

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING

THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING
BUSINESS MEETING

JUNE 18, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

ALTON SHAW, MSN, FNP-C (PRESIDENT)
T.J. ADAMS, RN, BSN, MSHA (VICE PRESIDENT)
SANDRA CULPEPPER, LPN (SECRETARY)
DR. MARY STEWART, PhD, RN
LAURA MOORE, MSN, NP-C
SHIRLEY JACKSON, LPN
NANCY NORRIS-JOHNSON, LPN, II, CPT
DR. TERESA STANFORD, DNP, FNP
JAN COLLINS (CONSUMER)

ALSO PRESENT:

EDWARD WIGGINS, JR., ESQUIRE
SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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2 The following meeting was held at the

3 Mississippi Board of Nursing, 713 South Pear Orchard

4 Road, Plaza II, Suite 300, in the City of Ridgeland,

5 State of Mississippi, on Friday, June 18, 2021,

6 commencing at approximately 11:09 A.M.

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9 MR. SHAW: We are a few past the allotted

10 starting time, so we'll go ahead and call the meeting

11 to order.

12 Ms. Jackson, do you mind opening us up?

13 MS. JACKSON: I don't mind at all. Will

14 you bow your heads in prayer, please?

15 (Prayer.)

16 MR. SHAW: I do declare we have a quorum.

17 We'll go ahead and approve the agenda. Do I have a

18 motion to approve the agenda?

19 MR. ADAMS: I make a motion.

20 MR. SHAW: Motion made by T.J. Second?

21 DR. STEWART: I'll second.

22 MR. SHAW: Dr. Stewart. All in favor?

23 (All in favor.)

24 MR. SHAW: Motion carries. Open forum.

25 Have comments from members of the public?

1 DR. TEMPLE: Hi. I'm Melissa Temple, and

2 I just wanted to take a moment and introduce myself as

3 the new nursing education director at Mississippi

4 Institutions of Higher Learning and let you know that

5 I look forward to working with you.

6 MR. SHAW: Thank you, Dr. Temple. We look

7 forward to working with you as well. As those of you

8 know, Dr. Temple is replacing Dr. McCrory in her

9 retirement.

10 DR. STEWART: Oh, that's great. I know

11 Melissa. She was one of my PhD students. Hi. I'm so

12 excited. That's great.

13 MR. SHAW: All right, good deal. Well,

14 you have a fan already.

15 DR. STEWART: Yeah, she does.

16 MR. SHAW: Are there any other comments

17 from the public?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 MR. SHAW: If not, we'll move on. ONW,

20 Mr. Gregg Taylor.

21 MR. TAYLOR: Good morning. I'll start

22 with a brief report on MnVP. Since last time, the

23 team has taken the first steps in developing what

24 we're calling our peer-support panels. It's a support

25 group, which there will be four around the state.

1 We're starting with the central part of the state.

2 We've identified two good group leaders here in the

3 first group, who are individuals who are in the

4 monitoring program and have done an excellent job with

5 compliance. So we feel they will make good role

6 models and mentors for people who are new to the

7 program.

8 So mission-and-vision statements have been

9 drafted, and we've had an initial meeting with those

10 facilitators. And we hope to have four of these

11 groups around the state by the end of the year.

12 ONW, all of our accountability forms from the

13 scholarships for FY21 have been received with a couple

14 of minor exceptions, but they will be in by June 30.

15 All of the ONW projects are winding down, and all

16 of the invoices will be submitted by June 30.

17 Scholarship applications for FY2022 will be going

18 out in early July. This is possibly the earliest

19 we've ever done it. But by doing so, we can put the

20 information together and submit it to the board for

21 approval as early as possible and get those funds

22 distributed to the schools so that they can be used in

23 the fall and the spring. So that puts us on a

24 different schedule.

25 Also with ONW, the advisory committee, five

1 members will be rotating off June 30. We have

2 identified four new advisory board members so far. We

3 need one more, and I believe Ms. Culpepper has a

4 motion for those new board members today.

5 MS. CULPEPPER: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. I

6 would like to make a motion today that we accept the

7 nominations for the advisory committee through ONW.

8 Those that have been nominated are Brenda Hood of

9 Coldwater, Mississippi. She's a family nurse

10 practitioner. You have Bryan Maxi from Picayune,

11 Mississippi, through Forrest Health. He's an

12 administrator of several facilities. Nina McLain of

13 Philadelphia, Mississippi. She is a dean at USM for

14 nurse anesthesia; she's the director there. Lisa

15 Pearson of Amory, Mississippi. She is the practical

16 nursing director for ICC.

17 So I would like to make those nominations and

18 a motion to accept those.

19 MR. SHAW: Does anybody have any questions

20 about those nominations?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 MR. SHAW: If not, do I have a second to

23 that motion to accept?

