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BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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NANCY NORRIS, LPN, SECRETARY
ALTON SHAW, MSN, FNP-C, TREASURER
CLAUDE D. BRUNSON, MD, PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE
JAN COLLINS, CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE
BLAKE WARD, MSN, CRNA
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The following proceedings were held at the Mississippi Board of Nursing, 713 South Pear Orchard Road, Plaza II, Suite 300, in the City of Ridgeland, State of Mississippi, on Friday, February 2, 2018, commencing at approximately 11:08 a.m.

DR. KING: Good morning. We are going to go ahead and get started and call this meeting to order. It is 11:08, and I'm going to ask Ms. LeKathryn Gipson to open us up in a word of prayer, please.

(PRAYER)

DR. KING: So we do have a quorum today. And then I'm going to ask for an approval of the agenda, but we do have one change, under number 4, where it talks about agreed settlement proposals, and that's actually going to refer to the hearing minutes. And so can I get, with that change, an approval of the agenda, a motion to approve the agenda?

MR. SHAW: I make a motion.

MR. WARD: Second.

DR. KING: Motion made by Alton Shaw, seconded by Blake Ward. Any discussion?
(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
DR. KING: All in favor?
(ALL IN FAVOR)
DR. KING: Any opposed?
(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
DR. KING: Any abstainers?
(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)
DR. KING: Now we will open it up to the public, if we have anyone that would like to speak.
Teresa Malone?
MS. MALONE: Thank you. Teresa Malone with the Mississippi Nurses' Association. On behalf of the Mississippi Nurses' Association's Board of Directors, I extend my appreciation to the Board of Nursing for all the work that they have put forth during this legislative session. I would like to recognize that many of you have spoken at the Capitol, specifically in relation to the removal of the collaborative agreement, which is a contract between APRNs and physicians. I would like to recognize Madam Chairman -- Madam President, I'm sorry -- as well as Blake Ward, as well as the executive director, Phyllis Johnson, for all the stellar work that they did at the Capitol during this session.
I'm sure Trey will cover some additional
information on that, but, as you know, all of those bills died in Committee. However, again, I express our appreciation to all of you and all of the individuals throughout the state who worked so hard on this.

I would also like to invite all of you to attend our upcoming Legislative Nursing Summit. That will be held on February the 6th. That's this coming Tuesday. It will be held at the Jackson Convention Complex, and we are delighted that Phyllis will again be making a presentation, and this will be the first time that many of the nursing students will be exposed to the Board of Nursing. So we appreciate her speaking at that particular event.

We are also delighted that John Dowdy will be speaking about the Opioid Epidemic, which is of important to, needless to say, nursing students and nurses throughout the State of Mississippi.

In addition, we are continuing our work relative to educating nurses on the human trafficking situation that we are experiencing in Mississippi. As you know, that is a growing epidemic. We will be having some additional sessions on that throughout the next upcoming year, as well as on the Opioid Epidemic. But, mainly, I just wanted to extend our appreciation
to all of you for your work and through your support
during this legislative session. Thank you.

DR. KING: Thanks, Teresa. Anybody else?

Linda Shows?

MS. SHOWS: Just Linda is fine, Madam
President. Linda Shows, Mississippi LPN Association.
As I always like to echo Teresa's commendation about
the legislative session, this board has been very
active, and certainly with PN issues and PN education,
it has been very important. And we do appreciate the
efforts that you have put forth to make that a
successful journey. Sandra Culpepper did an excellent
job leading that committee, and I'm sorry that she is
feeling ill today. She did call me this morning and
said that she has the flu, and so we need to offer her
up in prayer.

Our upcoming convention is April the 11th
through the 13th at the IP Casino at the Gulf Coast.
We would love to have any of you that are available to
come and visit with us at this exciting time. The
ones that have been before can tell you we have a
large group of people. Usually we have 1,100 people
during that time. We will have all the students from
the 15 community colleges and the one private college
that teaches practical nursing, all the PN faculty and
LPNs there that do their CEUs or are working on their CEUs. So we do hope that, if you have a day or have a few hours and you're on the Gulf Coast, that you could come and join us, and I will send you a formal invitation by email.

