THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 22, 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., June 22, 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. - Absent
Leonel Lacayo, M.D.
Noelle Montgomery
James Taylor, M.D.
Terrie R. Thomas, M.D.
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
Jacintha F. Duthu, Executive Staff Officer
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
Lillie Rodgers, Investigations Program Director
Patricia Dufrene, Compliance Investigator
Darryl Albert, Compliance Investigator
Theresa Lockhart, Compliance Investigator
Angela Matherne, Compliance Investigator
Brittany LeBlanc, Compliance Investigator
Ron Cayette, Compliance Investigator
Joe Bonke, Compliance Investigator
Pat Tillman, Compliance Investigator
Jonell Deshotel, Compliance Investigator
Elizabeth Fallen, Compliance Investigator
Jamie Folse, Compliance Investigator
Noel Rome, Compliance Investigator

(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. Clark introduced Mrs. Noelle Montgomery and welcomed her to the Board.

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 was a quorum of 9 members present.

(2.) Minutes of May 18, Meeting; The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes of the May 18, 2026, meeting. On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, meeting, with amendments.

(3.) New Business; Scope of Practice; Respiratory Therapist; Controlled Substance Medications; The Board was presented with a request from David Miller, Willis Knighton, for a ruling as to whether Respiratory Therapist (RT) who are part of a pediatric transport team be able to witness for the "wasting" of controlled medications. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve RTs ability to witness.

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(4.) Follow-up Action Items; Proposed Updates to APRN Collaborative Practice; The Board reviewed the proposed updates to the APRN collaborative practice. On the motion of Dr. Weather, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the updates.

(5.) Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Discussion Relevant to SB 30 (ACT 345) and SB 253 (Act 374) Request for Advisory Opinion re: Peptides; The Board received information regarding the recent passing of SB 30 and SB 253.

After formal discussion the Board convened in executive session to receive attorney advice. Upon return to public session, on the motion of Dr. Taylor duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted 8 YEAS 1 NAY to begin promulgating rules for SB 30 and amend rules currently in process. When a draft of the proposed rules is complete, it will be returned to the Board.

The Board discussed SB 253, after discussion, on the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to begin drafting a statement of position.

(6.) General Administrative Matters; President's Report; The President encouraged public commentary regarding the amendments and best practices regarding collaborative practice agreements and what the advisory opinions need to look like. He stated that we will be working closely with the Nursing Board and may be able to create joint statements of position.

The President informed everyone that he has asked Drs. Weather and Hamide to take a look at our financial situation and give a five-year projection of what that would like and make a recommendation to the Board.

The President also asked Dr. Horton to take a look at the bylaws that were proposed last year and work with Ms. Wilton to formulate improvements if necessary and that Dr. Horton sees appropriate.

He again welcomed Ms. Montgomery to the Board.

(7.) General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report; The Executive Director reported that the legislature has ended and three of the four bills we wanted to pass were enacted into law.

HB 1182 regarding occupational therapy nomenclature updates and permissive change to temporary license passed. This bill was carried by Rep Peter Egan for the board. Rep Egan also successfully carried HB 405 to change nomenclature in the field of acupuncture.

Despite the great efforts of Rep Egan HB 1216 with an 89% chance of passing was deferred by the Senate Health and Welfare committee effectively killing this legislation for the 2026 session. Rep Egan worked after the deferral and was close to getting it passed but one senator remained unalterably opposed to the bill.

The fourth bill affecting the Medical Prescribing Psychologists was carried by Rep. Dustin Miller for the MP association and was successfully enacted into law. This simplifies licensing two types of Medical Psychologist to a standard and advanced and makes the renewal process easier for the advanced practice providers. This is also anticipated to remedy the problems of CE tracking for the advanced license class.

We tracked 137 bills that had the potential to affect the LSBME or its licensees in some way, either as written or as possibly amended. In the end we list 37 bills that affect the agency or our licensees. I have attached a full tracking report for these 37 bills and the one study resolution that affects the board.

We are working to design the HCR 114 study and hope to have it operational for August 1, 2026.