24 MR. ADAMS: Second.

25 MR. SHAW: Second, T.J. All in favor?

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1 (All in favor.)
 2 MR. SHAW: Opposed?
 3 (No verbal response.)
 4 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.
 5 All right, Mr. Taylor, back to you.
 6 MR. TAYLOR: That concludes my report,
 7 Mr. President. Thank you.
 8 MR. SHAW: Thank you. And I would like to
 9 say: Mr. Taylor, we appreciate the work you've done
 10 with ONW and the dedication you've put into it, and we
 11 wish you well in your further endeavors as you move
 12 on.
 13 MR. TAYLOR: I appreciate that.
 14 (Applause.)
 15 MR. SHAW: All right. Next, we'll accept
 16 some minutes. Board business: The business Zoom
 17 meeting minutes of April 16th, 2020. Have a motion we
 18 accept those into the record?
 19 Oh, I'm sorry; excuse me. Dr. Burks, practical
 20 nursing.
 21 DR. BURKS: Good morning, everyone. I
 22 have four recommendations from the practical nursing
 23 department.
 24 The first request is to offer a role delineation
 25 course at the Mississippi Board of Nursing. According

1 Because in 2019, they had to place 53 students on the
 2 alternate list. In 2020 they placed 49 students on an
 3 alternate list. So that was almost 100 students that
 4 were not able to enter into the practical nurse
 5 program.
 6 They have supplied letters of support from the
 7 community, and those are available. They also have
 8 support from their administrative team there on the
 9 Scooba campus. The support services on that campus is
 10 equivalent to what's on the Mayhew campus. I have
 11 toured the campus. The site is appropriate, and it
 12 did meet the requirements for a PN program.
 13 My recommendation is that they be given permission
 14 to operate a PN program with some considerations.
 15 They will need to refer to MCCC regarding the request
 16 to increase their credit hours. They will also need
 17 to contact Dr. Mackey to receive a code for the new
 18 location, so that will be placed in the state system.
 19 Also, they would be required to adhere to the
 20 standards of the PN accreditation, and, additionally,
 21 they'll be asked to provide the Board of Nursing with
 22 an outcome-status report. And that will include the
 23 number of students they admit to this cohort, the
 24 number of completers, graduate rates, their pass
 25 rates, and any plans for their repeaters six months

1 to our Rule in 113, it states that there's
 2 qualification for graduates of approved or accredited
 3 RN programs to apply to write the NCLEX-PN.
 4 So the recommendation is and the request is -
 5 regarding the delineation course - this course will
 6 help facilitate the transition of individuals who've
 7 graduated from an approved or accredited RN program in
 8 preparation to take the PN-NCLEX.
 9 The Course: It will follow the current curriculum
 10 as outlined in the Mississippi Community College PN
 11 curriculum. And the director of practical nursing
 12 education will be responsible for teaching the
 13 face-to-face course.
 14 Those who are possibly in the course, they will be
 15 required to follow the outline. And there's an
 16 outline in each of you all's packets that describes
 17 the course in detail.
 18 The second recommendation is regarding East
 19 Mississippi Community College. They've submitted a
 20 proposal, request to expand their current program to
 21 the Scooba campus. The proposed program will utilize
 22 option 1, as outlined in the Mississippi Community
 23 College Board curriculum. And they also have a
 24 request to increase their credit hours by one hour.
 25 There's a plan to admit 30 students per year.

1 after the initial class graduates.
 2 The third request is regarding Copiah Lincoln
 3 Community College. They submitted a proposal to
 4 reopen their Natchez branch of the practical nursing
 5 program. They will utilize option 3, as outlined in
 6 the curriculum, and this is the same option that's
 7 used by the Wesson and Simpson County campuses.
 8 They plan to admit 15 students, which is
 9 consistent with what they admit on the Wesson and
 10 Simpson campuses.
 11 They did provide documentation from the community.
 12 Those are available - those letters. There is support
 13 for the vice president and the support service
 14 personnel on that campus.
 15 I toured the campus on June 1. The site is
 16 appropriate. They do have equipment and supplies in
 17 place, and they are equivalent to what's on the Wesson
 18 and Simpson campus.
 19 There was a concern. And the concern was: In
 20 2015 that campus closed due to their retention rates,
 21 enrollment, NCLEX-PN test scores. And they have
 22 provided and they do have an actual plan in place to
 23 address those concerns.
 24 My recommendation is that Copiah Lincoln be given
 25 permission to operate their PN program from the

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1 additional site in Natchez.

2 Again, they will need to contact Dr. Mackey to

3 provide notification of re-establishment of the

4 program. They are expected to adhere to the

5 standards. And they're also going to be required to

6 provide an outcome-status report on their student

7 numbers and their outcomes.

8 My last recommendation is for Pearl River

9 Community College PN program. They have submitted a

10 request to change option 3 of the state curriculum to

11 option 4. With this change, there will be no changes

12 in their textbooks, supplies, equipment, location,

13 faculty, or the number of students they admit.

14 The goal and the purpose of changing from option 3

15 to 4 is for them to facilitate a more streamlined

16 process, by having the ability to teach from a

17 concept-based perspective. All of this is done

18 because they're getting ready for NextGen.

19 The recommendation is for Pearl River Community

20 College practical nursing program be allowed

21 permission to change from option 3 to option 4,

22 effective fall 2021.

23 That is the end of my report.

24 MR. SHAW: Anybody have any questions for

25 Dr. Burks?

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1 DR. STEWART: I have a question.

2 Dr. Burks, first of all, I just love the way you give

3 reports because you like itemize it and you make

4 recommendations and you give justifications. So

5 kudos. It makes it very easy for me to understand.

6 Now, that may not be reflective of everybody, but I

7 need certain things.

8 I just had -- it's a curiosity question about

9 the role delineation course. For people that finish

10 an RN program, I'm assuming these are people that are

11 not passing the NCLEX-RN, so they're looking for a way

12 to get a career path.

13 DR. BURKS: Career path and into the

14 nursing workforce.

15 DR. STEWART: Okay, thank you.

16 MS. COLLINS: Mary, I find this to be very

17 professional and well-written as well. So not being

18 in the nursing profession, from a business standpoint,

19 I find this to be right-on.

20 DR. BURKS: Thank you.

21 MS. COLLINS: Helps me to understand.

22 DR. BURKS: Thank you.

23 MR. SHAW: Any other questions or comments

24 for Dr. Burks?

