

# THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## MINUTES OF MEETING

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September 29, 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., September 29, 2025, 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., Secretary-Treasurer  
Wyche Coleman, M.D.  
Patrick K. O'Neill, M.D.  
James Taylor, M.D.  
Terrie R. Thomas, M.D.  
Leonard Weather, M.D., R.Ph  
Cheryl Williams, M.D.

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Kim S. Sport, JD, Vice President

#### **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  
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 is a quorum of 8 members present.

**(2.) Minutes of August 25, 2025;** The Board reviewed and discussed the minutes of the August 25, 2025, meeting. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2025, meeting.

**(3.) New Business; Request for In-Person Advisory Committee Meeting;** The Board received a request from the Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee to have one in-person advisory committee meeting a year. On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted 6 YEAS 2 NAYS to deny this request, given all Advisory Committees are allowed unlimited Zoom meetings streamed to the public.

**(4.) New Business; Proposed Rule Change; Medical Psychology;** The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Medical Psychology rules. On the motion of Dr. Thomas, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, the Board voted as follows to table the rule revisions:

YEA	NAY
Dr. Taylor	Dr. Weather
Dr. Thomas	Dr. Horton
Dr. Williams	Dr. Coleman
Dr. O'Neill	Dr. Clark

On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted as follows to move forward with the proposed rule revisions.

YEA	NAY
Dr. Weather	Dr. Taylor
Dr. Horton	Dr. Williams
Dr. Coleman	Dr. Thomas
Dr. Clark	Dr. O'Neill

**(5.) New Business; Proposed Rule Changes; Athletic Trainers;** The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Athletic Trainers rules. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to approve and proceed with the rule revisions.

Public comment was received on this matter.

**(6.) New Business; Proposed Rule Changes; Respiratory Therapy;** The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Respiratory Therapy rules. At this time the Board voted unanimously to add attorney advice regarding the proposed rule revision to Executive session. Upon return to public session, on the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by

Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve and proceed with the rule revisions.

**(7.) New Business; Proposed Rule Changes; Genetic Counselors;** The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Genetic Counselors rules. On a substitute motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, to approve temporary permits for Genetic Counselors, the Board voted unanimously to table this matter for further information.

Public comment was received on this matter.

**(8.) Follow-Up Action Items; Public Comment Request; Act 76;** The Board heard the public comment of Luke Porter, CEO, AchieveCE to offer an additional course for LA Act 76. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request of Mr. Porter.

**(9.) Follow-Up Action Items; Public Comment Request; FTFP;** The Board reviewed the public comment from Paul Salles, President and CEO, Louisiana Hospital Association. No further action was taken on this matter.

**(10.) Communication and Information;** The Board received correspondence of public comments regarding Review Panels and CMEs. No further action was needed or taken on this matter.

**(11.) General Administrative Matters; President's Report;** The President reported that Dr. Horton remains the Secretary/Treasurer at this time, and that he has no objections if the Board wanted to vote to elect a Vice President and Secretary at the next meeting.

The President reported on the concerns about Collaborative Practice issues with the Nurses/Physicians and creating a joint statement of position. The President wants to look at the rules and make a recommendation to submit rule revision ideas at the next meeting.

**(12.) General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report;** The Executive Director Reported as follows:

He is pleased to announce that the LSBME has again won recognition from the Lorna Breen Foundation for our work incentivizing and supporting our health care licensees to take care of their physical and mental health needs.

Since our last meeting I have been working with the Louisiana Board of pharmacy and the MD Andersen physicians' group on the issue of refills for both controlled and legend drugs required for Louisiana patients getting refills at Louisiana Pharmacies.

The advisory committees continue to meet and the RCAC (Respiratory Care Advisory Committee) has finished a proposal for new rules. We hope you approve these to proceed for rulemaking under the Louisiana APA.

- THE OTAC (Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee) met and are working to address the concerns of licensees as so many of the rules are different from previous iterations of the OT rules.

- The ATAC (Athletic Training Advisory Committee) has completed their revision of the rules and with your approval the APA process will begin.

He made a presentation to the Louisiana Perinatal Commission on work force statistics and distribution of providers.

The Board has been approached by representatives of the CPM community requesting to participate in the ongoing revision of the CPM rules. We are trying to schedule this meeting in the near future. The CPMs removed their advisory committee from the statute but now seem to want to have an advisory committee again and we are happy to recommend this as part of the rule changes.

The Executive Director presented to the Board the expanding pathways to physician licensing over the last several years.

**(13.) General Administrative Matters; Director of Investigations' Report;** Dr. Tebbe, ADOI reported:

### **INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION BOARD REPORT**

**August 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 2025**

Number of complaints received: 70

Percentage of Complaints Resolved within 7 days: 37%

Number of cases closed: 37

Total number of currently open cases: 33

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Total number of open cases as of August 31, 2025: Approximately 174

**(14.) General Administrative Matters; Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee Nominations;** The Board voted on the recommendations to fill the upcoming open seats on the Advisory committee.

On the majority votes of the Board, the new committee members are: Colin Hernandez, Aprill Payton and Lawenica Evans, effective January 1, 2026.