(8.) General Administrative Matters; Director of Investigations' Report; Dr. Francis, DOI reported:

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION BOARD REPORT

May 1st – 31st 2026

Number of complaints received: 111

Percentage of Complaints Resolved within 7 days: 46%

Number of cases closed: 72

Total number of cases opened in May still open: 39

Total number of all complaint cases closed in May: 88

Total number of open cases as of May 31st, 2026: Approximately 174

(9.) General Administrative Matters; Financial Report; The Board reviewed the financial report for April 2026. On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial report.

(10.) **Administrative Matters; Next Meeting Dates;** The Board reviewed the 2026 meeting dates. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

(11.) Rules and Regulations. Rules/Amendments; The Board reviewed the Rules Chart for June 2026 updates. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

[12.] Minutes of Executive Sessions. Upon the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, 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 May 18, 2026, meeting. Following the review, the Board returned to the Public Session. Upon the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2026, meeting with amendments.

[13.] Report on Pending Litigation. Upon the motion of Dr. Thomas duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, 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, M.D. v. LSBME and Michael Francis, M.D., 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

[14.] General Administrative Matters; Licensure Matters; The Board reviewed the licensee's request for a waiver of licensing requirements, namely ACGME accredited training in Agenda No. 05.00.01. Upon returning to public session, on the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the waiver.

[15.] General Administrative Matters; Licensure Matters; The Board reviewed the request for a one-month short-term program in Agenda No. 05.00.02. Upon returning to public session, on the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the short-term program.

[16.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, 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.

Formal Hearing 24-A-006 was held at the May meeting with licensee via Zoom. The Board sustained the suspension.

After the conclusion of the meeting, there was a hearing of Adjudication File No. 25-A-004. No other action was needed or taken at this time.

[17.] 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. Initiate Formal Investigation: On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to initiate formal investigation in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2026-I-299
Investigation No.	2026-I-354
Investigation No.	2026-I-213
Investigation No.	2025-I-721
Investigation No.	2026-I-46
Investigation No.	2026-I-353

b. Extend Time for Preliminary Review: The Board considered 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;

On the motion of Dr. Weather, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve extending the following matters:

Investigation No.	2026-231

c. Consent Orders/Voluntary Surrender: On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2025-I-307
Investigation No.	2024-I-190
Investigation No.	2021-I-1074

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

Investigation No.	2026-I-183

On the motion of Dr. Lacayo, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following with a letter of concern:

Investigation Nos.	2026-I-82 2026-I-93 2026-I-94 2026-I-190 2026-I-191 2026-I-193 2026-I-195 2026-I-197

On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to increase to an enhanced letter of concern with education and an added rules course in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2026-I-271

On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following with a letter of concern:

Investigation No.	2026-I-251

On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following with a letter of concern:

Investigation No.	2026-I-220

On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following with an enhanced letter of concern:

Investigation No.	2026-I-34
Investigation No.	2026-I-120

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

Investigation No.	2026-288
Investigation No.	2026-243
Investigation No.	2026-274
Investigation No.	2025-814

Investigation No.	2026-230
Investigation No.	2026-295
Investigation No.	2026-133
Investigation No.	2026-136
Investigation No.	2026-207
Investigation No.	2025-853
Investigation No.	2026-293
Investigation No.	2026-206
Investigation No.	2026-269
Investigation No.	2026-262
Investigation No.	2026-185
Investigation No.	2026-208
Investigation No.	2026-360
Investigation No.	2026-261
Investigation No.	2026-307
Investigation No.	2026-285
Investigation No.	2026-219
Investigation No.	2026-217
Investigation No.	2026-218
Investigation No.	2026-221
Investigation No.	2026-127
Investigation No.	2026-308
Investigation No.	2026-297

f. 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. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to accept the June 2026 report.

g. 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 May 2026 closed case summary report.

[18.] Probationary Matter; On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to approve terminating probation in Agenda No. 09.02.01.

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Next Meeting of the Board. The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 27, 2026, but may be cancelled.

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 June 22, 2026, and approved by the Board on the 24th day of August 2026.

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

Roderick Clark, M.D., MBA
President