MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF NURSING
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
June 5, 2026

The Mississippi Board of Nursing held a meeting on Friday, June 5, 2026 at 11:07 a.m. at the Mississippi Board of Nursing Office, at 713 S. Pear Orchard Rd, Suite #300, Ridgeland, Mississippi. The Board's office was open and available for public participation.

I. Roll Call

Board President Sandra Culpepper called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. and conducted roll call. A quorum was declared with the following Board Members present:

Sandra Culpepper, President
Jeremy Cummins, Secretary
Lacey Gentry, Treasurer
Janie Clanton
T.J. Adams – via zoom
Alveno Castilla
Carly Walker
Janel Moody
Beverly Oliver
Andrew Calhoun
LaWanda Baskin

Staff members present were Dr. Phyllis Johnson, Executive Director; Shan Montgomery, Chief of Staff; Dr. Priscilla Burks, Director of Practical Nursing Education; Dwayne Jamison, Director of Criminal Background Checks and Investigations; Floyd Wiley, APRN Investigator Supervisor; Brandon Walker, General Counsel; Alexis Morris, Associate General Counsel; and Assistant Attorney General Kim Turner, Board Counsel.

Visitors present were Doug Mercier, Esq., Dr. Kimble, Sam Martin, Esq., Teresa Malone

II. Motion to Approve Agenda

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Janel Moody, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

III. **Public Comments** – Sam Martin, Esq., Board Attorney for the Mississippi Association of Nurse Anesthetists

IV. **Legislative Update** – Trey Bobinger

V. **Office of Workforce Committee Report** – Dr. Phyllis Johnson

VI. **Practical Nursing Education Report** – Dr. Priscilla Burks

1. Motion to accept the recommendation to grant Southwest MS Community College full accreditation status (next review 2034)

   Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

2. Motion to accept the recommendation to grant Northwest MS Community College Probationary State Accreditation with the following stipulations:
   a. A plan of compliance for meeting standards must be submitted within sixty (60) business days of the date of the Board accreditation recommendation.
   b. Probationary accreditation will be granted for a period of twenty-four (24) months with a required revisit at the end of the probationary accreditation period.
   c. If the practical nursing program demonstrates compliance with all standards at the end of the probationary period, the program will be accredited for the full eight (8) years from the date of the original accreditation visit.
   d. Withdrawal of State Accreditation if the institution has not complied with all requirements within the twenty-four (24) months.

   Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

3. Motion to accept the Plan of Compliance for Blue Cliff College based on the denial of Full Accreditation (follow-up visit scheduled for 2028)

   Upon the motion of Beverly Oliver and a second by Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the plan.

VII. **Executive Director's Report** – Dr. Phyllis Johnson

Board Business

VIII. **Approval of Minutes**

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Lacey Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 3, 2026 Business Meeting Minutes.

Future Meeting Dates – Administrative Hearings and Settlements – July 12, 15, & 16, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

General Business Meeting and Appeals – Friday, July 17, 2026 at 11:05 a.m.

Hearing panel – Janie Clanton, Lacey Gentry, Beverly Oliver, and Carly Walker

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Janel Moody, the Board voted to approve the future meeting dates.

Committee Reports

IX. **Executive Committee Meeting Report** – Sandra Culpepper

Motion to ratify the Administrative Denial in Case No. 2026-0481

Upon the motion of Sandra Culpepper, and a second by Lacey Gentry, the Board voted to unanimously approve the administrative denial.

X. **Compliance Committee Report** – Drew Calhoun

Motion to approve the Compliance Committee's Report with the following recommendations:

1. Approve the Addendum to add a fitness for duty/medical clearance evaluation to be completed prior to returning to work as a nurse for License Number R-897168
2. Approve the Addendum for License Number R-917980 to give three months from June 5, 2026, to comply with the Louisiana Board Order with an automatic revocation for noncompliance with the December 2025 Final Order
3. Approve the Addendum for License Number R-873891extending probation to sixty (60) months with an automatic revocation for noncompliance and will have to petition the Board for removal of the stipulations
4. Approve Ms. Autumn Pierce, LCSW as a new Board-Approved Assessor.

Upon the motion of Drew Calhoun, and a second by Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted to unanimously approve the report.

XI. **Advanced Practice Committee Report** – Beverly Oliver

1. Motion to approve the Board sending a letter to the Board of Physical Therapy to confirm that the ability to initiate physical therapy referrals is within the scope of practice for pain fellowship-trained CRNAs with the NSPM-C in Mississippi based on education, training and certification

   Upon the motion of Beverly Oliver, and a second by Lacey Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

2. Motion to approve the Board to allow CNMs to have special privileges of surgical first assist for obstetrical and gynecological and surgical procedures with either AORN RNFA certification or ACNM Surgical First Assist training completion with competency and subsequent competency verification

   Upon the motion of Beverly Oliver, and a second by Janel Moody, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Motion to deny request for special privilege of serving as first assist in surgery and recommend that the licensee complete the ACNM Surgical First Assist Workshop for the

Board to approve the special privilege of Surgical First Assist for obstetric and gynecological surgical procedures.

Upon the motion of Beverly Oliver, and a second by Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

4. Motion to redefine the APC's June 2025 decision regarding Peptides as follows: APRNs are not authorized to prescribe, administer, advise, recommend, supply, or dispense peptides that are not FDA approved for human use. Specifically, research grade peptides are not approved.

