

# THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

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March 30, 2026

### 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., March 30, 2026, 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  
Rita Horton, M.D., Vice President  
Leonard Weather, M.D., R.Ph, Secretary-Treasurer  
Wyche Coleman, M.D.  
John Hamide, M.D.  
Leonel Lacayo, M.D. - Absent  
Kim S. Sport, Esq.  
James Taylor, M.D.  
Terrie R. Thomas, M.D. - Absent  
Cheryl Williams, M.D. - Absent

#### **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  
Michael Francis, M.D., Director of Investigation  
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

**(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.

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 was a quorum of 6 members present.

***On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Hamide, the Board voted unanimously to convene in Executive Session.***

**[2.] Minutes of Executive Sessions.** Upon the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Hamide, 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 February 23, 2026, meeting. Following the review, the Board returned to the Public Session. Upon the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its February 23, 2026, meeting with amendments.

**[3.] Report on Pending Litigation.** Upon the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Hamide, 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.

Nancy Lynn Rogers MD v. LSBME and Michael Francis MD No. 2025-10384, Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans

Paula Pigford v. LSBME Civil Action No. 2:25cv02552 United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

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

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

**[4.] General Administrative Matters; Licensure Matters;** The Board convened in executive session to review the licensee's request for a waiver of licensing requirements namely ACGME of Agenda 05.00.01. The Board returned to public session, on the motion of Dr. Hamide, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the waiver

**[5.] General Administrative Matters; Licensure Matters;** The Board reviewed the request for approval of a short-term residency program in Agenda No. 05.00.02. The Board returned to public session on the motion of Dr. Hamide, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the short-term residency program.

**[6.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** On the motion of Dr. Coleman, 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.

**[7.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Coleman, 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. Summary Suspension<sup>1</sup>: On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to ratify the Summary Suspension in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2025-I-602
Investigation No	2024-I-742

- b. Initiate Preliminary Review: On the motion of Dr. Coleman duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to initiate preliminary review in Agenda No. 07.04.01.
- c. Extend Time for Preliminary Review: On the motion of Dr. Weather duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, 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.	2026-46
Investigation No.	2026-36

- d. Consent Orders: On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2024-I-836
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to deny the proposed consent order for substitute action in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2025-I-307
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<sup>1</sup>Dr. Taylor arrives. \_\_\_\_\_

- e. Close/Letter of Concern/Enhanced Letter of Concern: On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following matter with a letter of concern:

On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of concern in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2025-730
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On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of concern in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2025-767
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of concern in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2025-726
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- f. Close/Dismissal with No Action: On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following matters with no action:

Investigation No.	2025-864
Investigation No.	2026-53
Investigation No.	2026-5
Investigation No.	2026-22
Investigation No.	2026-35
Investigation No.	2026-2
Investigation No.	2026-23
Investigation No.	2025-869
Investigation No.	2026-43
Investigation No.	2025-776
Investigation No.	2025-I-757
Investigation No.	2026-100
Investigation No.	2025-I-790
Investigation No.	2026-73
Investigation No.	2025-840
Investigation No.	2017-I-153

- g. 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. Hamide duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the March 2026 report.

- h. 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. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February 2026 closed case summary report.

**[8.] Probationary Matters:**

On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve terminating probation in Agenda No. 09.01.01

On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Hamide, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request to remove prescribing limitations in Agenda No. 09.02.01.

On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Hamide, the Board voted unanimously to approve reinstatement in Agenda No. 09.02.02.

Next **Meeting of the Board**. The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 27, 28, 2026.

**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 March 30, 2026, and approved by the Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

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Leonard Weather, M.D., R.Ph,  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Roderick Clark, M.D., MBA  
President