

THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 28, 2025

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., April 28, 2025, by order of the President, at 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members Present:

Roderick V. Clark, MBA, M.D., President
Kim S. Sport, JD, Vice President
Rita Horton, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Wyche Coleman, M.D.
Patrick K. O'Neill, M.D.
James Taylor, M.D.

Board Members absent:

Juzar Ali, M.D.
Terrie R. Thomas, M.D.
Leonard Weather, M.D., R.Ph
Cheryl Williams, M.D.

Board Staff present:

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D., Executive Director
Michael C. Francis, M.D. Director of Investigations
Patricia Wilton, Esq., Executive Counsel
Lauryn Sudduth, Esq. General Counsel
Kathryn Munson, Esq. Outside Board Counsel
Aloma L. James, Director of Licensing
Alan W. Phillips, IT Director
LaKenya Collins, CPA, CFO
Susie Allen, DrPH, MBA, Director of Education and Research
Patricia Dufrene, Compliance Investigator
Maya Ladmirault, Compliance Officer
Theresa Lockhart, Compliance Investigator
Angela Matherne, Compliance Investigator
Danielle Woods, Compliance Investigator
Ron Cayette, Compliance Investigator
Joe Bonke, Compliance Investigator
Pat Tillman, Compliance Investigator
Lillie Rodgers, Investigations Program Director
Jacintha F. Duthu, Executive Staff Officer

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 is a quorum of 6 members present.

(2.) Minutes of March 24, 2025; The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes of the March 24, 2025, meeting. On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025, meeting.

(3.) New Business; Louisiana State Board Cyber Proposal 2025 and Board Insurance; The Board reviewed the Cyber Proposal 2025 and Board Insurance Quotes. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the quote and move forward.

(4.) New Business; Additional CDS Course Proposal; Luke Porter, CEO, AchieveCE, was present at the meeting to request the Board's permission to develop a continuing education activity for Louisiana prescribing licensees to cover the LA Act 76 education requirement. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to take the presentation under advisement.

(5.) Follow-Up Action Item; FSMB Poster; The Board reviewed the FSMB poster designed by Susie Allen, Dr.PH, MBA that will be presented at the annual FSMB Conference. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

(6.) Follow-Up Action Item; LSBME 2024 Annual Report; The Board reviewed the 2024 Annual Report in its new format. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to accept the annual report.

(7.) Follow-Up Action Item; Midwife Rule Revision; The Board reviewed the revisions to Midwife Rules. On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the revisions and move forward with promulgating.

(8.) Communication and Information; Obesity Discussion; The Board reviewed a template revision for faxed prescription for Compounded GLP-1 medications, provided by Richard Mannino, RPh. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

(9.) General Administrative Matters; President's Report; The President had nothing to report other than hoping everyone had a wonderful Easter and trip to the FSMB conference.

(10.) General Administrative Matters; Executive's Director's Report; The Executive Director Reported that:

That for the last 15 months, the average time for licensing has been 20 days. Everything has been working well, and we will continue to work on making this better.

FSMB had lots of information on the issues of caring for physicians and each other and how there are many states who still do not have HPFL programs. Only 32 Boards have HPFLs. There were many sessions on the importance of HPFL type programs.

The agency was well represented and the FSMB conference was very well received by the staff who attended.

(11.) General Administrative Matters; Director of Investigations' Report; The DOI reported:

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2025 – thru March 31st

Cases concluded with and without action.

of cases – 213

Average days to close – 204

Cases concluded without action

of cases –191

Average days to close – 175

Cases concluded with action

of cases – 22

Average days to close – 446

Outliers – Over 1000 Days open

Concluded with and without Action

of cases – 23

Average days to close – 1451

Concluded without Action

of cases – 15

Average days to close – 1338

Concluded with Action

of cases – 8

Average days to close – 1663

(12.) Administrative Matters; Financial Report. The Board reviewed the profit and loss report for February 2025. On the motion of Dr. Coleman duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial report.