25 (No verbal response.)

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1 MR. SHAW: With that said, do I have a

2 motion we accept her report and recommendations?

3 DR. STANFORD: I make a motion.

4 MR. SHAW: I have a motion from

5 Dr. Stanford. Second?

6 MS. JACKSON: I second.

7 MR. SHAW: Second from Ms. Jackson. All

8 in favor?

9 (All in favor.)

10 MR. SHAW: Opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

13 Now, let's get some minutes.

14 I'd like to ask for a motion we set the

15 business Zoom minutes from April 16th, 2020.

16 MR. ADAMS: I make a motion we accept.

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

18 MS. JACKSON: Second.

19 MR. SHAW: Second, Ms. Jackson. All in

20 favor?

21 (All in favor.)

22 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

23 Motion to accept the agreed settlement

24 proposal minutes from April 2021.

25 DR. STANFORD: I make a motion.

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1 MR. SHAW: Motion from Dr. Stanford.

2 Second?

3 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: Second.

4 MR. SHAW: Second from Ms. Johnson. All

5 in favor?

6 (All in favor.)

7 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

8 Motion to accept the board hearing panel minutes,

9 October 2020, December 2020, and February 2021. Do I

10 have a motion to accept those?

11 MS. JACKSON: So moved.

12 MS. NORRIS-JOHNSON: Second.

13 MR. SHAW: Motion from Ms. Jackson.

14 Second from Ms. Johnson. All in favor?

15 (All in favor.)

16 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.

17 Do I have a motion to waive reading of names

18 on motions?

19 DR. STANFORD: I make a motion.

20 MR. SHAW: I have a motion from

21 Dr. Stanford.

22 MS. MOORE: Second.

23 MR. SHAW: Second from Ms. Moore. All in

24 favor?

25 (All in favor.)

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1 MR. SHAW: Future meetings. We have
2 agreed settlement proposal July 20th; disciplinary
3 hearings July 21, 22; and the business meeting will be
4 July 23rd at 11:05. The panel members: Ms. Nancy
5 Norris-Johnson, Ms. Sandra Culpepper, Ms. Laura Moore,
6 Mr. T.J. Adams.

7 Legislation: Trey.

8 MR. BOBBINGER: Good morning to everybody.
9 It's good to see everybody; it's been a while. It's
10 kind of like one of those time warps where you -- I
11 was picking on our executive director, Ms. Phyllis,
12 and said that I needed Google Maps to find my way
13 back, but it wasn't quite that bad. But I hope
14 everybody's been well.

15 I wanted to go over a few things with you. I know
16 Phyllis presented and we presented the legislative
17 update the last meeting, but there was a bill I wanted
18 to make sure you all were aware of.

19 Senate Bill 2119 deals with pseudoephedrine and
20 ephedrine. You remember, about 10 years ago or so,
21 Phyllis, the state -- we became -- I think this state,
22 along with Oregon, became the most restrictive in the
23 country. You know, you had to have a prescription to
24 obtain it.

25 And we had such a problem with meth labs in

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1 either later this summer or in the fall to discuss
2 that. Senator Bryan indicated that at the last
3 meeting during the regular session that there would be
4 hearings this summer. So I assume summer, most likely
5 early fall. So I will keep you posted about that.
6 When those hearings happen, obviously, we want -- You
7 know, Phyllis will be there and staff, but we want to
8 invite all the board members that would like to attend
9 as well.

10 MS. COLLINS: When is that?

11 MR. BOBBINGER: We don't have an exact
12 date yet, but when it comes up, it will be this summer
13 or early fall.

14 Now, I wanted to mention the medical marijuana
15 issue, since it's been such a big thing. As y'all
16 know, the Supreme Court recently overturned that
17 decision; I say "decision." Overturned the vote
18 approving Initiative 65. The Mississippi Supreme
19 Court overruled that based on some technical language
20 in the Constitutional Amendment, dealing with
21 initiative and referendum. As a result, that has now
22 been punted to the Legislator to either fix the
23 initiative referendum process or pass a law dealing --
24 addressing medical marijuana, which I think the latter
25 option is the priority at this point.

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1 Mississippi. It was a problem, not only the ill
2 effects of the drug, but there were a lot of children
3 involved in rural areas and other places where this
4 stuff was being made, which is extremely dangerous.
5 So anyway, it worked.

6 But I think now with the advancement of
7 technology, what we are seeing is they have something
8 called NPLEX, and some of you may be familiar. But
9 it's a way, much similar to the prescription
10 monitoring program, that they felt like they could
11 change it. So it's going back January 1st, 2022. It
12 will be behind the counter. You'll have to show ID.
13 You'll have to at least be 18 years of age.
14 Everything's entered into this NPLEX, this system, and
15 it's interrelated. Every pharmacy will have access to
16 it.

17 So if somebody is trying to go around different
18 locations and buy pseudoephedrine to make crystal
19 meth, there's a tracking mechanism. So I just wanted
20 y'all to be aware of that. That's a pretty big
21 change. A lot of citizens are happy because they can
22 go buy their cold medicine now and not have to have a
23 prescription for it. But that did pass.

24 Full practice authority: Again, we anticipate the
25 Senate Public Health Committee will have hearings,

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1 And I think you may very well see a special
2 session coming later; nobody knows when. That's up to
3 the Governor; that's solely his discretion to call a
4 special session. He has told the leadership in the
5 House, the Speaker, Lieutenant Governor, "I don't want
6 to call it unless you folks have kind of reached an
7 agreement or come to terms," which to me, makes a lot
8 of sense. So they're working on that.

