

THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

**CLINICAL LABORATORY PERSONNEL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (“CLPAC”)**

MINUTES OF MEETING

**August 19, 2022
Virtual Zoom Meeting**

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners Clinical Laboratory Personnel Advisory Committee, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 5:00 p.m., August 18, 2022, via Zoom virtual video.

No Public Comments

Members present were as follows:

Gaye Brunson,
Chair Tabitha Whipp Melissa
Hamilton
Nadlyn Rideaux
Angela Foley
Jessica Lasiter
Beverly Ogden
Valinda Carmon-Walker Ashley
Ware
Michele Werner
Yolanda Bennett

Also present:

Vincent Culotta, Jr., M.D., LSBME Executive Director
Patsy Jarreau, Director of CLP
Alexa Little (CLIA Consultant)
Patricia Wilton, LSBME Executive Counsel Jacintha F.
Duthu, Executive Staff Officer
Paula Pigford, LSBME Investigator
Lawrence Cresswell, M.D., Director of Investigations

Members absent were as follows:

Richard Bridges
Larry Broussard

I. Minutes of Prior Meetings

Motion to approve minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting by Michele Werner and duly seconded by Tabitha Whipp. Motion passed by unanimous vote. Motion to approve minutes of the November 8, 2021 meeting by Ashley Ware and duly seconded by Tabitha Whipp.

New Business

A. LSCLS CE Proposal

Proposal by LSCLS to partner with LSBME to provide up to 30 hours of continuing education for licensed laboratory personnel in Louisiana at LSCLS/MSCLS-MS Bi-

State meeting. Bi-State meeting offered in Louisiana every other year. This would be CE offering in addition to current CE contract. Dr. Culotta asked for a detailed written proposal to be submitted to the board for consideration. The legal team from the board will send Ms. Falcon additional information to instruct them as to what information is needed in the contract proposal.

B. Response to the proposed CLIA regulations

Discussion of changes in degree requirements which impact personnel requirements for laboratory testing and proposed “equivalency algorithm” for non-medical doctoral, masters, bachelor of science and associate of science degrees. The new regulations would also allow individuals with a nursing degree to perform high complexity testing. Committee members should respond individually in writing to the Federal Register. Committee members should also send Chair Brunson their comments and she will draft an opinion response from the CLPC.

C. Rules revisions

Committee reviewed revisions to Subchapters C, D and E.

Motion by Angela Foley and duly seconded by Jessica Lassiter to approve recommended revisions in Subchapter C. Motion passed with 10 yeas and 1 nay.

Public Comment

Motion by Angela Foley and duly seconded by Jessica Lassiter to approve recommended revisions in Subchapter D. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Michele Werner and duly seconded by Tabitha Whipp to approve recommended revisions in Subchapter E. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Executive Session.

Motion by Jessica Lassiter and duly seconded by Tabitha Whipp to enter executive session. Motion passed unanimously

The CLPAC convened executive session to consider investigative matters and applications for licensure pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17(A)(1) & (4).

Motion by Tabitha Whipp and duly seconded by Michele Werner to approve minutes of the December 6, 2021 Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Angela Foley and duly seconded by Michele Werner to leave executive session,

III. INVESTIGATIONS:

- **Case# 2022-529** – Recommend evaluation of licensee. If licensee is noncompliant, recommend summarily suspend license.
Motion by Michele Werner and duly seconded by Jessica Lassiter. Motion passed unanimously
- **Case# 2021-313** – Recommend to summarily suspend license if AHMA is not signed.
Motion by Jessica Lassiter and duly seconded by Angela Foley. Motion passed unanimously
- **Case# 2020-454** - Recommend close case and report to NPDB for allowing license to expire while under investigation.
Motion by Jessica Lassiter and duly seconded by Tabitha Whipp. Motion passed unanimously
- **Case# 2021-1345** – Recommend to deny request for waiver; licensee to meet with Dr. Cresswell and follow his instructions if necessary.
Motion by Tabitha Whipp and duly seconded by Angela Foley. Motion passed unanimously
- **Case# 2022-378** – Recommend if licensee does not sign Volunteer Surrender of License, the case moves to Administrative Hearing
Motion by Tabitha Whipp and duly seconded by Angela Foley. Motion passed unanimously
- **Case# 2021- 1382** – Recommend 2-year AHMA (Allied Health Monitoring Agreement). If licensee is non-compliant, recommend to summarily suspend license.
Motion by Jessica Lassiter and duly seconded by Angela Foley. Motion passed unanimously

IV. Next Meeting

Another meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to address possible additional changes to Subchapters A and B.

V. Adjourn

Motion by Michele Werner and duly seconded by Jessica Lassiter to adjourn at 8.58pm.
Motion passed unanimously.