**(15.) General Administrative Matters; Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee;** The Board voted on the recommendations to fill the upcoming open seats on the Advisory committee.

On the majority votes of the Board, the new committee member is Miquel Lopez, M.D.

**(16.) General Administrative Matters; Financial Report.** The Board reviewed the financial report for July 2025. The Board also reviewed the change to the 2024 audit. On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to approve the financial report. On the motion of Dr. O'Neill, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted to accept the change to the 2024 audit.

**(17.) Administrative Matters; Next Meeting Dates;** The Board reviewed the remainder of the 2025 Meeting Dates. No further action was needed or taken on this matter. The Board reviewed the proposed 2026 meeting dates. No further action was needed on this matter.

**(18.) Rules and Regulations. Rules/Amendments.** The Board reviewed the Rules Chart for the September 2025 updates.

**[19.] Minutes of Executive Sessions.** Upon the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. O'Neill, 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 August 25, 2025, meeting. Following the review, the Board returned to the Public Session. Upon the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of its August 25, 2025, meeting.

**[20.] Report on Pending Litigation.** Upon the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, 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.

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

Susie Soe, et al v. LSBME, et al, CDC Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, 2024-00172 Div D-12

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

**[21.] General Administrative Matters; LSBME Security Assessment;** The Board convened in Executive session and was presented a security assessment and recommendations, by Daryl Albert, LSBME, Compliance Investigator Supervisor. The Board advised Mr. Albert to host this presentation with the rest of the staff.

**[22.] General Administrative Matters; Attorney Advice; Pre-Eligibility determination;** The Board reviewed the Predetermination requests. Upon returning to Public Session, the Board instructed Mrs. Wilton, to move with the predetermination case.

**[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.] Rehearing Request;** The Board reviewed the rehearing request for 2023-A-008. On the motion of Dr. O'Neill, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request.

**[25.] 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. Initiate Formal Investigation: On the motion of Dr. Coleman, duly seconded by Dr. Horton, the Board voted unanimously to initiate formal investigation in the following matters:

Investigation No.	2025-I-464
Investigation No.	2025-236

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

Investigation No.	2024-476
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- c. Extend Time for Preliminary Review: On the motion of Dr. Coleman duly seconded by Dr. Horton, 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.	2025-427
Investigation No.	2025-102
Investigation No.	2025-200
Investigation No.	2025-502
Investigation No.	2025-546
Investigation No.	2023-684
Investigation No.	2024-200
Investigation No.	2025-362

- d. Consent Orders: 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-474
Investigation No.	2023-I-535 <sup>1</sup>
Investigation No.	2025-I-149

- e. Close/Dismiss with a Letter of Concern: On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to deny the letter of concern in the following matter:

Investigation No.	2025-422
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- f. Close/Dismissal with No Action: On the motion of Dr. Williams, duly seconded by

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

Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve closing the following matters with no action:

Investigation No.	2025-441
Investigation No.	2025-355
Investigation No.	2019-166
Investigation No.	2025-493
Investigation No.	2025-498
Investigation No.	2025-460
Investigation No.	2025-294
Investigation No.	2025-496
Investigation No.	2025-481
Investigation No.	2025-426
Investigation No.	2025-490
Investigation No.	2025-485
Investigation No.	2025-467
Investigation No.	2024-790
Investigation No.	2025-492
Investigation No.	2025-470
Investigation No.	2025-456
Investigation No.	2025-478
Investigation No.	2025-564
Investigation No.	2025-469
Investigation No.	2024-238
Investigation No.	2025-566
Investigation No.	2025-455
Investigation No.	2025-443
Investigation No.	2025-483
Investigation No.	2025-480
Investigation No.	2025-487
Investigation No.	2025-484
Investigation No.	2025-313
Investigation No.	2025-482
Investigation No.	2024-407
Investigation No.	2025-437
Investigation No.	2025-488

- 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 Dr. O'Neill, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to accept the August 2025 and September 2025 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 Dr. Coleman duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve the August 2025 closed case summary report.

- i. License Review: On the motion of Dr. O'Neill, duly seconded by Dr. Williams, the Board voted unanimously to approve affirmation of the attestation in File No. 2023-I-349 and send the application licensure for review.

**[26.] Probationary Matters:**

On the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to terminate probation in the matter of Agenda No. 09.01.01.

On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to terminate probation in the matter of Agenda No. 09.01.02.

On the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to terminate probation in the matter of Agenda No. 09.01.03.

On the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Weather, the Board voted unanimously to deny the request to terminate probation early in the matter of Agenda No.09.02.01.

On the motion of Dr. Horton duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to table the request in the matter of Agenda No. 09.02.02<sup>2</sup>

On the motion of Dr. O'Neill duly seconded by Dr. Coleman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request to modify the consent order in the matter of Agenda No. 09.02.03.

**Next Meeting of the Board.** The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 27, 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 September 29, 2025, and approved by the Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.

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Rita Horton, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Roderick Clark, M.D., MBA  
President

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<sup>2</sup> Dr. Taylor is recused from any and all participation in this matter.