So this is an exciting year. We got through license renewal, and we celebrate that, and I will celebrate with the staff for being patient with all of my emails and referrals and questions that I can't answer that LPNs need about their license renewal. Sometimes those questions come to me, and I gladly refer them to your staff. And I appreciate that, Ms. President, Ms. Johnson, that your staff does follow through, and they get these answers for people, and it makes their lives easier. I think we're getting less and less of those, and I do appreciate that y'all have made a great effort to get questions answered. So, on that, we wish you a Happy Heart Day and that you will have a great work meeting, and we'll see you in April.

DR. KING: Thanks, Linda. Anybody else?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: At this time, can we put on the record that Sandra Culpepper is absent in today's meeting. Sorry about that. Office of Nursing
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Workforce?

MR. THOMPSON: Good morning. At this
time the Office of Nursing Workforce has some things
that they're working on and looking at. For the past
few weeks, we've had the opportunity to sit down and
meet with Lanelle Weems of the Mississippi Hospital
Association. She has been great sharing her knowledge
with us and pointing out things to us from a learning
standpoint and showing us some things that we may or
may not know. We have also had the opportunity to
discuss some future joint ventures together with the
Mississippi Hospital Association.

The Data Committee has also been meeting
to talk about another data vendor who should be
joining us and who is interested in telling our data
story. The Data Committee met and discussed the pros
and cons of the vendor so he or she will be a perfect
match with ONW. We also have one or two projects that
we're looking at, maybe one, more or less, two. Next,
I would like to thank Darlene Lindsey for taking the
opportunity to sit down with me a second ago and
explain something to me, one of those projects.

And the Scholarship Committee is proud to
announce that we are finished taking applications. We
have 100 percent participation from all schools in the
State of Mississippi, and they were finished before the deadline. The deadline was January 30th. I had all applications before January the 30th, and we're moving forward with that. Thank you.

DR. KING: Thanks, Dwayne. So we will move to board business. Business meeting minutes from December 8, 2017, I motion to approve those.

MR. SHAW: Motion.

MS. GIPSON: Second.

DR. KING: Motion by Alton Shaw. Second by LeKathryn Gipson. Any discussion?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: All those in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

DR. KING: Opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Abstainers?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: All right. So, next, I would like to get a motion to waive the reading of names on motions.

DR. CATLEDGE: Madam President, I make a motion that we waive the reading of the names on the motions.

DR. KING: Motion by Dr. Catledge.
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1 Second?

2 MS. GIPSON: Second.

3 DR. KING: Second by LeKathryn Gipson.

4 All in favor?

5 (ALL IN FAVOR)

6 DR. KING: Opposed?

7 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

8 DR. KING: Abstainers?

9 (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

10 DR. KING: Future meetings are agreed

11 settlement proposals, April 24th of 2018.

12 Disciplinary hearings, April 25th and 26th of 2018 at

13 8:30. And the panel will consist of Ms. Shirley

14 Jackson, Dr. Teresa Stanford, Ms. Sandra Culpepper,

15 and Dr. Melissa King. And business meeting will be

16 April 27th, 2018, at 11:05. Legislative update, Trey?

17 MR. BOBINER: Good morning. I

18 appreciate you having me this morning. It has been a

19 very busy legislative session, to say the least. Both

20 Teresa and Linda have alluded to the removal of the

21 collaboration agreements. I want to also thank all

22 the board members for your time at the Capitol. I

23 know, Madam President, that you and I got sore feet up

24 there yesterday, I think, spending a lot of time

25 visiting with legislators. I think we made a very
hard push. I think we educated a lot of folks and certainly moved the needle. Obviously, there is more to be done to achieve our ultimate goal, but I want to thank everybody.

We had some great legislators, people like Representative Donnie Scoggin, Representative McLeod that really made a personal commitment to help us advance our APRNs. And, again, all we were asking for and will continue to ask for is to allow them to practice to the full extent of their education and training. And, you know, it goes to access to healthcare, all these things that you know. But I really want to thank all of you personally.

