

**THE *PRO TEM* HEARING BOARD OF THE
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

MEETING OF

**January 29, 2021 NEW
ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was convened and called to order at 2:00 p.m., Friday, January 29, 2021, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The *pro tem* Hearing Board members participated in person with the meeting live streamed on Youtube, in addition to the public session of the meeting being open to the in person members of the public.

Present at the meeting were the following *pro tem* Hearing Board Members:

Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.
J. Michael Burdine, M.D.
Kenneth Farris, M.D.
Keith C. Ferdinand, M.D.
Linda Gage-White, M.D., PhD.
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D.

The following members of the LSBME staff were present:

Mary Peyton, General Counsel
Lesley Rye, RN Compliance Investigator
Jacintha F. Duthu, Executive Staff Officer

1. **General Administrative Matters; Public comments; Meeting Order;** Ms. Peyton advised the public that any comments can be emailed to publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov. Ms. Peyton verified the identity of all tele- and videoconference participants, and he ensured the meeting was clear and audible to the public and those on the tele- and videoconference.

Ms. Peyton asked the *pro tem* Hearing Board to add the nomination of a presiding officer to today's agenda. On the motion of Dr. Gage-White, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the *pro tem* Hearing Board voted unanimously to add the item to the agenda.

2. **Added Agenda Item; Presiding Officer Nomination.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois and passed by unanimous voice vote, the *pro tem* Hearing Board appointed Dr. Kim LeBlanc as the presiding officer.

3. **Minutes of September 10, 2020.** On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by 5 YEAS, and 1 abstention, the *pro tem* Hearing Board accepted the minutes of its September 10, 2020 meeting.

The *pro tem* Hearing Board gave the opportunity for public questions and/or comments. Hearing none, the public session concluded.

[4.] Minutes of Executive Sessions. On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Gage-White, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the *pro tem* Hearing Board convened in executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17A to receive and review the minutes of the executive session of its September 10, 2020 meeting. Following review and discussion, the *pro tem* Hearing Board resumed in open session as follows: On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Gage-White, and passed by a unanimous vote, the September 10, 2020 Executive Session minutes were approved.

[5.] Investigative Reports. On unanimous voice vote, the *pro tem* Hearing Board, convened in executive session to consider an investigative report relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee, and allegations of misconduct, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1)&(4).

- a. Request to extend Formal Investigation: Following discussion in executive session, the *pro tem* Hearing Board re-convened in public session and by unanimous voice vote, voted to extend Investigation No.18-778 for a period of six months.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct account of the proceedings of the meeting of the *pro tem* Hearing Board of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, held on January 29, 2021 and approved by the Board on the ___ day of __, 2021.

Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., President
LSBME *pro tem* Hearing Board