16 that we got the best -- we were, again, using our
 17 money that we've been granted in the best way
 18 possible. So the committee met as we were going
 19 through those criteria and selected Howard
 20 Technology Solutions as the vendor.
 21 We chose them because they have a lot of
 22 experience. They have previous positive
 23 relationships with a lot of the community colleges,
 24 and most importantly, they were very comprehensive
 25 in their bid and their details of how they're going

1 to not only install equipment but also provide
 2 training for faculty and staff in the schools.
 3 And right now we have 20 of the 23 schools
 4 that will be participating. The hope is that we
 5 purchase the equipment this summer with installation
 6 and training starting in the fall.
 7 And that's the end of my report. I welcome
 8 questions.
 9 MR. SHAW: Anybody?
 10 DR. STEWART: So the only motion that I
 11 have is that -- it comes out of the finance
 12 committee that we approve the budget as circulated.
 13 MR. SHAW: Any questions? I have a
 14 motion from the committee. All in favor?
 15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
 16 MR. SHAW: Any opposed?
 17 (No verbal response.)
 18 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.
 19 NCSBN annual meeting: As previously stated,
 20 if you plan on attending, please send an e-mail to
 21 Vanessa so that she can make the necessary plans.
 22 Also the selection of delegates. There are
 23 four people that have expressed interest. Is there
 24 anyone else with a burning desire to be a delegate?
 25 All right. So we have -- as I said, it has to be

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1 two RNs, two LPNs. You have Dr. Burks and Janie
2 Clanton as RNs. Sandra Culpepper and Jeremy Cummins
3 as LPNs. So the decision is: Who's going to be the
4 primary delegate, and who's going to be the
5 alternate?

6 MR. CUMMINS: You can go primary.

7 MR. SHAW: Okay. So Sandra and Jeremy.
8 And then you have Dr. Burks and Janie.

9 DR. STEWART: I think both, obviously,
10 would be fabulous delegates, and I think both will
11 be heavily engaged because we do have an election,
12 so there's going to be a lot of networking.

13 Dr. Burks has served in this role in the past, and
14 my suggestion would be, if Janie is comfortable with
15 that, is to work with Dr. Burks as the primary. Let
16 Dr. Burks be the primary this time and kind of learn
17 some of those ropes because I think this is the
18 first time we will have all attended in a while.

19 MS. CLANTON: I'm fine with that.

20 MR. SHAW: Hadn't been to one in two
21 years.

22 DR. STEWART: So that's my two bits.

23 MS. CLANTON: I'm fine with that.

24 MR. SHAW: Okay. So we have Dr. Burks
25 primary, and Janie alternate.

1 to determine if executive session is necessary.

2 DR. KING: Make a motion we go into
3 closed determination.

4 MS. CLANTON: Motion.

5 MR. SHAW: So we've got the motion, the
6 second.

7 All in favor?

8 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MR. SHAW: So we're in closed session.

10 (Board enters closed session at 12:31
11 P.M.)

12 (Board returns from closed session at
13 1:17 P.M.)

14 MR. SHAW: We are out of executive
15 session. There was no action taken.

16 Last thing on the agenda is the election of
17 officers.

18 (Off-the-record discussions were held.)

19 MS. COLLINS: Okay. The election of
20 officers. We have president, T.J. Adams; vice
21 president, Sandra Culpepper; Secretary, Janie
22 Clanton; and the treasurer by just a hair of the
23 chinny-chin-chin is Jeremy Cummins.

24 Congratulations.

25 MR. SHAW: Well, I said to keep this

1 So we have the delegates as Dr. Burks and
2 Sandra Culpepper and the alternates as Janie Clanton
3 and Jeremy Cummins. Do I have a motion we accept
4 those?

5 DR. STEWART: I move that we accept
6 those.

7 MR. SHAW: I have a motion. Second?

8 MR. CUMMINS: Jeremy.

9 All in favor?

10 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

11 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

12 I'm going back up here. I skipped over
13 administrative code.

14 MR. ADAMS: Just a brief update around
15 administrative code. As Dr. Johnson stated and
16 Dr. King, working to get that committee more active.
17 We've got a lot of things that we need to get over
18 to the OLCRC, and time is of the essence. So we will
19 be working on that and setting up routine meetings
20 and working through and getting those agenda items
21 because just advanced practice has four or five
22 items that need to get there now. That's all I
23 have.

24 MR. SHAW: All right. So at this time,
25 I'd like to have a motion to go into closed session

1 from ending, we just may not adjourn today.

2 MR. ADAMS: Hold on. Before you
3 adjourn, I think it would be proper in thanking
4 Mr. Alton Shaw as leading us through the COVID and
5 everything else through this and doing a wonderful
6 job, and I'd just like to say thank you on behalf of
7 us because you've done a great job.

8 MR. SHAW: I started my tenure with
9 COVID and go out with weed. So let's go ahead and
10 make this official. I have a motion we adjourn.

11 MS. COLLINS: I move that we adjourn.

12 MR. SHAW: Second?

13 MS. CLANTON: Second.

14 MR. SHAW: All in favor?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

16 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
18 proceeding concluded at 1:24 P.M.)

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