I know Phyllis Johnson, our executive director, thank you for all your commitment, the staff, our president, all the board members, and we're going to continue fighting on that. And as one of the leaders at the Capitol said, you know, that this will go away. At some point this will be removed.

I also want to touch on some other things you might not be as familiar with. These two bills died, but it brings up an interesting issue. There was Senate Bill 2305 by Senator Hill in the Senate and House Bill 121 by Representative Holland in the House. These two bills dealt with fingerprinting, doing
background checks during our licensing process.

As I understand it now -- Shan can correct me or Phyllis -- we go to the graduation ceremonies, I think, and provide those services to try to make it convenient, you know, where they don't all have to come to Jackson. So the staff and the board have considered that. These bills would have mandated locations be established or authorized locations around the state for fingerprinting to be offered.

We understand, you know, that the potential of that or the possible need, but you also got to figure in, what is the cost, where they're going to be located, who is going to staff those locations, the integrity of the process. Those are things that we have to be careful about.

Having said that, I know Shan has done some work, and our executive director is very aware, there is technology existing now. I think I'm correct, Shan, that DPS uses this technology as well, and in the future we've started mentioning and starting to educate some of the legislators about providing us the authority to move forward possibly with some up-to-date technology to make it more accessible and have our turnaround times quicker for these fingerprinting.
We think that's something that is important. It would be a great service to our applicants, and that's something I know our staff is committed to doing. So I just wanted to mention that. Those two bills did not pass. They were not our bills, but having said that, it really kind of starts the discussion that that's something we need to look at going forward.

There was also, and I want to make this point. You know, you have your agenda, things you're working very hard on, like the removal of collaboration agreement, which we spent untold hours in meetings and things working on that, but you always have bills you have to react to, things that come up that may not necessarily be good for the nursing profession, for the board, and we watch those things as well. And this next one was a concern, although I think probably the intent was good, was something called the Nurse Protection Act of 2018.

This was actually House Bill 1156. I will say that the representative reached out to me during the session, asked us to look at the bill. It would have fundamentally changed the way we conduct our hearings, the way internally we have our hearings, the substance of it. Of course, we have our in-house
counsel, Brett Thompson, looking at it, and we had some real concerns about it.

It was a very extensive bill. I think it was 20, 25 pages, Phyllis, pretty detailed. But we went immediately to the Capitol. I set a meeting up. Our executive director, Ms. Montgomery, Ms. Thompson, we all sat down and met with this representative, and to the credit of our staff, they immediately followed up with statistics and data about, you know, we almost err on the side that if it's possible to have too much due process, not really, but, I mean, this board goes out of its way to provide everybody notice, an opportunity to be heard, and a fair and just hearing.

We wanted to emphasize that, but we didn't just emphasize it. The staff backed it up with data that supported us. And I think after the representative saw that and got to meet with Phyllis and our staff, she, on her own accord, kind of backed away from it. So that bill died as well. But that's another thing about watching different bills and legislation, when you see it, trying to react quickly to head off something that might be a negative for us.

The other thing, there is a bill we're watching. There is a Senate Bill 2911 and a House Bill 1095. It's not -- it would not affect the
authority or the internal operation of the board, but it would change the makeup.

DR. KING: Would you repeat those numbers? I'm sorry.

MR. BOBINGER: Senate Bill 2911, 2-9-1-1, House Bill 1095, 1-0-9-5. This goes to the makeup. You know, there's an Employee Appeals Board. There's, like three designated full-time hearing officers that go to various agencies, and they kind of develop expertise, Ms. Green knows. And they hear these around agencies. This bill basically would eliminate those three permanent hearing officers. It would create a list of attorneys that could be used to hear those cases.

While not necessarily bad, the problem is, you got three people that do it extensively now. You follow me? You may have some less experienced folks. It could be the Board of Medical Licensure, this board, any state board that has employee appeals. It's just something, like I said, it doesn't affect us internally, but it's just something we're monitoring and watching. I just wanted to make the board aware of that.

