

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
Clinical Laboratory Personnel ADVISORY COMMITTEE
("CLPAC")**

**Minutes of MEETING
October 8, 2025
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, CLAPC, pursuant to call of the Committee Chair and upon lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 15:01 on October 8, 2025, by order of the Committee Chair, via Zoom Conference call.

The video conference call was broadcast on Youtube with the link of Youtube being published on the LSBME website prior to commencing the public meeting. The Committee Chair 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.

I. Introductions:

Members present were as follows:

Gaye Brunson, Chair
Yolanda Bennett
Richard Bridges
Michele Edmiston
Angela Foley
Melissa Hamilton
Jessica Lassiter
Nadlyn Rideaux
Valinda Carmon-Walker
Tabitha Whipp

Members Absent:

Larry Broussard
Beverly Ogden
Jim Taylor, Ex Officio

Also present:

Vincent Culotta, Jr., MD., LSBME Executive Director
Patsy Jarreau, Director of CLP
Tracy Mauro, IT Support Specialist
Patricia Wilton, Executive Counsel

Lauren Sudduth, Attorney
Phyllis Johnson, Licensing Analyst Supervisor
Priscilla Bartholomew, Analyst
Ron Cayette, Investigator
Angela Matherne, Investigator
Patti Dufrene, Investigator
Brittany LeBlanc, Investigator
Melissa Jenders, Administrative Program Specialist
Esperanza Spooner, Probation Compliance Officer
Alexa Little, CLIA Liaison

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Tabitha Whipp and second by Yolanda Bennett to approve minutes with noted corrections. Approved unanimously by the committee.

III. Appointments to CLPAC committee

No appointments have been made by the Governor from the lists of nominees that were sent to the Governor's office

IV. Audit: Timeline for granting licenses

Per Dr. Culotta, the team in investigations is working to streamline the process of granting licenses. Background checks will not be done until the applicant has completed the license application, which includes verification of certification, and has paid the licensing fee. Temporary licenses will no longer be granted. Auto verification will be looked into as a possibility. Dr. Culotta will address outliers at our next meeting.

V. Acceptable equivalency for home study high school diplomas

Ms. Wilton recommended that she, Patsy and licensing get together and formulate a checklist of what would be the non-approved high school equivalent of a state of Louisiana high school diploma. This checklist would then be presented to the committee for review, discussion and approval. Upon approval, the committee could then recommend the proposed checklist to the board for adoption.

VI. Inclusion of category of specialist licenses in verifications

Patsy will start process for identifying specialist categories on website in verifications

VII. Executive session

Motion by Michele Edmiston and second by Jessica Lassiter to move into executive session at 16:10. Vote was unanimous.

Motion by Jessica Lassiter and second by Michele Edmiston to leave executive session at 16:50.

X. Disposition of Executive Session investigations

Case 2020-I-104. Motion by Tabitha and second by Jessica to agree with recommendation of investigator. Vote was unanimous.

Case 2025-437. Motion by Michele and second by Tabitha to close the case. Vote was unanimous.

Case 2025-537. Motion by Michele and second by Angela to recommend licensure without restriction. Vote was unanimous.

Case 2025-538. Motion by Tabitha and second by Valinda to license without restriction. Vote was unanimous.

Case 2025-05452. Motion by Michele and second by Tabitha to license without restriction. Vote was unanimous.

Case 2025-543. Motion by Jessica and second by Tabitha to license without restriction. Vote was unanimous.

Case 2025-544. Motion by Angela and second by Jessica to license without restriction. Vote was unanimous.

Case 2025-589. Motion by Tabitha and second by Angela to close the case according to the recommendation of the investigator. Vote was unanimous.

XI. Motion by Michele and second by Jessica to adjourn at 16:55. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Foley, CLPAC Secretary