9 There was a hearing on June 3rd, which I attended.
10 Dr. Dobbs spoke. You had a representative, head of
11 the research facility at the University of
12 Mississippi. You know, they've had that
13 marijuana-growing facility there for many years. And
14 so it was enlightening, a lot of good information.
15 There were a couple other individuals that spoke as
16 well.

17 I understand now there's going to be a hearing on
18 June the 28th, a follow-up hearing, on the medical
19 marijuana by the Senate Public Health Committee. So I
20 just want to make y'all aware of that.

21 Interestingly enough, one of the senators asked a
22 lot of questions to Dr. Dobbs and others regarding
23 should it be prescription versus certification because
24 certification under the initial Initiative 65 was not
25 a legal prescription. It was a certification.

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1 The concern was physicians and/or other healthcare
2 practitioners that may have that authority are
3 certifying something that they don't really know
4 about. Not being FDA certified, there's some
5 liability and some concerns that a particular senator
6 questioned -- asked questions about. So I wanted to
7 make you aware of that. So we're going to continue to
8 monitor that.

9 You know, like I said, I really believe we will
10 see a bill pass in some form or another, but certainly
11 you will see some differences from what was on the
12 ballot, Initiative 65. It will be different terms
13 there.

14 Finally, I wanted to mention briefly. I was on a
15 call with several local officials yesterday and
16 Governor Reeves regarding the funds are now ready to
17 be distributed to local governments from the American
18 Rescue Plan, which was passed earlier this year by the
19 U.S. Congress. And the Governor did a good job of
20 explaining how that would take place, and, of course,
21 the obvious reimbursement would be for COVID-related
22 expenses.

23 But Congress did expand this round. Like
24 municipalities, for instance, are going to have more
25 discretion with infrastructure and things like that.

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1 Of course, the state got a large amount of money as
2 well. And I guess we will see going forward how they
3 end up allocating those resources on the state level.
4 But I did want to mention that.

5 DFA is working very hard, which is under the
6 Governor's office, to try to make it as easy as
7 possible to get these funds out to where they need to
8 go. So I wanted to make note of that.

9 Are there any questions from members?

10 MS. COLLINS: Do y'all see any impact from
11 this money that would impact, I guess, the budgets or
12 anything for the board?

13 MR. BOBBINGER: It's possible --

14 MS. COLLINS: Do y'all perceive any --

15 MR. BOBBINGER: I'll let Shan address that
16 on the budget.

17 MS. MONTGOMERY: I can address it now. So
18 we did submit in - I forget the month. When did COVID
19 hit? March?

20 MR. BOBBINGER: Yes.

21 MS. MONTGOMERY: So we submitted the
22 budget request to be reimbursed for a lot of our COVID
23 expenses: computers, all of the striping, the chairs,
24 and the different things that we did put in place, and
25 it was a total of \$319,000. So we are hoping to get

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1 that refunded to us for the expenditures from that
2 money that DFA has. So we're on the list.

3 MR. BOBBINGER: Thank you, Shan. And
4 that's, obviously, a benefit.

5 I would like to mention, too. Y'all heard a lot
6 about this, and it didn't just happen with COVID, but
7 the resources broadband for rural Mississippi, and we
8 have such an issue with access to healthcare for many
9 of our citizens. And I know that's something this
10 board has been sensitive to and discussed. But these
11 resources are going to allow, hopefully, faster
12 implementation of broadband. So hopefully with
13 telemedicine, which is directly, obviously, related to
14 our practices here, that's going to help provide
15 better healthcare to our citizens of Mississippi.

16 MR. SHAW: Just to throw something out
17 there in case you ever have another one of those
18 prescription questions. We looked at this before.
19 The problem lies in that it is still a schedule I
20 federally.

21 MR. BOBBINGER: Right.

22 MR. SHAW: And there was a physician
23 somewhere that was prescribing. The DEA came in and
24 says, "We're going to pull your DEA license. You
25 cannot prescribe this medication." So that would be

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1 the simple answer. Federally, it cannot be
2 prescribed.

3 MR. BOBBINGER: Yes. And I learned that
4 lesson through my daughter, believe it or not, who's a
5 pharmacist. She said, "Well, you know that's a
6 schedule I drug."

7 I said, "Thank you for that input."

8 MR. SHAW: Yeah. If the federal
9 government would ever change it, it would make it so
10 much simpler, but...

11 MR. BOBBINGER: Well, you know, a related
12 issue is the banks. And that's another big problem.
13 You know, federally, because of the prohibition in the
14 law, federally, the banks are not supposed to handle
15 the money.

16 Interestingly, one of the state bills proposed
17 last year had a provision that it was okay for the
18 banks to handle it, but that's not going to override
19 federal law. I think they put that in there because
20 they do anticipate that that federal law may be
21 repealed eventually, and I guess they wanted it in
22 place so when it got repealed, the banks would be
23 comfortable doing it. But it's kind of the same
24 thing.

25 MR. SHAW: All right.

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1 MR. BOBBINGER: All right. Thank y'all.
2 Appreciate it.
3 MR. SHAW: Thank you, Trey. Dr. Johnson.
4 MS. JOHNSON: Good morning. I'll be brief
5 this morning. I did want to touch base on a couple of
6 things to bring to your attention in my report, and
7 that is the National Council State Boards of Nursing
8 annual meeting that will be conducted August 18th
9 through the 19th. It will be virtual. Registration
10 will be open. So if you wish to attend, please go on
11 site and register for that event.
12 Additionally, the NLC Commission annual
13 meeting will be August 17th, which is the day prior to
14 the annual meeting starting for National Council. That
15 registration is also open, and it is complimentary to
16 the members, and you all are members of NCSBN. So if
17 you're interested in attending that, please do so. It
18 will be a virtual event as well. It is very important
19 that you all register if you're interested in
20 attending.
21 Today we also need to select delegates to
22 represent the State of Mississippi at the National
23 Council annual meeting. We need two delegates and two
24 alternates. And I've spoken to Mr. Chair about that,
25 and I think he'll talk about that a little bit later.

