
**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**RESPIRATORY THERAPIST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
("RTAC")**

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MEETING**

**March 18, 2021
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, RTAC, pursuant to call of the Committee Chair and upon lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 10:00 a.m., March 18, 2021, by order of the Committee Chair, via Zoom Conference call.

The videoconference call was broadcast on Youtube with the link of Youtube being published on the LSBME website prior to commencing the public meeting. The Chair of the Committee advised the public that any comments can be emailed to 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.

Members present were as follows:

Raymond Pisani, Chair
Ken Alexander
Sheila Guidry
Elizabeth Hamilton
Diana Merendino
Michael Nolan
Brett Stafford

Also present:

Dr. Vincent Culotta, LSBME Executive Director
Jacinta Duthu, LSBME Executive Staff Officer
Shannon Cyprian, LSBME License Analyst

- 1. New Business. Scope of Practice: Respiratory Therapist administering COVID vaccine.** The LSBME supports respiratory therapists administering the COVID vaccine provided it is under the orders of a physician, individuals are trained and the injections delivered are in accordance with a facility or volunteer service agency providing the

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vaccine. Respiratory therapist cannot deliver the vaccine for profit (there cannot be a charge associated with vaccine) or outside physician orders.

2. **State of Emergency Orders.** Dr. Culotta stated that the LSBME will continue to honor the temporary licenses/permits that have been issued during the State of Emergency Orders for a period of 90 days post expiration of the Orders. This will allow for a transition period.
3. **CE Broker ZOOM Education.** The LSBME will be willing to provide a ZOOM education session for initiation of CE Broker if the LSRC would like.

Upon motion made by Ken Alexander, duly seconded by Elizabeth Hamilton and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct account of the proceedings of the Executive Session meeting of the Medical Psychology Advisory Committee of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, save for executive session of the Board conducted therein, held on March 18, 2021.

Raymond Pisani
RTAC, Chair