

**The Louisiana State
Board of Medical Examiners**

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting

July 17, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Physician Assistant Advisory Committee, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 10:00 a.m., July 17, 2021, via Zoom virtual video.

Members present were as follows:

Varsha L. Castro-Gusman
Krystle Danelle Chase-Circello
Raven R. Lewis
Ajsa Nikolic, M.D.

Members absent were as follows:

James Craven IV, M.D.

No public comments.

1. **General Administrative Matters; Public comments; Meeting Order** Krystle Chase-Circello advised the public that any comments can be emailed to publiccomment@lsbme.la.gov. Mrs. Chase-Circello verified the identity of all videoconference participants, and she ensured the meeting was clear and audible to the public and those on the tele- and videoconference. Furthermore, Mrs. Chase-Circello emphasized that any additions that need to be made to the executive or public agenda, be made before the completion of the public session, as we will no longer be able to make additions to the agenda after the close of the public session.
2. **New Business:**
 - a. **New Advisory Committee Members:** The following members took their Oath of Office and were sworn in as new committee members by LSBME Executive Counsel, Patricia Wilton:

Varsha L. Castro-Gusman
Krystle Danelle Chase-Circello
Raven R. Lewis

- b. **Senate Resolution 184 Task Force Appointees:** On the motion of Raven Lewis, duly seconded by Varsha Castro-Gusman, and passed by unanimous vote, Physician Advisory committee members were appointed to the Senate Resolution 184 Task Force. Names will be sent to the Governor's office.

Executive Session: On the motion of Mrs. Castro-Gusman duly seconded by Mrs. Chase-Circello and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Advisory Committee Board convened to consider their recommendations to the Board and Director of Investigations 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 Advisory Committee resumed in open session as follows:

- a. On the motion of Mrs. Castro-Gusman, duly seconded by Ms. Raven Lewis and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Advisory Committee approved recommendation to close File No. 2019-230.
- b. On the motion of Dr. Nikolic, duly seconded by Ms. Raven Lewis and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Advisory Committee approved to follow the recommendation given by the Director of Investigations regarding File No. 2020-165 with the addition of Sensitivity Training in the workplace.
- c. On the motion of Ms. Raven Lewis, duly seconded by Dr. Nikolic, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Advisory Committee approved recommendation to close File No. 2020-962 with a letter of concern and a requirement of 10 CME hours from Category 1 or 2 on Emotional Intelligence and Sensitivity Trainings at the discretion of the Director of Investigations.
- d. On the motion of Mrs. Castro-Gusman, duly seconded by Ms. Raven Lewis, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Advisory Committee approved the recommendation to follow the recommendation given by the Director of Investigations regarding File No. 2020-683.