

THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 28, 2025

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., July 28, 2025, by order of the President, at the anchor location of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members Present:

Roderick V. Clark, MBA, M.D., President
Kim S. Sport, JD, Vice President
Rita Horton, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Wyche Coleman, M.D.
Patrick K. O'Neill, M.D.
James Taylor, M.D.
Terrie R. Thomas, M.D.
Leonard Weather, M.D., R.Ph

Board Members absent:

Cheryl Williams, M.D.

Board Staff present:

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D., Executive Director
Patricia Wilton, Esq., Executive Counsel
Lauryn Sudduth, Esq. General Counsel
Aloma L. James, Director of Licensing
Alan W. Phillips, IT Director
LaKenya Collins, CPA, CFO
Susie Allen, DrPH, MBA, Director of Education and Research
James Tebbe, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigation
Patricia Dufrene, Compliance Investigator
Darryl Albert, Compliance Investigator
Maya Ladmirault, Compliance Officer
Theresa Lockhart, Compliance Investigator
Angela Matherne, Compliance Investigator
Danielle Woods, Compliance Investigator
Ron Cayette, Compliance Investigator
Joe Bonke, Compliance Investigator
Pat Tillman, Compliance Investigator
Lillie Rodgers, Investigations Program Director
Melissa Jenders, Admin Program Specialist
Jacintha F. Duthu, Executive Staff Officer

Other Present

Kathryn Munson, Esq. Counsel for DOI

(1.) General Administrative Matters; Dr. Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our country and the citizens of this state. Dr. Culotta read the LSBME mission statement. At this time the President asked if there were any Public Comments.

- . The meeting was called to order and Dr. Culotta did a roll call, confirming there is a quorum of 8 members present.

(2.) Minutes of April 28, 2025; The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes of the April 28, 2025, meeting. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2025, meeting with an amendment.

(3.) New Business; Addiction Medicine and Telemedicine; The Board reviewed the proposed system requirements for controlled medication prescription pilot program reporting for 90 day period. On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed reporting to gather statistical data.

Public Comment was made on this matter.

(4.) Follow-Up Action Items; PRT Rules; The Board reviewed the proposed PRT Rules. Public Comment was made on this matter via Zoom and in-person. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted as follows to approve the PRT Rules:

YEA	NAY	ABSENT
Dr. Weather	Dr. Taylor	Dr. Williams
Dr. Horton	Dr. Thomas	
Dr. Coleman	Dr. O'Neill	
Mrs. Sport		
Dr. Clark		

The motion failed.

(5.) Follow-Up Action Items; Medical Review Panel CME Form; On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the form.

(6.) General Administrative Matters; President's Report; The President had nothing to report other than he is excited to get the Board back together here in New Orleans.

(7.) General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report; The Executive Director Reported as follows:

I participated in the Louisiana Drug and Device Distribution Board's meeting as a panel discussant to address our recent SOP about the use of devices and drugs that need to be purchased through the licensees of the LA Drug Board.

I have had my deposition in the Soe v LSBME lawsuit, and the litigation report will further advise you of the status of that ongoing litigation.

The FSMB has a highly active work group regarding FTFP licensing. There are now more than fifteen states that have passed similar legislation, and all are working to have similar standards and requirements.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Occupational Therapy Advisory committee (OTAC) met, and their new rules have been approved. The law and rules course are available to be taken by that community as required by the rules. We will be discussing a unique request regarding this course later today.

The Medical Psychologists (MPAC) are meeting and working on rules changes to define CME definition more clearly for advanced practice, BLS, and removing the psychometricians from the rule requirements.

The Athletic Trainers (ATAC) are meeting to address the expansion of a more advanced license class and address dry needling and supervision of same.

The Genetic Counselors Advisory Committee (GCAC) met, and they want temporary licenses and possibly modify the requirements for certification. They also are asking for an SOP on the CPA.

The Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee (RTAC) is meeting and working on a rules revision to update their rules to accommodate the evolving changes in the field of respiratory care.

COMPACTS

The IMLCC is beta testing the API and we are working to go live with this upgrade.

The OT compact is finalizing the API for data transfer, and we are going to be one of the first states to beta test this API. We have resolved the issue of submitting data on OTs and OTAs that have no desire to join the compact.

Ms. Wilton and I attended the FARB (Federation of Associations of Regulatory Board) summit in Denver on the 24th and 25th of this month and we will update you on this activity at the meeting.

New metrics for calls answered, unanswered, and abandoned are coming online as we speak.

The Arctic Wolf security system activation and tweaks and tune-ups are about completed.

The staff is working through the new State directives for remote computer use in state agencies and boards. We hope to have definitive guidance in 3-4 weeks.