(13.) Administrative Matters; Next Meeting Dates; The Board reviewed the 2025 Meeting Dates. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to cancel the May 2025 Board Meeting.

(14.) Rules and Regulations. Rules/Amendments. The Board reviewed the Rules Chart for April 2025 updates. On the motion Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, The Board voted unanimously to accept the report.

[15.] Minutes of Executive Sessions. Upon the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, 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 March 24, 2025, meeting. Following the review, the Board returned to the Public Session. Upon the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its March 24, 2025, meeting.

[16.] Report on Pending Litigation. Upon the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, 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.

[17.] General Administrative Matters; License Applicant's request; The Board reviewed and discussed Agenda No. 05.01.01. The Board returned to the Public Session. Upon the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the licensee's request to approve a short-term residency program.

[18.] General Administrative Matters; License Applicant's request; The Board reviewed and discussed in executive session, Agenda No. 05.01.02. The Board returned to the Public Session. Upon the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the licensee's request to approve a waiver for ACGME accredited training.

[19.] General Administrative Matters; License Applicant's request; The Board reviewed and discussed executive session, Agenda No. 05.01.03. The Board returned to the Public Session. Upon the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the licensee's request for a waiver of the SPEX exam.

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

Upon returning to public session, on the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted to approve the termination of probation in Investigation No. 12-I-388.

Upon returning to public session the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to terminate probation in Investigation No. 16-I-402, pending agreement of HPFL lifetime monitoring contract.

[21.] Investigative Reports. On the motion of Dr. O'Neill, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, 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. Administrative Complaint: On the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Administrative Complaint for filling in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2025-I-16
Investigation No.	2023-I-899

- b. Interim Action: On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to approve ratifying the Interim action in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2025-I-16
Investigation No.	2024-I-623

- c. Initiate Formal Investigation: On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve initiating formal investigation in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2025-21
Investigation No.	2024-806
Investigation No.	2023-463
Investigation No.	2025-72

On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to initiate preliminary review in the following matters:

Agenda No.	07.04.06
Agenda No.	07.04.07

- d. Extend Time for Preliminary Review: On the motion of Dr. O'Neill duly seconded by Dr. Ali, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved 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:

Investigation No.	2024-774
Investigation No.	2024-792
Investigation No.	2024-852
Investigation No.	2025-83
Investigation No.	2025-93
Investigation No.	2025-96
Investigation No.	2025-43
Investigation No.	2025-14
Investigation No.	2025-6
Investigation No.	2025-87
Investigation No.	2025-85
Investigation No.	2024-610
Investigation No.	2024-759
Investigation No.	2024-619
Investigation No.	2024-767
Investigation No.	2024-768
Investigation No.	2024-784
Investigation No.	2021-440
Investigation No.	2021-447
Investigation No.	2023-232
Investigation No.	2023-599
Investigation No.	2023-724

Investigation No.	2023-725
Investigation No.	2023-740
Investigation No.	2023-743
Investigation No.	2023-754
Investigation No.	2023-799
Investigation No.	2023-800
Investigation No.	2023-812
Investigation No.	2023-812
Investigation No.	2023-838
Investigation No.	2023-841
Investigation No.	2023-870
Investigation No.	2024-35
Investigation No.	2024-48
Investigation No.	2024-78
Investigation No.	2024-08
Investigation No.	2024-145
Investigation No.	2024-153
Investigation No.	2024-160
Investigation No.	2024-161
Investigation No.	2024-90
Investigation No.	2024-291
Investigation No.	2024-308
Investigation No.	2024-353
Investigation No.	2024-395
Investigation No.	2024-407
Investigation No.	2024-410
Investigation No.	2024-421
Investigation No.	2024-446
Investigation No.	2024-446
Investigation No.	2024-527
Investigation No.	2024-541
Investigation No.	2024-560
Investigation No.	2024-563
Investigation No.	2024-577
Investigation No.	2024-621
Investigation No.	2021-1058
Investigation No.	2021-1059
Investigation No.	2021-1060
Investigation No.	2021-1099
Investigation No.	2021-1369
Investigation No.	2022-107
Investigation No.	2022-141
Investigation No.	2022-338
Investigation No.	2022-366
Investigation No.	2022-373

