

THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 27, 2026

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was convened and called to order, via Zoom, at 8:30 a.m., April 27, 2026, by order of the President, at the anchor location of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members Present:

Roderick V. Clark, MBA, M.D., President
Rita Horton, M.D., Vice President
Leonard Weather, M.D., R.Ph., Secretary-Treasurer
Wyche Coleman, M.D.
John Hamide, M.D.
Leonel Lacayo, M.D.
Kim S. Sport, Esq.
James Taylor, M.D.
Terrie R. Thomas, M.D. - Absent
Cheryl Williams, M.D.

Board Staff present:

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D., Executive Director
Patricia Wilton, Esq., Executive Counsel
Lauryn Sudduth, Esq., General 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
Michael Francis, M.D., Director of Investigation
James Tebbe, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigation
Patricia Dufrene, Compliance Investigator
Darryl Albert, 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
Melissa Jenders, Admin Program Specialist
Jacinta F. Duthu, Executive Staff Officer

(1.) General Administrative Matters; Dr. Clark opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our country and the citizens of this state. Dr. Culotta read the LSBME mission statement.

At 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 was a quorum of 7 members present.

(2.) Minutes of February 23, 2026, and March 30, 2026, Meetings; The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes of the February 23, 2026, meeting. On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2026, meeting, with amendments.

¹The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes of the March 30, 2026, meeting. On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2026, meeting, with amendments.

At this time Dr. Culotta asked the Board to add Attorney Advice regarding the background checks and Compact licensure to the Executive Session agenda. The Board voted unanimously to add this item to the Executive Session agenda.

(3.) New Business; 2026 Financial Disclosure Forms; The Board received information on forms and the link to upload the annual financial disclosure forms to the Board of Ethics website. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

(4.) New Business; Stanley Reuter Contract Renewal The Board reviewed the Stanley Reuter contract, legal contract for counsel for the DOI. On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract.

(5.) Follow-up Action Items; Addiction Therapy and Telemedicine; The Board received a presentation from Dr. Morse, Ochsner, regarding addiction therapy and telemedicine pilot program. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Horton to extend the program for another six months. On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to begin promulgating rules on this topic.

(6.) Follow-up Action Items; Private Radiological Technologist Rules. The Board reviewed the proposed rules for Private Radiological Technologist. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted 8 YEAS 1 ABSTENTION to approve the proposed rules.

Public Comment was received on this matter.

(7.) General Administrative Matters; President's Report; The President took a moment to recognize the hard work of Dr. Culotta and Mrs. Wilton for their expertise during this legislative session. He also informed the Board he would like to bring back the discussion of Collaborative practice to the May agenda.

(8.) General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report; The Executive Director Reported an update on the Legislative Bills relevant to the LSBME. He also informed the Board that he would like to have more engagement in the upcoming year between the Board and Government Leadership to showcase the Board and how we serve the citizens and licensees. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Mr. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to allow the engagement with Government leadership.

¹ Drs. Coleman and Taylor arrive at this time.

(9.) General Administrative Matters; Director of Investigations' Report; Dr. Francis, DOI reported:

INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION BOARD REPORT

March 1st – 31th, 2026

Number of complaints received: 80

Percentage of Complaints Resolved within 7 days: 45%

Number of cases closed: 43

Total number of cases opened in March and still open: 37

Total number of all complaint cases closed in March: 66

Total number of open cases as of March 31, 2026: Approximately 171

(8.) General Administrative Matters; DRAFT April 2026 Newsletter; The Board reviewed the DRAFT April 2026 Newsletter. On the motion of Dr. Weather, duly seconded by Dr. Hamide, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Newsletter.

(9.) General Administrative Matters; DRAFT Annual Report 2025; The Board reviewed the DRAFT 2025 Annual Report. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the report.

(10.) General Administrative Matters; Financial Report. The Board reviewed the financial report for February 2026. On the motion of Dr. Hamide, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial report.

(10.) Administrative Matters; Next Meeting Dates; The Board reviewed the 2026 meeting dates. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

(11.) Rules and Regulations. Rules/Amendments. The Board reviewed the Rules Chart for April 2026 updates.

[12.] Minutes of Executive Sessions. Upon the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, 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 30, 2026, meeting. Following the review, the Board returned to the Public Session. Upon the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Mrs. Sport, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its March 30, 2026, meeting with amendments.

[13.] Report on Pending Litigation. Upon the motion of Mrs. Sport 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.

Nancy Lynn Rogers, M.D. v. LSBME and Michael Francis, M.D., No. 2025-10384, Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans

Paula Pigford v. LSBME Civil Action No. 2:25cv02552 United States District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana

Birthmark Doula Collective, LLC, et al. v. State of Louisiana, et al. No. 755,217 19th Judicial District Court (Parish of East Baton Rouge)

Do No Harm v. Edwards, USDC-WDLA, No. 5:24-cv-00016 – JE,Jr. – JM –

Susie Soe, et al v. LSBME, et al, CDC Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, 2024-00172

[14.] Added Executive Session Item; Attorney Advice re: Compact Licensure and Background Checks; The Board convened in Executive Session to receive Attorney Advice regarding Compact Licensure and background checks. Upon returning to public session, On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to instruct the Legal department to seek an Attorney General opinion on this subject.

