

**The Louisiana State
Board of Medical Examiners**

Physician Assistant Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting

December 4, 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., December 4, 2021, via Zoom virtual video.

Members present were as follows:

Varsha L. Castro-Gusman
Krystle Danelle Chase-Circello
James Craven IV, M.D.
Ajsa Nikolic, M.D.

Members absent were as follows:

Raven R. Lewis

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. **Old Business:**

Minutes of the July 17, 2021, meeting minutes. On the motion of Dr. Craven, duly seconded by Mrs. Castro-Gusman, the advisory committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2021 meeting.

3. **Discussion of Physician Assistant Rules.** Dr. Culotta, offered the PA Advisory committee the ability to work with the Board for any perceived changes to the Rules and PA practice, indicating that the Board would be willing to do what they can to move forth with the suggested rule changes provided to the Board by the PA Advisory committee. Mrs. Chase-Circello suggested a age change limit to obtain a PA license be change but is willing to table that suggestion at this time for more important matters. Mrs. Chase-Circello also suggested that the PA committee take time to review the Supervising Physician paperwork and bring those recommendations back to the Board. Mrs. Chase-Circello recommended that the members have homework regarding the PA rules and changes and reconvene at a later date, and Mrs. Chase-Circello suggested Mid-January either the 8th or the 15th. No further action was taken or needed on this matter.

Executive Session: On the motion of Dr. Nikolic, duly seconded by Mrs. Castro-Gusman 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:

[4.] July 17, 2021, Executive session Meeting Minutes. On the Motion of Dr. Craven, duly seconded by Mrs. Castro-Gusman, the Advisory Committee voted unanimously to approve the executive session minutes of the July 17, 2021, meeting.

[5.] Investigation Matter. On the motion of Dr. Nikolic, duly seconded by Mrs. Castro-Gusman, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Advisory Committee approved the recommendation to close Case 2021-1006 with no further action.