Something we're very proud of, and I want to commend our staff and the board, and it's a bill
that originated with us, but it also originated with
the Mississippi Community College Board. I would like
to give them a lot of credit, Phyllis, for working
with the Mississippi Board of Nursing to come up with
a joint mutually agreeable plan to transition the
accreditation authority of our schools of practical
nursing and move them from the Community College Board
under this board, the Mississippi Board of Nursing.

And I know there was a committee that
studied this. I know the board vetted it. The staff
did a lot of background work. There again, the folks
at the Community College Board worked very closely
with us. So we got a bill crafted. We worked it,
attended hearings. I'm proud to report -- you might
want to write this down -- Senate Bill 2376 is the
Senate bill. It is passed out of Committee, and it is
pending on the Senate calendar, which means, unless
they did it this morning -- I don't think so --
probably certainly by Wednesday of next week, that
bill should be brought up for a vote of the full
Senate.

I do fully expect it to pass the Senate.

Even better news, the House version, we have a
companion bill in the House, 721, 7-2-1. It passed
the full House yesterday, February 1st. I don't think
there was a no vote against the bill. I think it was
a unanimous vote. So that made us feel good. That
bill passed. So we've got bills on both sides
working, and it has been good, had a good working
relationship.

Legislators have been very supportive.
We have reminded them there lots of good reasons why
this makes sense. One thing is the fact that just
Mississippi and New York are the only two states in
America that do not already have this under their
Board of Nursing, but there are other reasons. The
expertise that's brought by the board or staff or
potential staff to oversee it, just a number of things
to work with our LPNs and enhance and hopefully
provide good quality education for our folks. So I
think that's a good thing, and I commend the board for
support that.

The last thing I will mention is our
budget. In the last couple of weeks or week or two, I
know Phyllis and myself and Shan, I think Brett, and
there may have been, I can't remember, maybe a board
member or two, but we went and attended subcommittee
hearings of both the House and Senate, which is a
normal part of the process. You have subcommittee,
full committee. And I thought, Phyllis, we had
Shan had prepared some really good bullet points and detailed information. We didn't want to skim over anything. We wanted full transparency. We wanted these guys to know exactly what we're doing with our money, because we know we're spending it efficiently in doing things to improve regulation in the profession. And Phyllis, I think, did a very good job of going into detail and explaining our budget to these legislators, and it was all very positive.

So that process will continue. The appropriation process will continue at the end of the session, but at this point we feel good where we are currently in that process. And at this time, if anyone has a question, I will be glad to entertain it. If not, I will cede the chair to the next speaker.

Thank you, Madam President.

DR. KING: Thank you, Trey. And that brings us to the Executive Director Report.

MS. JOHNSON: Good morning. You-all look so nice in your red, even the men with red ties on. Dr. Brunson, I was waiting on you to wear your red suit, though.

DR. BRUNSON: That would be asking a bit much.
(LAUGHTER)

MS. JOHNSON: The Executive Director's Report, I just wanted to give you a few highlights on the updates. It's eNLC implementation date, we went live, fully live, and it was implemented on January 19th of this year. Mississippi, after one week of implementation, you know, we're always last, but we were number 1 in the number of duplicate licensees. With the implementation of the compact, we were at 0.02 percent the first week. I just checked with Stephanie. She said, "Oh, no. We're zero percent now."

We're still number 1, and that means a lot with this transition because of the duplicate licensees that have to be deactivated, activated. And Mississippi is leading the pack in making sure everything is being done like it's supposed to be done with this new compact. And kudos Stephanie Martin, who is the coordinator, one of the staff members here. That's her baby. She has worked diligently and trained in this. So all of the licensing staff have been involved, but she is the coordinator. So, when you see her, give her a kudos, attaboy, because she has done a tremendous job. And she says now the bar has been set, so she wants to make sure we remain
number 1. So give her a heads-up, a kudos on that.

The Administrative Code, I will let Blake talk about that later. The retreat, we will be having the retreat. You know, it was rescheduled because of the weather conditions, the ice and the snow we had. That has now been rescheduled to February the 23rd. More information will be coming out from Vanessa in getting with the board members on that.

