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Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy
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The Louisiana Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) convened a regular meeting on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025** at the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy located at 3388 Brentwood Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and public notice was properly posted.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Marty McKay, President, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. J. Robert Cloud delivered the invocation and Mr. Don L. Resweber led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Quorum Call

Mr. McKay called upon Mr. Richard M. Indovina, Jr., Secretary, to call the roll of members to establish a quorum.

Members Present:

Dr. J. Robert Cloud, PharmD
Dr. David G. Collins, PharmD
Mr. David A. Darce
Ms. Jennifer E. Dupree
Ms. Jacqueline L. Hall
Mr. Richard M. Indovina, Jr.
Mr. W. Charles Jones
Mr. Kevin LaGrange
Mr. Marty R. McKay
Ms. Chris B. Melancon
Mr. J. Troy Menard
Mr. Anthony G. Mercante
Mr. Robert A. “Butch” Ray
Mr. Don L. Resweber
Dr. Raymond J. Strong, PharmD

Members Absent:

Mr. Richard Mannino
Mr. Richard A. “Andy” Soileau

Staff Present:

Mr. M. Joseph Fontenot Jr., Executive Director
Mr. Carlos M. Finalet, III, General Counsel
Mr. Benjamin S. Whaley, Chief Compliance Officer
Ms. Kelley L. Villeneuve, Office Manager

Guests:

Mr. Malcolm J. Broussard – Hygeia Solutions
Ms. Kim Boasso – PharmCare of LA

Secretary Indovina certified 15 members were present, constituting a quorum for the conduct of official business.

4. Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda

Mr. McKay asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added; none were requested. Without objection, the members adopted the posted agenda dated May 2, 2025. There were no objections to Mr. McKay's request for authority to re-order the agenda should the President determine it appropriate to do so.

5. Consideration of Draft Minutes from Previous Meeting

Mr. McKay reminded the members they had received the draft minutes from the regular Board meeting held on February 19, 2025. With no objections, he waived the reading of the draft minutes. With no requests for amendments or corrections, and with no objection, Mr. McKay declared the minutes were approved as presented.

6. Report on Action Items

Mr. McKay called upon Mr. Fontenot for the report. Mr. Fontenot stated that his report has been incorporated into the Regulation Revision Committee report, which will be presented later in the meeting by Dr. Cloud.

7. Confirmation of Acts

Pursuant to Mr. McKay's declaration that the officers, members and committees, and executive director had attended to the business of the Board since their last meeting in accordance with policies and procedures previously approved by the Board, Ms. Hall then moved:

***Resolved**, that the decisions made and the actions taken by the Board officers, members and committees, and executive director in the general conduct and transactions of Board business since February 19, 2025 are approved, adopted, and ratified by the entire Board.*

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Opportunity for Public Comment

Mr. McKay reminded the members and guests the Open Meetings Law requires all public bodies to provide an opportunity for public comment at all meetings and for each agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken. He solicited general comments on non-agenda items from the guests present; none were offered.

*** Statement of Purpose**

Mr. McKay reminded the members of the purpose and mission of the Board of Pharmacy by reciting the relevant portion of the Louisiana Pharmacy Practice Act. He urged the members to keep their legislative mandate in mind as they considered all the matters before them.

9. Special Orders of the Day

Mr. McKay informed the members and guests that the term of one Board member was scheduled to conclude on June 30, 2025. He then presented Mr. J. Troy Menard, PST.15206, with a Distinguished Service Award, highlighting his dedicated service to the state of Louisiana as a member of the Board.

The presentation was followed by a round of generous applause from the members and guests in recognition of Mr. Menard's contributions.

10. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

In Mr. Soileau's absence, Mr. McKay informed the Board that the committee had not convened since the November Board meeting.

B. Application Review Committee

Mr. McKay called upon Ms. Melancon for the committee report. Ms. Melancon reported that since the last Board meeting, no applications requiring committee review have been received, and therefore, the committee has not convened.

Ms. Melancon concluded her report by recognizing fellow committee members: Dr. Collins, Mr. Darce, Mr. Mannino and Mr. Ray.

C. Reciprocity Committee

Mr. McKay called upon Mr. LaGrange for the committee report. He reported that staff evaluated 53 applications for pharmacist licensure by reciprocity since the last Board meeting and none of them contained information that warranted a committee level review. In conformance with policies and procedures previously approved by the Board, the staff approved the applications and issued the credentials. Mr. LaGrange then directed the members to the list of new pharmacists licensed by reciprocity in their meeting materials.

Mr. LaGrange concluded his report by recognizing fellow committee members: Mr. Darce, Mr. Mannino, Mr. Mercante, Mr. Ray, and Mr. Soileau.