[15.] General Administrative Matters; Preceptor Request; The Board convened in executive session to receive the preceptor request. On the motion of Dr. Lacayo, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to table this item and return with more information.

[16.] General Administrative Matters; Investigative Steps for Unprofessional/Sexual Misconduct Allegations; The Board convened in executive session to receive information on the investigative steps for sexual misconduct allegations. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

[17.] General Administrative Matters; Security Assessment Update; The Board convened in executive session to receive an update on the security assessment. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

[18.] General Administrative Matters; Licensure Matters; The Board reviewed the licensee's request for a waiver of licensing requirements, namely board certification in Agenda No. 05.00.01. The Board instructed the staff to get more information.

[19.] General Administrative Matters; Licensure Matters; The Board reviewed the short-term residency request to allow out of state pediatric residents to complete limited, supervised clinical experiences within an accredited program in Agenda No. 05.00.02. On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the short-term residency and request the length of time for the residency.

[20.] General Administrative Matters; Licensure Matters; The Board reviewed the licensee’s request for a waiver of licensing requirements, namely ACGME accredited training in Agenda No. 05.00.03. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the waiver.

[21.] General Administrative Matters; Licensure Matters; The Board reviewed the licensee’s request for a waiver of licensing requirements, namely ACGME accredited training in Agenda No. 05.00.04. On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

[22.] General Administrative Matters; Licensure Matters; The Board reviewed the Request for a Critical Care/ICU short-term residency (two-week) rotation in Agenda matter 05.00.05. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

[23.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, 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. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

[24.] Investigative Reports. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, 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 Compliant: On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Administrative Compliant filing in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2022-I-679
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- b. Initiate Formal Investigation: On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve initiating formal investigation in the following matters:

Investigation Nos.	23-I-684 23-I-740 24-I-200 25-I-111
Investigation Nos.	26-082 26-093 26-094 26-190 26-191 26-193

	26-195 26-197
Investigation No.	26-I-9

- c. Initiate Preliminary Review: On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to initiate preliminary review in the following matter:

Investigation No.	26-074
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- d. Consent Orders/Voluntary Surrender: On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2025-I-525
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Hamide, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2024-I-687 ²
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On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation Nos.	2023-I-684 2023-I-740 2024-I-200 2025-I-111
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On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted 6 YEAS 3 NAYS to approve and amend the proposed consent order in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2024-I-623
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On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve and amend the proposed consent to include “completion of court ordered restitution” in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2021-I-1074
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On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters

Investigation No.	2025-I-362
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² Dr. Horton is recused from any and all participation in this matter.

On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the proposed consent order in the following matters

Investigation Nos.	2023-I-364 2024-I-399
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- e. Close/Letter of Concern/Enhanced Letter of Concern: On the motion of Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following matter with a letter of concern:

Investigation No.	2025-I-746
Investigation No.	2025-I-577
Investigation No.	2025-I-677

- f. Close/Dismissal with No Action: On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following matters with no action:

Investigation No.	2026-98
Investigation No.	2025-777
Investigation No.	2026-36
Investigation No.	2026-67
Investigation No.	2025-670
Investigation No.	2025-609
Investigation No.	2026-115
Investigation No.	2026-66
Investigation No.	2025-671
Investigation No.	2026-139
Investigation No.	2026-56
Investigation No.	2025-813
Investigation No.	2026-96
Investigation No.	2025-686
Investigation No.	2026-57
Investigation No.	2025-570
Investigation No.	2026-49
Investigation No.	2026-176
Investigation No.	2026-101
Investigation No.	2026-108
Investigation No.	2025-339
Investigation No.	2026-114
Investigation No.	2026-116
Investigation No.	2025-200
Investigation No.	2026-130 ³
Investigation No.	2026-187
Investigation No.	2025-491
Investigation No.	2026-222

³ Dr. Weather is recused from any and all participation in this matter.

Investigation No.	2025-427
Investigation No.	2026-71

On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted 7 YEAS 2 NAYS to approve closing the following matters with no action:

Investigation No.	2025-685
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- g. 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 Mrs. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to accept the April 2026 report.

- h. 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 Mrs. Sport duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the March 2026 closed case summary report.

[25.] Probationary Matters:

On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Lacayo, the Board voted unanimously to approve terminating probation in Agenda No. 09.01.01

On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to deny removing prescribing limitations in Agenda No. 09.02.01.

On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to deny terminating probation in Agenda No. 09.02.02.

On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to deny terminating monitoring in Agenda No. 09.02.03.

[26.] Report of Compliance: The Board reviewed the 2nd quarter LLA report. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to accept the report.

Next Meeting of the Board. The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 18, 2026.

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 27, 2026, and approved by the Board on the 18th day of May 2026.

Leonard Weather, M.D., R.Ph,
Secretary-Treasurer

Roderick Clark, M.D., MBA
President