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1 But we do need to get that today. I have to get that
2 information back in to National Council. And I
3 usually try to do that prior to July 1. July is the
4 deadline to submit those names.
5 I will preface that by saying: We have one of
6 our own that is on the slate, Sandra Culpepper, for
7 the leadership succession committee. So it is very
8 important because the delegates vote. And it's
9 important that we have someone that, you know, is
10 supportive of our individuals as well.
11 I will say that I am on the slate as well for
12 president-elect of National Council State Boards of
13 Nursing.
14 MS. COLLINS: Now.
15 MS. JOHNSON: That is reflective of you
16 all and your support and your leadership, as well as
17 my staff. Because I cannot do what I'm doing without
18 my staff and the support of my board members. I was
19 approached, not that I was looking for that position.
20 I was approached by my peers in the executive office
21 arena across the United States, asking me if I would
22 consider applying for that position. So after much
23 debate and other -- a couple of the Board of Directors
24 from NCSBN, and much prayer, I decided to enter my
25 name in the hat, in the ring.

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1 And so right now I am, I think, the only one
2 on the slate. They can have nominations from the
3 floor. But my plea right now is to say thank you, and
4 I ask for your continued support because I think it's
5 very positive for Mississippi. I think Mississippi is
6 very proactive in a lot of things that we're doing in
7 nursing, and that's reflective of the leadership of
8 the board and, again, the support of the staff.
9 And I tell them the "'Sip" -- they call
10 Mississippi the 'Sip because that's my nickname for
11 it, and they look to the 'Sip for a lot of things. So
12 that being said, I just wanted you all to be aware of
13 that. So we do need the delegates and alternates
14 selected today so that we can get that information in
15 and get you all set up for what you would need to do
16 and get your delegate packets out once Colleen sends
17 that information out.
18 Again, the Board of Nursing retreat is another
19 thing on our agenda. We definitely need a date. The
20 staff has worked very hard to put a program together.
21 We have some, I think, dynamic speakers set up. We're
22 not going to let you know who they are because we want
23 that to be somewhat of a surprise as we get closer to
24 that time.
25 But we need a date so that we can finalize a

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1 venue, and we have a place in mind, but we need a
2 date. So that's the other thing that we would need
3 from you guys today is to give us a date as to when
4 that can be done.
5 The fourth thing that I want to bring to your
6 attention is the Mississippi Board of Nursing has been
7 selected by the Mississippi Business Journal as one of
8 the best places to work in Mississippi in 2021. There
9 will be a breakfast next Thursday honoring all of the
10 individuals that were nominated and selected for that.
11 And so if you're interested in attending, it's an 8:30
12 breakfast; it's at the Old Capitol Inn. And so if
13 you're interested in attending, we have reserved
14 spaces, tables. Please let Vanessa know as soon as
15 possible if you would have the opportunity to attend
16 that event.
17 We'd love to have you. Again, that's
18 reflective -- Now, that is -- the staff have to --
19 they survey the staff for that. And so that to me is
20 a great compliment, a great compliment for us to be
21 even selected to be one of the best places to work in
22 Mississippi. So, again, great staff, great board,
23 great support. So if you're interested, please let us
24 know.
25 We have been visible as usual throughout the

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1 community, and I think it's important to be visible
 2 with our stakeholders, and that information is
 3 submitted in your packet.

4 A couple of things I wanted to bring to your
 5 attention, as one of our board members serves on the
 6 Madison County Business League and Foundation,
 7 Ms. Collins. She and we are in Madison County. So
 8 we're part of that business venture. She keeps us
 9 abreast of all activities going on in the county, and
 10 we highly support that and attend those events when
 11 they are held. And I must say that our staff, which I
 12 highly encourage our staff to be involved. We have
 13 Shan Montgomery, who is very instrumental on the
 14 diversion and inclusion committee, with that
 15 particular organization, and has done a great job.
 16 And we have been able to participate and be visible in
 17 Madison County. I think that's very important to
 18 support the Business League.

19 And, again, The American Red Cross, we've done
 20 some things with that. We attended the "Coffee with
 21 the Congressman," Honorable Bennie Thompson. Shan was
 22 on that planning committee as well, and that was a
 23 great event. Madison County is growing by leaps and
 24 bounds, lots of business ventures, and we're excited
 25 to be a part of that. So thank you, Jan, for always

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2 MS. COLLINS: I appreciate your support.
 3 Great leadership. Thank you so much.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. Thank you.

5 And I think that's all that I have. Dr. Burks has
 6 given the report on her visits, and I know she did the
 7 site visit with Mississippi Gulf Coast Community
 8 College. You know, we'll be taking them under our
 9 jurisdiction, as far as the standards, in 2022, but
 10 they've completed, I believe, their site visit in
 11 accordance with Community College Board and what the
 12 -- when we took them over, what they were required to
 13 do. And they did pass, I believe, their
 14 accreditation; is that correct?