Trey has already talked about the appropriation hearings. Property audit, we had a property audit done in December of the board, and it went very well. Shan and her staff were responsible for making sure that the audit went well and everything was accounted for. We accounted for the majority of things, probably about 97 percent. We have a report that there are about three items that we could not account for that goes way back to two previous administrations. So we just have to do a report, and we should be submitting that report within the next couple of weeks, and I will keep you updated on that.

Gloria Perry, you know, retired. She was our senior licensing officer, and her last day was the 31st of January. So she was presented a plaque from the State of Mississippi, and the staff gave her some
happies. We were very sad to see her go, because she has done tremendous work here at the board.

Next, oh, the LPN renewals, I want to tell you the number on that. 1,650 LPNs have renewed as of today. We still have late renewals coming in. There are approximately, probably about 3,000 LPNs out there that have not renewed. So they're coming in very slowly, but they are renewing. I just wanted to give you that number.

Visibility, and I think Teresa had mentioned the MNA Capitol Day, MANP Capitol Day. We also, you know, supported them in those efforts as well. Our Capitol Day was during the ice and snow. It was very well attended, and I appreciate the board members that showed up that assisted with that.

Sandra Culpepper drove all the way through the ice and snow. And I'm, like, you have lost your mind, but she did. She wanted to be there and show her support. So I do appreciate all the board members that did come to our Capitol Day. We had a lot of communication involving the legislators, and a lot of people stopped by the table.

Today we support Go Red. Everybody looks nice. Even the members of the audience that wore their red, kudos. I'm hoping we can get a picture of
everything before we disassemble.

The Galloway Church, I attended the
Community College Board Presidents' Breakfast, and
that was a couple of weeks ago, if I'm not mistaken,
and it was a very good response from the presidents
there. I had conversations with several of them. I
have some follow-up visits with some others. But I
think by being there and answering some of the
questions that a couple of the presidents had, they
now have a different appreciation for the Board of
Nursing. So I think it was a well attended meeting.

Brett attended the Leadership Summit that
UMC sponsored last week, and she was the presenter and
gave an excellent presentation. It was well received,
and everybody talked volumes about how well she
presented and the information that was presented. So
she did a great job.

We attended the Deans and Directors
Meeting as well. And MEC Capitol Day, thank you to
the board members that were able to participate in
that as well. That's always a fun time, and you get a
chance to network with a lot of different people.

And the Chemical Diversion Conference,
that's the one I attended in Dallas in December since
our last board meeting, and that was on DEA Rules and
Regulations, which was very informative. They are going to offer that every two years, and if you have an opportunity, I will keep the board members apprised of it. And when it comes up again, I highly recommend it. Very good information.

The Rules Committee, Brett also attended that in Chicago this week, as a matter of fact. And kudos to Jan Collins, who I want to recognize, one of our board members I would like to recognize. And don't hit me if I get this wrong, but the Madison County Business and Leadership Foundation.

MS. COLLINS: The Madison County Business League and Foundation.

MS. JOHNSON: Business League and Foundation. I knew I was going to get that "L" wrong, but anyway, we attended their breakfast. It is always a very good networking opportunity, as well as we learned a lot of things that are happening in Madison County. And so we attended that. But I want you to know, we want you to recognize Jan today, that she was nominated and selected as a Mississippi top CEO by the Mississippi Business Journal. She is the executive director of MCBLF. So, if you would, join me in recognizing Jan on that.

(APPLAUSE)
MS. JOHNSON: A major achievement. Jan always makes sure that I'm taking my pictures correctly. I like that about her.

Okay. I did want to mention the LPN transition. Trey jogged my memory on that. We have been down at the Capitol for the past two weeks, three weeks maybe, Shan, Brett, Trey, and myself and then some board members. Dr. King has been there. Blake has been there. So it has been an awesome opportunity. This is my first full legislative session as the ED. And so learning the political ropes and the political games, I think I have learned quite a bit over the past three weeks.