D. Violations Committee

Mr. McKay called upon Mr. Indovina for the committee report. Mr. Indovina reported the committee met on March 25-26, 2025 to consider several cases on their agenda. Following their interviews and subsequent deliberations, the committee developed recommendations for the Board's consideration. Mr. Indovina directed the members to copies of those proposals in their meeting materials and then proceeded to present the following cases:

Parker's Pharmacy, LLC, dba Parker's Pharmacy (Baton Rouge, LA) (PHY.007561): Mr. Indovina moved to approve the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For improper closure of a pharmacy, failure to transfer prescription records, and illegal possession of controlled and noncontrolled substances after improper closure, the Board permanently revoked the credential without opportunity for reinstatement.

Orlando Jermaine Palmer (PST.020086): Mr. Indovina moved to approve the proposed voluntary consent agreement. Following discussion among Board members and with no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For his accountability as Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) and owner of Parker's Pharmacy (PHY.007561) regarding improper closure of the pharmacy, failure to transfer prescription records, and illegal possession of controlled and noncontrolled substances after improper closure, the Board imposed a restriction upon him from having ownership of any Louisiana-permitted pharmacy; and further, assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Melissa Richard Stevens (PST.015141): Mr. Indovina moved to approve the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For her accountability as PIC in failing to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable pharmacy practice regarding the repackaging of sterile preparations, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Smith Health, Inc (PBM.000040): Mr. Indovina moved to approve the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For providing services as a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) in Louisiana prior to being credentialed, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Alius Health, LLC (PBM.000043): Mr. Indovina moved to approve the proposed voluntary consent agreement. Following discussion among Board members and with no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For providing services as a PBM in Louisiana prior to being credentialed, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

FairosRx, LLC (PBM.000044): Mr. Indovina moved to approve the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For providing services as a PBM in Louisiana prior to being credentialed, the Board assessed a fine of \$5,000 plus administrative and investigative costs.

Mr. Indovina concluded his report by announcing the next scheduled committee meeting on June 10-11, 2025, to consider 18 cases. He also recognized Dr. Cloud, Ms. Dupree, Ms. Hall, and Mr. Mercante for their service on the committee.

E. Impairment Committee

Mr. McKay recognized Ms. Hall to deliver the committee report. Ms. Hall reported that the committee convened the previous day. After conducting interviews and engaging in subsequent deliberations, the committee developed several recommendations for the Board's consideration. She then proceeded to present the following cases:

Kevin Trenouth Kellow (PST.019095): Ms. Hall moved to approve the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. The Board suspended his license for 10 years, beginning on May 7, 2025, and terminating on May 7, 2035, suspended the suspension, then placed his credential on probation for the period of the suspension, subject to certain conditions enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

Carly Kristin Bordelon (PST.020209): Ms. Hall moved to approve the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. The Board suspended her license for five years, beginning on May 7, 2025, and terminating on May 7, 2030, suspended the suspension, then placed her credential on probation for the period of the suspension, subject to certain conditions enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

Cody Lane Guitreau (PST.022345): Ms. Hall moved to approve the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. The Board suspended his license for five years, beginning on May 7, 2025, and terminating on May 7, 2030, suspended the suspension, then placed his credential on probation for the period of the suspension, subject to certain conditions enumerated within the voluntary consent agreement.

Scotty Paul Broussard (PST.015681): Ms. Hall moved to remove all probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Board order issued on January 25, 2017. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

Patience Viator Bergeron (PST.019238): Ms. Hall moved to remove all probationary terms and conditions imposed by the Board order issued on May 26, 2021. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Hall reported that the committee reviewed and recommends approval of the updated *Roster of Approved Addictionists*, with the addition of the following practitioners: 1) Peter Stephen Kamp, MD; 2) Cesar Gonzales, MD; and 3) Sarah C. Hamauei, MD. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the updated Roster of Approved Addictionists.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Hall concluded her report by recognizing fellow committee members:
Dr. Collins, Mr. Darce, Mr. Menard, Mr. Resweber and Dr. Strong.

F. Reinstatement Committee

Mr. McKay recognized Dr. Strong for the committee report. Dr. Strong reported the committee convened the previous day. After conducting interviews and engaging in subsequent deliberations, the committee developed three recommendations for the Board's consideration. He then proceeded to present the following cases:

CPT.007277 – Quenice Nicole Bates: Dr. Strong moved to approve the request for reinstatement of the lapsed pharmacy technician certificate, contingent upon the completion of at least 500 hours of updated practical experience under the authority of a special work permit prior to May 7, 2027, in accordance with the terms of the Board order. Following discussion among Board members and with no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

CPT.009504 – LaDonna Natosha Mitchell: Dr. Strong moved to approve the request for reinstatement of the lapsed pharmacy technician certificate, contingent upon the completion of at least 500 hours of updated practical experience under the authority of a special work permit prior to May 7, 2027, in accordance with the terms of the Board order. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

PST.016625 – Kristian Raymond Hahn: Dr. Strong moved to remove the pharmacist-in-charge restriction from the probationary terms imposed by Board Order issued February 5, 2020. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

Dr. Strong referred the members to the posted committee meeting agenda for a listing of all interim reinstatement actions by the committee chair and staff.