15 DR. BURKS: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: And she already reported on
 17 the other issues there. I think that is probably all
 18 that I have. I just want to give kudos to the staff.
 19 Brett has been involved, as well as Shan in the NLC
 20 Conference Series, which was done in May, and they did
 21 a great job. And we have some other staff that have
 22 stepped up to the plate and brought some interest in
 23 being involved at National Council and some of the
 24 subcommittees there. And so that's open to board
 25 members as well. So please let me know so that when

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1 these opportunities come up, I can shoot you an
 2 e-mail, which I do anyway. But if you're really,
 3 really interested in it, let me know, and I can be on
 4 the lookout for you.

5 That's all I have.

6 MR. SHAW: Any questions?

7 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes. I
 8 forgot. I'm so sorry. Gregg Taylor - and you've
 9 already thanked Gregg, but I wanted to thank Gregg.
 10 This is his last meeting with us. July 9th is his
 11 last official day as an employee here at the board.
 12 Gregg has done a tremendous job in the short time that
 13 he's been here for ONW. A lot of you know the history
 14 and we took ONW back, and Gregg stepped in after much
 15 deliberation and looking for someone. Gregg has done
 16 a tremendous job. He will truly be missed. I just
 17 want to personally and professionally thank him for
 18 all the work that he's done.

19 We now have a completely staffed ONW and MnVP
 20 division. And we just closed, I think -- not
 21 interviews but we are looking at the applications
 22 because they're closed on the State Personnel Board,
 23 and we have a total of about -- approximately 80
 24 applicants that applied for that job. So we will be
 25 narrowing that down even more. But, Gregg, thank you

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1 so much, and we wish you nothing but the best in your
 2 future endeavors.

3 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Phyllis. I very
 4 much appreciate it. It's been my pleasure.

5 MS. COLLINS: I have a question.
 6 Congratulations on your nomination to the national
 7 board. When would your term be as president?

8 MS. JOHNSON: My term would be another
 9 year. I would serve one year as president-elect, and
 10 then the following year. So you're looking at
 11 probably 2023.

12 MS. COLLINS: Okay. So by then, they'll
 13 be having in-person conventions.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, yes. Yes. As a matter
 15 of fact, they have -- in September of 2021, this year,
 16 they will start in-person meetings again. That has
 17 already been communicated. They will start off
 18 selecting certain meetings at first, but pretty much
 19 next mid-year, they're looking at in-person. So it'll
 20 be next March 2022; they'll be in-person. As you
 21 know, the elections are held in the annual meeting in
 22 August.

23 MS. COLLINS: So we could be there to
 24 cheer you on and support you.

25 MS. JOHNSON: If I'm selected, I

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1 definitely want everybody there to cheer me on. I
2 need that support, most definitely. Thank you, Jan.

3 DR. STEWART: So I just have to tell you.

4 I appreciate you being willing to do that, and Sandra
5 being willing to do that. I mean, nurses, you know,
6 we tend to step back and we don't want limelight, but
7 you've got to get in those positions to make an
8 impact. And there's no reason that what we're doing
9 in Mississippi shouldn't be shared across the country
10 and territories. And so I appreciate both of you
11 being willing to step up. But thank you to both of
12 you.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. I appreciate
14 that.

15 MR. SHAW: Any other questions or comments
16 for Dr. Johnson?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 MS. JOHNSON: Budget report. Shan.

19 MS. MONTGOMERY: Okay. Hello, everyone.
20 You all have your budget packets with you. The
21 financial report reflects expenditures through the end
22 of April, which completes 83 percent of this fiscal
23 year. Each category except for the grant lines are
24 less than 83 percent of expenditures. Although only
25 71.76 percent of the budget has been expended or

1 operational expenses until the next renewal cycle.

2 Fiscal year '22 appropriations: The agency
3 requested \$5,116,749 for fiscal year '22, which begins
4 July 1st. The request was amended during the
5 legislative session to include increases in the
6 regulatory agencies such as DFA and ITS. Previously,
7 we were not charged to utilize those agencies, but now
8 we are. So we did ask for an increase once we found
9 out the bill has passed, that we do now have to pay
10 them.

11 The legislature did appropriate \$5,167,035 to
12 provide the increase for those operational expenses.
13 There was an additional \$22,876 appropriated for staff
14 increases to become effective in January of 2022.
15 This amount will allow for up to 3 percent raises for
16 the staff, which excludes Ms. Johnson. And this was a
17 bill passed by the state legislature to give all state
18 employees an increase. So they did appropriate us
19 \$22,876 for that.

20 The amounts of the raises will initially be
21 determined by not the board but the State Personnel
22 Board, so they'll make a determination of who gets the
23 raises.

24 Fiscal year '23 budget requests: That budget
25 request is due August 1st. We will be communicating

1 obligated, the agency is within \$12,000 of where it
2 was last year.

3 The ONW program has expended \$1,101,286 through
4 April. There are two training contracts totaling
5 approximately \$100,000 that are also underway. That's
6 Global Training Institute, which we're almost complete
7 with that, and the CRNA conference. I can't think of
8 their name right quick, but those are the two pending
9 contracts with ONW.

10 Based on the expenditures being less than normal
11 than the fiscal year, the staff is strategically
12 reviewing the needs for the agency to determine if any
13 of those expenses for fiscal year '22 can be made in
14 fiscal year '21. We are over approximately \$700,000,
15 and a lot of that has to do with travel because we
16 have not traveled, had any expenses with the vehicles
17 for this fiscal year, of course, due to COVID.

18 Revenue: Revenue is greater than what was
19 collected during the last renewal cycle. The current
20 revenue exceeded the previous amount by \$316,197. In
21 the research, it showed that we had an increase in RN
22 nursing and an increase in fingerprinting. So thank
23 you, nurses.