But the LPNs, we have had great responses from individuals at the legislature about the transition, and I think that speaks volumes of the board, the board members, and everybody that participated. Our stakeholders in the audience, I know Linda Shows and other LPN faculty and representatives in the audience, it speaks volumes, and we are committed to making sure, once it gets through this final process, that we do what needs to be done to ensure that our LPNs are educated the best that they can possibly be and monitor that process.

And I think the next slide, MNA Summit,
and Teresa covered that, on next week, the Legislative Summit, on the 6th. And MANP has a conference, Pharmacology and Controlled Substances at USM. That's tomorrow, and I will be speaking at that, along with Tina Highfill, our director of Advanced Practice. They had got me going at 8 o'clock in the morning for two hours. So I will be speaking at that.

And the Board of Medical Licensure Rules and Regs for Controlled Substances, we will be meeting with the Board of Medical Licensure to look at those rules and regs for controlled substances on next Thursday here at the board at 1 o'clock to look at what we're going to do and what they have already proposed for their licensees, because we want some consistency in regulation with the controlled substance issue. So I just wanted to let you know that.

Next is the budget, Shan.

MS. MONTGOMERY: Good morning. Each of you should have a detailed copy of the budget report. I will give you a high overview. We have expended about 34 percent of our budget so far. We usually expend about 50 percent. We have not expended the funds yet for the ONW scholarships and the payment for the PMP Program. Once we expend those two
expenditures, we will be at about 45 percent. We have two areas where we are low in expenditures. One would be travel, and I thank Jan for bringing that to our attention, because it is a hot topic right now with the legislators about travel spending, but we are about 26 percent low in that particular category. And that's monitoring how we spend where we go with the travel.

We are also about 42 low in salaries, and that's because we have some vacant pins. They will be filled hopefully by the end of this fiscal year. One are that we're high in would be contractual, and that's because I ended up having to post the December rent in January. Other than that, that's the only difference in contractuals.

Right now we are where we should be. I feel good about where we our with our budget, that we will be expending all of that. And I think Trey and Phyllis covered the upcoming budget and what we requested. I think it's a little over 5 million. Any questions?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: So we need a motion to approve the budget report.

MS. COLLINS: So moved.
DR. KING: Motion made by Jan Collins.

MS. JACKSON: Second.

DR. KING: Seconded by Ms. Shirley Jackson. Any discussion?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: All in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

DR. KING: Any opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Any abstainers?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Okay.

MS. JOHNSON: Madam President, if I would, I forgot, you know, the Midyear Conference is in March. So hopefully all board members that have said they wanted to go, you have gotten everything squared away. If not, just see Vanessa or myself after the meeting.

DR. KING: Okay. Thank you. Okay. So that brings us to committee reports. And in Executive Committee, we discussed and want to recommend at least one agreed settlement proposal meeting every other month, alternating from the current schedule to begin in May of this year to keep us on track and up to date with the settlement proposals and not get behind on
that week.

DR. CATLEDGE: Say that again.

DR. KING: That's okay. To recommend at least one agreement settlement proposal meeting every other month alternating from the hearing month to start in May.

MS. GREEN: You're still going to have it during the hearing months. You're just going to add an exact day.

DR. KING: An extra day.

MS. LINDSEY: So, well, can I ask a question?

DR. KING: Of course.

MS. LINDSEY: Would that mean that board members will have to sign up for an extra Tuesday in addition?

DR. KING: I don't necessarily think that we have to do it on a Tuesday. I think we can put a schedule together that would be convenient for anyone, like, if there's day of the week that's better to do that or available.

DR. CATLEDGE: But it would mean board members would have to sign up?

DR. KING: Right. Yes.

MS. MONTGOMERY: Do you want to give them
the reason why?

DR. KING: From us just being behind and trying to help augment some of the efficiencies of getting the legal agreed settlement proposals and hearings and everything up to date so that we can get the information back out to the licensee of whatever those are. So it's just to try to help augment some of the efficiency parts of operations.

MS. GREEN: And so that we won't have to stay for hearings until 2 o'clock.

DR. KING: We left here at 2 o'clock this morning.

MS. MONTGOMERY: Yes. That's what I was trying to get you to say.

