

The Louisiana State
Board of Medical Examiners

Genetic Counselors Advisory Committee

Minutes of Meeting

December 3, 2021
Virtual Zoom Meeting

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Genetic Counselors Advisory Committee, pursuant to call of the President and lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 2:07 p.m., December 3, 2021, by order of the President, via Zoom virtual video.

Members present were as follows:

Dr. Van Culotta, Jr., MD
Jacintha Duthu
Alix D'Angelo, MS, CGC
Emily Nazar, MS, CGC
Nikki Walano, MS, CGC
Hillary Janani, MS, CGC

Members absent were as follows:

Chris Dvorak, MS, CGC

No public comments.

1. Minutes of Prior Meeting:

- a. Reviewed committee member terms
- b. Discussed exchanging committee members (replacing Cris Dvorak with Hannah Meddaugh)
- c. Licensure/applications review (none)

2. New Business:

- a. Again reviewed terms for each committee member in order to appropriately identify replacement candidates.
 - i. Ms. D'Angelo and Ms. Nazar are serving four-year terms with 2018 appointments, to end July, 2022. Mr. Dvorak and Ms. Janani are serving

three-year terms, to end July 2021. Ms. Walano is serving a two-year term, which expired summer 2020, but status of that term is unclear given the atypical year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- ii. LSBME had initially staggered the committee members' terms to retain institutional stability. Dr. Culotta will ask legal team to review and see if okay to move to two-year terms for all.
 - iii. Committee will submit three candidate names with CVs to the Governor to decide who will be appointed to Ms. Walano's position (will submit Ms. Walano's name, as she agrees to serving another two years, in addition to two other candidates).
 - iv. Mr. Dvorak requests to step down from his position; the committee will therefore also submit three candidates with CVs to the Governor to decide who will be appointed to Mr. Dvorak's position.
- b. There are no current Genetic Counselor licensure applications or disciplinary cases that have been submitted.

No public comments.