

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
Clinical Laboratory Personnel ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
("CLPAC")**

**Minutes of MEETING  
August 13, 2025  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, CLAPC, pursuant to call of the Committee Chair and upon lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 15:10 on August 13, 2025, by order of the Committee Chair, via Zoom Conference call.

The video conference call was broadcast on Youtube with the link of Youtube being published on the LSBME website prior to commencing the public meeting. The Committee Chair advised the public that any comments can be emailed to [publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov](mailto:publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov), verified the identity of all tele and video conference participants; and ensured the meeting was clear and audible to the public and those on the tele and videoconference.

**I. Introductions:**

**Members present were as follows:**

Gaye Brunson, Chair  
Michele Edmiston  
Angela Foley  
Melissa Hamilton  
Valinda Carmon-Walker  
Nadlyn Rideaux  
Tabitha Whipp

**Members Absent:**

Richard Bridges  
Larry Broussard  
Jessica Lasiter  
Beverly Ogden  
Yolanda Bennett

**Also present:**

Vincent Culotta, Jr., MD., LSBME Executive Director  
Patsy Jarreau, Director of CLP  
Tracy Mauro, IT Support Specialist  
Patricia Wilton, Executive Counsel  
Lauren Sudduth, Attorney

Phyllis Johnson, Licensing Analyst Supervisor  
Claudette Ashford, Analyst  
Priscilla Bartholomew, Analyst  
Ron Cayette, Investigator  
Angela Matherne, Investigator

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Tabitha Whipp and duly seconded by Nadlyn Rideau to approve public minutes of the May 14, 2025, meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Audits**

Dr. Culotta reported that of 100 licenses recently granted, it took an average of 6.2 days from date application was deemed complete to issuance of license. There were some outliers that are being investigated by Dr. Culotta and he will report back to us on these at the next meeting.

The BOC did another audit done on ULM students and there was an issue with one of the students getting her permanent license. Jessica Lassiter has the information on this applicant but was unable to attend this meeting.

Another case was brought to the attention of the committee by Michele Edmiston involving a recent high school graduate applicant with a temporary permit who was applying for a lab assistant license and was asked to provide a 10 year work history.

Name, date of birth and description of licensure issues for these two cases will be sent to Dr. Culotta and will be investigated and reported on at our next meeting.

**IV. Licensure update**

No licensure law change came out of the legislature this session. No plans on going forward with changes to the law at this time.

**V. Nominations for CLPAC positions**

Governor has not made any appointments from the lists of nominees that were sent to the Governor's office.

**VI. Acceptable equivalency for High School certification**

Ms. Wilton will work with the Board of Education to determine which home schools' diplomas or certificates can be accepted by the board. Ms. Wilton will report back to the committee and assist the committee in making recommendations for policies and/or rules which should be in place for schools with "unrecognized" or "unapproved" home school education equivalencies. Ms. Wilton will also check on laws or rules governing issuance of high school diplomas or certificates in contiguous states. The two states that were mentioned specifically were Arkansas and Mississippi.

**VII. Next meeting date**  
October 8, 2025 at 15:00pm

**VIII. Adjourn at 15:38**

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Foley, CLPAC Secretary