MS. JOHNSON: And if I may, kudos to the staff and the board members. They were here until 2 o'clock this morning, and they're back. So, if you see some of them nodding off -- you're not excused, Dr. Brunson, because you weren't here.

(LAUGHTER)

MS. JOHNSON: But that's why. And there are other boards that have this in place. I realize it's a change, but there are other boards that we have visited that have something very similar to this in place, and it makes for a much more efficient -- you
will get out of here by 4 or 5 o'clock, like a normal business day on your regular hearings. So it is something to consider.

We did discuss that. Shan and I know that North Carolina does, and there are a couple of other boards that do it that way. And, you know, I would just offer that you at least give it a pilot try, and I think it would be well enough in advance that all of you—all will benefit greatly from it, as well as the staff and the licensees that have to come here and sit as well all day and all night.

DR. KING: So the question we are debating up here is, can we do it three, or do we have to have four, trying to make it a less -- so we will do four, two LPNs, two RNs. So, I guess, is there any other --

DR. STANFORD: We need four in case of a conflict and somebody needs to recuse themselves.

DR. KING: My thought process on that, just thinking outside the box, is that we could push that to the next month for that, or the hearing panel time for that one if there was a time that someone needed to recuse themselves. Just a thought. So the recommendation is that we maintain the four. So do we of have other discussion around this option?
(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Okay. So the motion has come out of executive session. So we can go to a vote. All those in favor of adding a meeting every other month from current schedule to begin in May of 2018?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

DR. KING: All opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Any abstainers?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Okay. Motion carries, then, unanimously. All right. So, and then motion to accept the administrative denials?

DR. STANFORD: I make a motion.

DR. KING: Motion made by Dr. Stanford.

MS. JACKSON: Second.

DR. KING: Seconded by Ms. Shirley Jackson. All in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

DR. KING: Any opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Any abstainers?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Motion carries. Okay.

Compliance Committee, Ms. Darlene?
MS. LINDSEY: Compliance Committee at this time doesn't have anything to bring before the board.

DR. KING: Thank you. Advanced Practice Committee, Dr. Stanford?

DR. STANFORD: We have one motion from the Advanced Practice Committee. "I move that an Attorney General's opinion be obtained regarding whether or not the Board of Nursing has the authority to grant controlled substance prescriptive authority for all advanced practice registered nurses.

DR. KING: I am not going to repeat that motion. I'm just going to say the motion is on the floor regarding the controlled prescriptive authority for APRNs at this time. So, all those in favor for us obtaining the AG opinion?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

DR. KING: Any opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Any abstainers?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Motion carries. So we go to the Practice Committee, Ms. Shirley Jackson?

MS. JACKSON: Madam Chair, we have nothing to report at this time.
DR. KING: Thank you. Administrative Code, I think, was Alton going to report? He chaired for us in your absence.

MR. WARD: Certainly. Just to reiterate what Phyllis had said earlier, we do have some Administrative Code changes that were placed in Part 2840, Advanced Practice. I was unable to attend our last meeting where those changes were made regarding controlled substances, and so I would like Mr. Shaw to speak.

MR. SHAW: Basically what we did is working in conjunction kind of with the Board of Medical Licensure. They are enacting certain rules and regulations as far as how controlled substances are done. We just want to make sure we mirror and match up to that so that people aren't trying to follow two different sets of rules. So we just kind of adjusted some of them to fall in line. I'm sure there's going to be some more changes coming behind that in how you prescribe controlled substances.

MS. JOHNSON: If I may, I would just like to, the ad hoc committee had asked Westley Mutziger and myself to compose some rules and regulations, draft that rather, and I did do that and submitted them to the Board of Medical Licensure. I know
Dr. Brunson has looked at them and some other board members, as well as the MBN director had looked at them, because we were needing to report that to the governor as well. And there were some minor changes, but pretty much we're on track to be pretty consistent, just a few minor changes with the number of days and some other things. And hopefully we can finalize that on Thursday.