24 Cash: There is currently over \$7,000,000
25 available. That cash is sufficient to meet all of our

1 with the board members and the staff for items to be
2 included in that request. So you'll receive an e-mail
3 from me probably this week about any requests,
4 programs, anything you want to see added in the fiscal
5 year '23 budget request. I think we've already done
6 that with the staff for any requests.

7 We do anticipate asking for an increase for
8 Ms. Johnson and for the court reporter position. We
9 will continue to ask for those two requests.

10 And finally, the grant. The grant is underway.
11 We did find out that as a state agency, we do have to
12 go through ITS to get approval before we can post the
13 RFP. We'll be sending that over Monday. So
14 hopefully, by next week we will know if they approve
15 the RFP for us to post it, and then we have 21 days to
16 leave it out there for the bids. So we'll be giving
17 more update on the grant. Questions?

18 MR. SHAW: Any questions for Shan on the
19 budget? If not, can I have a motion we accept and
20 approve the budget?

21 MS. CULPEPPER: I make a motion.

22 MR. SHAW: Ms. Culpepper. Second?

23 DR. STANFORD: Second.

24 MR. SHAW: Second from Dr. Stanford. All
25 in favor?

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1 (All in favor.)
 2 MR. SHAW: Motion carries.
 3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Chair.
 4 MR. SHAW: Yes.
 5 MS. JOHNSON: I omitted two things I need
 6 to bring up very briefly.
 7 MR. SHAW: Certainly.
 8 MS. JOHNSON: We are also working on a
 9 strategic plan, which we do each year around this
 10 time. So please review the strategic plan and provide
 11 some input as to things that you as board members
 12 would like to see implemented or changed, and e-mail
 13 that to me - your concerns - because Shan and I
 14 usually get together and prepare that based on your
 15 input. So make sure you let us know.
 16 The other thing is I represent area 3, the area 3
 17 director on National Council, and area 3 has been a
 18 strong area throughout the history of NCSBN. There is
 19 nobody running for area 3, for area 3 position. So we
 20 talked about it. I highly encourage you if you're
 21 interested because they will be taking -- I think
 22 there's a time frame -- I have to check my e-mail, but
 23 I think we have some time up until June -- it may be
 24 the 24th, but I'll double-check that to submit names
 25 if you want to be on the slate. Otherwise, it will

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1 come from the floor.
 2 And the only person that has reached out to me, as
 3 a board of director, is Florida. So they will
 4 possibly be submitting a name. But I wanted to bring
 5 that to your attention as well, if you wanted to
 6 consider somebody from Mississippi being nominated to
 7 run for area 3, that's a conversation that -- I mean,
 8 it could be staff or board member. Just food for
 9 thought, and that's my report.
 10 DR. STEWART: Do we have staff interested?
 11 MS. JOHNSON: Probably have a couple.
 12 Normally, we have a couple that are interested. I
 13 have one staff member, who is fairly new, who has
 14 submitted their name for a committee, NCSBN,
 15 committee. And I have to approve all of those, and I
 16 have approved that because I think it will be an
 17 outstanding opportunity for this individual, and
 18 they've shown initiative that they want to be
 19 involved. So I think we have a couple of staff. I
 20 know we talked about it, Mr. Chair, in an executive
 21 committee, so I'm sure you'll bring that up as you
 22 move on in the report.
 23 MR. SHAW: Is that --
 24 MS. JOHNSON: I'm done. Thank you.
 25 MR. SHAW: With that said, committee

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1 reports, executive committee. She's kind of already
 2 alliterated that. If anybody has any interest or
 3 knows somebody that you think might be willing to that
 4 needs a nudge, get that information in to Dr. Johnson,
 5 so she can relay it to the appropriate people. It's
 6 not something that requires a board action. This is
 7 something that is done individually. But, like I
 8 said, if you know of someone that you think would be
 9 good for that position, give them a call and a little
 10 push. Sometimes that's all that's needed.
 11 Also moving on to the education. We had
 12 looked at it in executive committee, as far as dates
 13 and everything, and with immediately coming up next
 14 month another meeting, looked at pushing towards the
 15 end of August. And when we discussed it, we looked at
 16 coming in on a Sunday, staying Monday, and leaving
 17 Tuesday for the educational part and looked at August
 18 29th through 31st for the educational retreat.
 19 MS. COLLINS: How close is that to Labor
 20 Day?
 21 MR. ADAMS: Labor Day's the next week. I
 22 think Labor Day is the 6th this year.
 23 MR. SHAW: Any questions on that? All
 24 right. With that said, do I have a motion that we
 25 approve August 29th through 31st? Have a motion from

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1 T.J. Second?
 2 MS. JACKSON: Second.
 3 MR. SHAW: Ms. Jackson. All in favor?
 4 (All in favor.)
 5 MR. SHAW: With that being said, there's
 6 nothing further from executive committee. Compliance
 7 meeting.
 8 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. President.
 9 Compliance committee has three motions to bring to the
 10 group this morning. I move that the board adopt the
 11 compliance committee's recommendation to deny the
 12 request of license number R-893305 to be released 12
 13 months early from the 36-month probationary period of
 14 the final order dated and signed June 4th, 2019.
 15 I move that the board adopt the compliance
 16 committee's recommendation to approve the removal of
 17 the following websites from the board-approved course
 18 topic guide. The reason these websites are no longer
 19 being used or able to be used, they are basically
 20 deleted. Those are www.theonlinelearningcenter.com
 21 and the second one is www.cecenter.aanp.org.
 22 Third motion is: I move that the board adopt
 23 the compliance committee's recommendation to approve
 24 adding the following websites to board-approved course
 25 topic guide: www.uptodate.com, epocrates.com, and