Investigation No.	2022-519
Investigation No.	2022-544
Investigation No.	2023-712
Investigation No.	2024-90
Investigation No.	2024-110
Investigation No.	2023-287
Investigation No.	2024-289
Investigation No.	2024-536
Investigation No.	2024-526
Investigation No.	2024-589
Investigation No.	2024-578
Investigation No.	2024-685
Investigation No.	2024-719
Investigation No.	224-737
Investigation No.	2024-749
Investigation No.	2024-772
Investigation No.	2024-775
Investigation No.	2024-789
Investigation No.	2024-794
Investigation No.	2024-800

- e. Consent Orders: On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2024-I-654
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Horton the Board voted unanimously to deny the proposed consent order in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2023-I-448 ¹
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2024-I-545
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On the motion of Dr. O'Neill, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously deny the proposed consent order in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2023-I-225
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On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matter:

¹ Dr. Taylor is recused from any and all participation in this matter.

Investigation No.	2023-I-238 ²
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2023-I-463
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- f. Close with a Letter of Concern/Enhanced Letter of Concern: On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board unanimously to deny the letter of concern in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2023-235
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On the motion of Dr. Taylor duly seconded by Mrs. Coleman the Board voted 7 unanimously to approve the enhanced letter of concern in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2024-I-725
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On the motion of Dr. O'Neill, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of concern in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2022-I-175
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- g. Close with No Action: On the motion of Dr. Coleman duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to close the following matters with no action:

Investigation No	2025-43
Investigation No	2025-84
Investigation No	2024-610
Investigation No	2025-119
Investigation No	2025-107
Investigation No	2025-82
Investigation No	2024-682
Investigation No	2024-683
Investigation No	2024-684
Investigation No	2025-92
Investigation No	2023-599

² Dr. Horton is recused from any and all participation in this matter.

Investigation No	2025-109
Investigation No	2025-88
Investigation No	2025-112
Investigation No	2025-79
Investigation No	2025-101
Investigation No	2025-123
Investigation No	2022-I-653
Investigation No	2025-117
Investigation No	2024-738 ³
Investigation No	2024-767
Investigation No	2024-759
Investigation No	2024-619
Investigation No	2024-617
Investigation No	2023-774
Investigation No	2024-792
Investigation No	2025-87
Investigation No	2025-70
Investigation No	2024-768
Investigation No	2025-97
Investigation No	2021-440
Investigation No	2021-447
Investigation No	2025-09
Investigation No	2024-784
Investigation No	2024-729
Investigation No	2023-655
Investigation No	2021-1058
Investigation No	2021-1060
Investigation No	2021-1059
Investigation No	2023-743
Investigation No	2021-1099
Investigation No	2023-725
Investigation No	2023-724
Investigation No	2023-870

- h. 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. Taylor duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill the Board unanimously to accept the March 2025 report.
- i. 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. Coleman duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve

³ Dr. Horton is recused from any and all participation

the March 2025 closed case summary report.

[22.] Probationary Matters:

On the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Chaperone requirement in the matter of Agenda No. 09.02.02.

On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request for practice monitoring site in the matter of Agenda No. 09.02.03¹.

[23.] Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP); The Board reviewed the PMP report

For April 2025. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to approve the PMP report.

Next **Meeting of the Board.** The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 23, 2025.

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 April 28, 2025, and approved by the Board on the 28th day of July 2025.

Rita Horton, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Roderick Clark, M.D., MBA
President

¹ Dr. O'Neill is recused from any and all participation in this matter.