(8.) General Administrative Matters; Director of Investigations' Report; Ms. Dufrene, in the absence Dr. Francis, reported:

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION BOARD REPORT

June 1st – June 30th, 2025

Percentage of Complaints Resolved within 7 days: 31%

Number of new cases opened: 52

Number of cases closed: 33

Total number of currently open cases: 19

(9.) General Administrative Matters; The President reported that Dr. Ali has resigned and that he and the Board Thanked Him for His Service and wish him well as he travels the world.

(10.) General Administrative Matters; DRAFT July Newsletter; The Board reviewed the Draft July Newsletter. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Newsletter.

(11.) General Administrative Matters; Financial Report. The Board reviewed the profit and loss report for May 2025. On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial report. The Board also reviewed the LSBME Annual Audit Report for 2024, with no findings. On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to accept the audit report.

(12.) Administrative Matters; Next Meeting Dates; The Board reviewed the 2025 Meeting Dates. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

(13.) Rules and Regulations. Rules/Amendments. The Board reviewed the Rules Chart for July 2025 updates. In the interim prior to the Board meeting the following was approved and will be in the August Registry; Complaints and Investigations, Retired Director's License and Bridge Year. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, The Board voted unanimously to accept the report.

[14.] Minutes of Executive Sessions. Upon the motion of Dr. O'Neill, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to convene in executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17A to receive and review the executive minutes of the Board's April 28, 2025, meeting. Following the review, the Board returned to the Public Session. Upon the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its April 28, 2025, meeting.

[15.] Report on Pending Litigation. Upon the motion of Dr. O'Neill duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to convene in executive session pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17A(2, 4 and 10), La. C.E. art. 508, and/or La. R.S. 44:4.1C, to receive and review the report of legal counsel on pending litigation to which the Board is a party, the unauthorized practice of medicine cases assigned for injunction, and the status of proceedings for judicial review of prior Board decisions.

Do No Harm v. Edwards, USDC-WDLA, No. 5:24-cv-00016 – JE, Jr. – JMH

Susie Soe, et al v. LSBME, et al, CDC Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, 2024-00172 Div D-12

Birthmark Doula Collective, LLC, et al. v. State of Louisiana, et al.No. 755,217 19th Judicial District Court, Parish of East Baton Rouge

[16.] General Administrative Matters; CONFIDENTIAL DRAFT; Bylaws; The Board convened in executive session to receive attorney advice regarding the proposed LSBME Bylaws. No further action was taken on this matter.

[17.] General Administrative Matters; Attorney Advice; Draft Statement of Position re: Genetic Counselors. The Board convened in executive session to receive attorney advice on the draft Statement of Position for Genetic Counselors regarding Collaborative Practice Agreement. No further action was taken on this meeting continuing it to the next Board meeting.

[18.] General Administrative Matters; Qualifications for Licensure; The Board convened in executive session to review the request to add NBPAS to ABMS organizations. Upon returning to Public Session, no further action was taken on this matter.

[19.] General Administrative Matters; Consideration for Predetermination; The Board convened in Executive Session to review the predetermination eligibility for Agenda No. 04.00.04. Upon returning to Public Session, on the motion Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request.

[20.] General Administrative Matter; Consideration of PRT Program Waiver Request; The Board convened in executive session to review the request for PRT remote supervision/telehealth pilot program. Upon returning to public session, on the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request.

[21.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar. On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to review the calendar of personal appearances and docketed hearings, as matters relating to investigations, the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17(A)(1), (4) & (10), La. C.E. art. 508, and/or La. R.S. 44:4.1C. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

[22.] Investigative Reports. On the motion of Dr. O'Neill, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the investigative reports as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee, and allegations of misconduct, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in public session as follows:

- a. Interim Action: On the motion of Mrs. Sport duly seconded by Dr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to approve ratifying the Interim action in the following matter:

Investigation Nos.	2023-I-364, 2024-I-399
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- b. Initiate Formal Investigation: On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to approve initiating formal investigation in the following matters:

Investigation Nos.	25-I-78
Investigation Nos. Page 7 of 314	25-I-210
Investigation Nos.	24-563

Investigation Nos.	25-I-424
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- c. Initiate Preliminary Review: On the motion of Mrs. Sport duly seconded by Dr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to approve initiating preliminary review in the following matters:

Investigation Nos.	2025-227
Investigation Nos.	2025-248
Investigation Nos.	2025-249
Investigation Nos.	2025-297
Investigation Nos.	2025-250
Investigation Nos.	2025-228
Investigation Nos.	2025-252
Investigation Nos.	2025-229
Investigation Nos.	2025-230
Investigation Nos.	2025-253
Agenda No.	07.04.06
Agenda No.	07.04.07
Agenda No.	07.04.08

- d. Extend Time for Preliminary Review: On the motion of Mrs. Sport duly seconded by Dr. Thomas, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved granting a 90-day extension to continue preliminary review in the following matters and to authorize the DOI to request Executive Counsel to proceed with measures to enforce compliance with Board subpoenas where no response had been received within 90 days of issuance:

Investigation No.	2025-335
Investigation No.	2025-294
Investigation No.	2025-260
Investigation No.	2025-263
Investigation No.	2025-313
Investigation No.	2024-286
Investigation No.	2024-526
Investigation No.	2024-536
Investigation No.	2024-589
Investigation No.	2024-611
Investigation No.	2024-685
Investigation No.	2024-719
Investigation No.	2024-737
Investigation No.	2024-772
Investigation No.	2024-789
Investigation No.	2024-794
Investigation No.	2024-800
Investigation No.	2023-232
Investigation No.	2023-740
Investigation No.	2023-800

Investigation No.	2024-161
Investigation No.	2024-190
Investigation No.	2024-308
Investigation No.	2024-395
Investigation No.	2024-407
Investigation No.	2024-410
Investigation No.	2024-421
Investigation No.	2024-424
Investigation No.	2024-446
Investigation No.	2024-527
Investigation No.	2024-541
Investigation No.	2024-560
Investigation No.	2024-563
Investigation No.	2024-577
Investigation No.	2024-621
Investigation No.	2024-622

- e. Consent Orders: On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation Nos.	20-I-758, 20-I-760 ¹
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2023-448 ²
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	23-I-235
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted 7 YAYS 1 NAY to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	25-I-196
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

¹ Dr. Horton is recused from any and all participation in this matter.

² Dr. Taylor is recused from any and all participation in this matter.

Investigation No.	23-I-225
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	25-I-150
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On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	25-I-78
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On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	22-I-290
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On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	23-I-593
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On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	22-I-788
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On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	23-I-886
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On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	25-I-105
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- f. Close with a Letter of Concern/Enhanced Letter of Concern: On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board unanimously to approve the letter of concern in the following matters:

Investigation No.	24-I-158
Investigation No.	25-I-180
Investigation No.	25-I-245
Investigation No.	23-I-232
Investigation No.	25-293
Investigation Nos.	2018-928, 21-I-1369
Investigation No.	25-I-139
Investigation No.	25-I-223
Investigation No.	25-I-198
Investigation No.	25-I-322
Investigation No.	25-I-247

- g. Close/Dismissal with No Action: On the motion of Dr. Thomas, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following matters with no action:

Investigation No.	2024-286
Investigation No.	2024-406
Investigation No.	2024-453
Investigation No.	2024-230
Investigation No.	2024-469
Investigation No.	2025-257
Investigation No.	2025-I-287
Investigation No.	2024-536
Investigation No.	2024-244
Investigation No.	2023-800
Investigation No.	2024-308
Investigation No.	2024-452
Investigation No.	2024-233
Investigation No.	2024-526
Investigation No.	2024-589 ³
Investigation No.	2024-611
Investigation No.	2025-374
Investigation No.	2025-310
Investigation No.	2024-527
Investigation No.	2024-577
Investigation No.	2025-298
Investigation No.	2025-354
Investigation No.	2024-497
Investigation No.	2025-363
Investigation No.	2024-668
Investigation No.	2025-50
Investigation No.	2024-685
Investigation No.	2024-719

³ Dr. Thomas is recused from any and all participation in this matter.

Investigation No.	2024-800
Investigation No.	2024-161
Investigation No.	2024-794
Investigation No.	2024-789
Investigation No.	2024-410
Investigation No.	2025-395
Investigation No.	2025-36
Investigation No.	2024-737
Investigation No.	2024-496
Investigation No.	2024-419
Investigation No.	2024-395
Investigation No.	2024-772
Investigation No.	2024-421

- h. Professional Liability Report: The Board voted unanimously to convene in executive session to consider the report on professional liability cases reviewed since the last meeting of the Board as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). Upon returning to public session, on the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Thomas the Board voted unanimously to accept the July 2025 report.
- i. Closed Case Report: The Board voted unanimously to convene in executive session to review allegations of misconduct pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(4), as part of the closed case report. The Board returned to public session and upon the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the June 2025 closed case summary report.
- j. PMP Report: The Board voted unanimously to convene in executive session to review the July 2025 PMP. The Board returned to public session and upon the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the PMP report.

[15.] Probationary Matters:

On the motion of Dr. Taylor duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to terminate probation in the matter of Agenda No. 09.01.01.

On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Thomas, the Board voted unanimously to deny reinstatement of license off suspension in the matter of Agenda No. 09.01.02.

On the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to terminate probation with licensure flag for renewal to remain in place in the matter of Agenda No. 09.02.01.

On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to terminate probation and maintain the lifetime restriction with HPFL in the matter of Agenda No. 09.02.02.

On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to deny the licensee's request to terminate probation early on the matter of Agenda No. 09.02.04⁴.

Next **Meeting of the Board**. The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for August 25, 2025.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct account of the proceedings of the meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, save for executive session, conducted therein, held on July 28, 2025, and approved by the Board on the 25th day of August 2025.

Rita Horton, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Roderick Clark, M.D., MBA
President

⁴ Dr. O'Neill is recused from any and all participation in this matter.