DR. KING: Thank you. The next one is the LPN transition. In Sandra's absence, we got kind of the legislative update already regarding that. And those meetings are postponed and will not reconvene until this legislative session is over so that we can begin to work on the exact MOU of what that will look like. And then, as soon as that is, we will get it out to you. Everybody will know when that meeting is. Sandra has done a great job in chairing that.

So, the next meeting is the Emergency Practice and Standards Advisory Committee, which we don't have anything to bring out now, except for our next meeting is scheduled for February 16th at noon.

And the hearing panel from yesterday, after adjournment, will meet to continue deliberations so that we can finish. At 2 o'clock this morning, it was time for us to take a mental break.
The other thing, I want to go back to where we changed the agenda. And you-all have received this packet that includes the hearing minutes from February, April, and June, which are going to need approval. And so, at this point, February, April, and June?

MR. SHAW: Last year.


DR. KING: And, so, with the amount of information that's in here, I will entertain how we would like proceed on accepting this, or if we want to hold this and schedule a conference after we've had a chance to look through them and make sure that we can approve these.

DR. CATLEDGE: These are just hearing minutes.

DR. KING: They are only hearing minutes.

MR. SHAW: And I think sometimes people would think we're approving the minutes. We're just accepting the minutes into the record is basically the gist of what's going on. So it just takes the minutes from the committee and puts them into the main record.

DR. CATLEDGE: I would like to make a motion that we would just accept the hearing minutes that have been brought before us, that we would be
able to move forward. So I would like to make the
motion that we would accept these hearing minutes from
April, May, and June, 2017.

   DR. KING: Thank you, Dr. Catledge.

Second?

   DR. STANFORD: Second.

   DR. KING: Second by Dr. Teresa Stanford.

All those in favor?

   MR. WARD: It was actually February, April, and June.

   DR. CATLEDGE: February, April, and June? I would like to make a correction to that motion and
that we would accept the minutes from February, April, and June of 2017.

   DR. STANFORD: Second.

   DR. KING: And that is still seconded by Dr. Stanford. All in favor?

      (ALL IN FAVOR)

   DR. KING: Any opposed?

      (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

   DR. KING: Any abstainers?

      (NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

   DR. KING: Motion carries. And that would bring us to --

   MS. MONTGOMERY: For your proposals, your
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ASP proposals, your ASP proposal minutes. That was
your hearing minutes you just did.

DR. CATLEDGE: She did that before you
came in.

MS. MONTGOMERY: Oh, okay. Sorry.

DR. KING: Okay. So can I get a motion
to adjourn?

MS. COLLINS: I so move.

MS. GIPSON: Madam President, before we
adjourn, I wanted to thank the board and the Board of
Nursing for supporting our conventions in the past.
Every year we have conventions, and we have students
that attend our conventions. So we are asking for the
board, if you would, please support us in providing us
with the bags that we need for this year for the
conventions, the two conventions for the joint
endeavor.

MS. JOHNSON: We would be more than happy
to. We have supported the LPN Association in the
past. And if you have never been, I had the
opportunity to go. I think, Linda, I went one year at
the onset, and it looked like they have a ball. So I
just want to go back and hang out with them. But,
yeah, it is a good event, well attended by the LPNs,
and Shan and I will get together, and we will be happy
to look at providing those bags as we have done in the past.

MS. GIPSON: Thank you so much.

DR. KING: Can I get a motion for this joint endeavor for education purposes?

MS. GIPSON: Madam President, I would like to make the motion to -- for the Board of Nursing to support our conventions for educational purposes.

DR. CATLEDGE: I second that motion.

DR. KING: We have a motion by Ms. LeKathryn Gipson, seconded by Dr. Catledge. Any discussion?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: All in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

DR. KING: Any opposed?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Any abstainers?

(NO VERBAL RESPONSE)

DR. KING: Motion carries. Okay. So now we would like a motion to adjourn.

MS. COLLINS: I so move.

DR. KING: Okay. Jan is our steady.

Motion by Jan Collins. Second?

DR. STANFORD: Second.
DR. KING: Second by Dr. Stanford. All in favor?

(ALL IN FAVOR)

DR. KING: We are adjourned.

(MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:58 A.M.)

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