   Upon the motion of Beverly Oliver, and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

XII. **Practice Committee Report** – Janel Moody

1. Motion to approve that an APRN may delegate the task of running the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) report for review, provided that they adhere to the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program guidelines

   Upon the motion of Janel Moody, and a second by Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

2. Motion to approve a registered nurse currently functioning as a Transport RN to perform functions and procedures within a medical facility as outlined in current ASTNA standards, provided the RN is authorized by standing orders from the facility's Medical Director and/or a direct order from the attending physician and is educated, trained, and competent to perform the procedure. The RN must maintain documented competency that is initially validated and reassessed on an ongoing basis, hold current CFRN or CCRN certification, and operate under active medical control of an Air Medical Director who is aware of and approves the RN's performance of ASTNA-recognized procedures outside the transport setting. Such procedures may be performed only when the Transport RN is the most qualified individual available, comprehensive policies and procedures are in place, appropriate medical control is maintained, and quality assurance and performance improvement activities are conducted. This approval applies only to registered nurses functioning in the role of a Transport RN and does not expand the scope of practice for all registered nurses.

   Upon the motion of Janel Moody, and a second by Drew Calhoun, the Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

XIII. **Administrative Code Committee Report** – no report

XIV. **Finance Committee** – Lacey Gentry

Motion to approve the Finance Report

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Beverly Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the finance report.

XV. **Office of Nursing Workforce Committee Report** – Lacey Gentry

1. Motion that the Board authorize dedicated discussion regarding the development of formal educational opportunities and potential continuing education requirements for Mississippi nurses.

   Upon the motion of Lacey Gentry, and a second by Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendation.

2. Motion for two (2) Board members to participate in the interview process for the Office of Nursing Workforce vacant positions

   Upon the motion of Sandra Culpepper, the Board voted as follows:

   Aye – Janel Moody, Jeremy Cummins, Lacey Gentry, Janie Clanton, T.J. Adams, Sandra Oliver

   Nay – Carly Walker, Alveno Castilla, Drew Calhoun, LaWanda Baskin, Beverly Oliver

   The motion passed.

XVI. **Legislative Committee Report** – none

XVII. **NCSBN Meeting Delegates**

Motion to approve the delegates and alternates slate for the NCSBN Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL., with the following slate:

Daniel Matthew Sistrunk – Delegate

Beverly Oliver – Delegate

Amy Smith – Alternate

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board unanimously approved the slate.

XVIII. **2027 Hearing Dates**

Motion to approve the MS Board of Nursing 2027 Hearing and Board Meeting Dates

Upon the motion of Beverly Oliver, and a second by Lacey Gentry, the Board unanimously approved the 2027 hearing dates.

XIX. **Statement regarding the use of peptides from the MS Board of Medical Licensure**

Motion to approve the Board to join the MS Board of Medical Licensure's statement regarding the use of peptides.

Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board unanimously approved the 2027 hearing dates.

XX. Closed & Executive Sessions

1) Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, the Board voted unanimously to close its session to determine whether to enter into an executive session.

   Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an executive session pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 25-41-7(4)(a) for discussion related to the transaction of business and discussion of the personnel matter relating to job performance.

   Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by LaWanda Baskin, the Board exited executive session. No action was taken during that executive session.

2) Appeals

   Upon motion of Beverly Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to close its session to determine whether to enter into an executive session.

   Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Beverly Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to enter into an executive session pursuant to Miss. Code Ann 25-41-7(4)(b) for discussion related to the issuance of an appealable orders in the Appeals for Heather Myrick (R-903344) and Justine Whitby (R-910079).

   Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Lacey Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the guilty decision of the Panel in the Matter of R-903344. However, the Board **reversed the revocation** and implemented the following discipline: formal reprimand, a five hundred ($500) dollar fine, successful completion of Board-approved courses/workshops in "Ethics" and "Medication Administration", and maintain a current and active license for the duration of the Order. Board members Sandra Culpepper, Beverly Oliver, and Daniel (Matthew) Sistrunk did not take part in the deliberations or the decision.

   Upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins, and a second by Janel Walker, the Board voted unanimously to uphold the guilty decision of the Panel in the Matter of R-910079. However, the Board **reversed the revocation** and implemented the following discipline: formal reprimand, a five hundred ($500) dollar fine, completion of restrictions within six (6) months from the date of entry of the Order, successful completion of Board-approved courses/workshops in "Ethics" and "Medication Administration", abstention from addictive substances, on-demand drug screens, notice of failure to furnish drug screens, and copies of prescriptions. Board members Sandra Culpepper, Beverly Oliver, and Carly Walker did not take part in the deliberations or the decision.

Upon the motion of Janel Moody, and a second by Beverly Oliver, the Board voted unanimously to end its executive session and return to an open session. Assistant Attorney General Kim Turner (Hearing Officer) announced the actions taken by the Board during the executive session to those who returned to the open meeting.

XXI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn upon the motion of Jeremy Cummins and a second by Janie Clanton

Sandra Culpepper LPW

SANDRA CULPEPPER, PAST PRESIDENT

ADJOURNED: The June 5, 2026 Business Meeting

Sandra Culpepper, LPN, Past President

Lacey Gentry, DNP, RN, CNE, Treasurer

Jeremy Cummins, LPN, LNHA, Secretary