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1 medscope.com (sic).
 2 MR. SHAW: Any questions on those motions?
 3 It not, we --
 4 DR. STANFORD: Medscope is actually
 5 medscape.
 6 MR. SHAW: That's what I was thinking.
 7 MR. ADAMS: I will correct that. Thank
 8 you.
 9 MR. SHAW: Yeah, we use uptodate at work,
 10 and it's wonderful.
 11 With that said, if there's no questions coming
 12 out of committee, all in favor of approving the
 13 motions? "Aye."
 14 (All in favor.)
 15 MR. SHAW: Any opposed?
 16 (No verbal response.)
 17 MR. SHAW: Motion carries. Is that
 18 everything?
 19 MR. ADAMS: Yes, sir.
 20 MR. SHAW: The advanced practice
 21 committee?
 22 DR. STANFORD: We have nothing to bring
 23 forward.
 24 MR. SHAW: Nothing to bring forward.
 25 Practice committee?

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1 DR. STEWART: No report.
 2 MR. SHAW: There is no other committee
 3 business, so we will move now on to the NCSEB annual
 4 virtual, hope to be last ever conference virtual in my
 5 life.
 6 First of all, if you know now that you plan to
 7 attend, could you show by hand so they can go ahead
 8 and start getting that in motion? So that's Sandra,
 9 Shirley, Mary, and Nancy. Well, that's why I'm
 10 counting. So we have four people that we know are
 11 going to attend. And we happen to need two delegates
 12 and two alternates. So with that said, any --
 13 MS. CULPEPPER: Mary's accepted.
 14 DR. STEWART: I'll do either.
 15 MR. ADAMS: I'd like to recommend Ms. Mary
 16 Stewart and Ms. Sandra Culpepper as delegates.
 17 MR. SHAW: All right. And then
 18 Ms. Shirley Jackson and Ms. Nancy Norris-Johnson as
 19 alternates. Sound good?
 20 All right. Any further nominations on delegates?
 21 If not, do I have a motion we approve the delegates?
 22 MR. ADAM: I make a motion.
 23 MR. SHAW: A motion from T.J. Second?
 24 DR. STANFORD: Second.
 25 MR. SHAW: Second from Dr. Stanford. All

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1 in favor?
 2 (All in favor.)
 3 MR. SHAW: And motion carries. If you
 4 find that you will be doing this, just make sure to
 5 get with me or Vanessa, somebody, to make sure we get
 6 everything turned in and submitted. What's the
 7 deadline for that? Do you remember?
 8 MS. JOHNSON: All I have to do is submit
 9 the names, and once I submit their names, they'll be
 10 notified and get a packet -- something to review prior
 11 to that time.
 12 MR. SHAW: Just to sign up for the
 13 conference?
 14 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, to sign up for the
 15 conference. Yes, I can send that link out or Vanessa
 16 can send that link out, or you can go on the NCSEB.org
 17 website and register that way. But I'll just go ahead
 18 and send it back out to everybody.
 19 MR. SHAW: The next thing we have is
 20 election of officers. Is there a slate?
 21 MS. CULPEPPER: I have those.
 22 MR. SHAW: I will turn it over to
 23 Ms. Culpepper.
 24 MS. CULPEPPER: So today we will -- being
 25 the chair of the nomination committee, I will be

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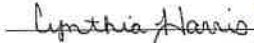

1 handing out the nomination -- well, the forms for
 2 elections. And just correct me if I'm wrong. It's
 3 for the nurses within the board.
 4 MR. SHAW: Correct, the consumer and the
 5 physician don't vote.
 6 MS. COLLINS: So who's going to be my
 7 sidekick to count those ballots because usually it's
 8 myself and Dr. Owens?
 9 MS. CULPEPPER: Would Mr. Edward?
 10 MR. WIGGINS: That's fine.
 11 MS. CULPEPPER: So Mr. Edward and Jan will
 12 be counting the votes today. And so at this point,
 13 I'm going to pass these out.
 14 MR. SHAW: Before we do that, read the
 15 slate of nominees, and I'll open it up for any
 16 additional nominees from the floor.
 17 MS. CULPEPPER: Okay, awesome. Okay. So
 18 today we have for nomination: President, Alton Shaw;
 19 vice president, T. J. Adams; secretary, Sandra
 20 Culpepper; and treasurer, Mary Stewart.
 21 MR. SHAW: With that said, are there any
 22 nominations from the floor?
 23 (No verbal response.)
 24 MR. SHAW: With there being no nominations
 25 from the floor, we'll ask for a motion that the votes

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1 be approved by accumulation.
2 MS. COLLINS: I make a motion.
3 MR. SHAW: I have a motion from Jan
4 Collins. Second?
5 MS. JACKSON: Second.
6 MR. SHAW: Second from Ms. Shirley
7 Jackson. All in favor?
8 (All in favor.)
9 MR. SHAW: Motion carries. With that
10 said, is there any other business?
11 (No verbal response.)
12 MR. SHAW: Being no other business, do I
13 have a motion we adjourn?
14 MR. ADAMS: I make a motion.
15 DR. STANFORD: Second.
16 MS. COLLINS: I so move.
17 MR. SHAW: We've got to give Jan the
18 motion, and we'll give Dr. Stanford the second.
19 All in favor?
20 (All in favor.)
21 (Whereupon, the above-entitled executive board
22 meeting adjourned at 11:59 A.M.)
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