Dr. Strong concluded his report by recognizing fellow committee members:
Ms. Dupree, Mr. Jones, Mr. LaGrange, Mr. Mannino, and Mr. Mercante.

G. Tripartite Committee

Mr. McKay recognized Mr. Resweber for the committee report. Mr. Resweber reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting and, therefore, had no report at this time. He reminded members of the ongoing efforts to schedule future meetings in collaboration with Louisiana colleges of pharmacy to be held on their respective campuses.

Mr. Resweber concluded his report by recognizing fellow committee members:

Ms. Dupree, Mr. Jones, Mr. LaGrange, Mr. Menard, and Dr. Strong.

H. Regulation Revision Committee

Mr. McKay called upon Dr. Cloud for the committee report. Dr. Cloud reported that the committee had not met since the last Board meeting but offered an update on ongoing regulatory projects and two legislative proposals. He then presented the following information:

- Legislative Proposal 2025-A ~ PMP Record Retention
Representative Tehmi Chassion agreed to author the proposal in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature and the proposal became House Bill 210. HB 210 passed the House on April 24 and was sent to the Senate where it was referred to the Senate Health & Welfare Committee where it currently resides. The committee will continue to monitor the Bill for placement on the committee agenda.
- Legislative Proposal 2025-B ~ CDS Schedules Update
Following Board approval, Representative Shane Mack agreed to author the proposal in the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature and the proposal became House Bill 15. HB 15 was referred to the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and it is being heard today.
- Regulatory Project 2025-01 ~ PIC Requirements
The Notice of Intent was published in the January 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A public hearing was held on February 26; no public comments were received. On March 5th, the project was submitted to the Louisiana Department of Justice's Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) for their review and approval. On March 14th, the second report was filed with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health & Welfare; no comments or inquiries were received. As of April 30th, the Board is waiting for OLRP approval to proceed with publication of the final rule.
- Regulatory Project 2025-02 ~ Marijuana Pharmacy
The Notice of Intent was published in the January 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A public hearing was held on February 26th; no public comments were received. On March 14th, the second report was filed with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health & Welfare; no comments or inquiries were received. The Board plans to publish the final rule in the May 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.
- Regulatory Project 2025-03 ~ Pharmacy Technician Certificate Qualifications
The Notice of Intent was published in the April 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A public hearing to receive comments and testimony on the proposal is scheduled for May 27, 2025.
- Regulatory Project 2025-04 ~ EDK Permit
The Notice of Intent was published in the February 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A public hearing was held on March 31st; no public

comments were received. On that same day, the second report was filed with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health & Welfare and the project was submitted to the OLRP for their review and approval. As of April 30th, no comments or inquiries were received from the oversight committee and the Board is waiting on a response from OLRP to proceed with publication of the final rule.

- Regulatory Project 2025-05 ~ Nonresident Pharmacy
The Notice of Intent was published in the April 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A public hearing to receive comments and testimony on the project is scheduled for May 27th.
- Regulatory Project 2025-06 ~ Practitioner CDS License
The Notice of Intent was published in the April 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A public hearing to receive comments and testimony on the project is scheduled for May 27th.

Dr. Cloud announced that the next committee meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2025, and concluded his report by acknowledging the contributions of fellow committee members: Mr. Darce, Ms. Hall, Mr. Indovina, Ms. Melancon, Mr. Menard, and Mr. Soileau.

At this point, Mr. McKay declared a recess. It was noted the members recessed at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened at 10:18 a.m.

I. Executive Committee

Mr. McKay reported that the committee met the previous day to consider the items on its posted agenda. He noted that Ms. Hall was prepared to present motions on behalf of the committee and reminded members that the related documents were included in the Board meeting materials.

- Consideration of Continuing Approval of Updated *Loss Prevention Manual*
Mr. McKay reported that the committee reviewed the Board's *Loss Prevention Manual* which includes a revision authorized since the May 8, 2024 meeting. He advised that the committee voted to recommend continued approval of the updated manual. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to renew approval of the updated *Loss Prevention Manual* for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

- Consideration of Continuing Approval of Updated *Policy & Procedure Manual*
Mr. McKay reported that staff revised the Board's *Policy & Procedure Manual* to include all changes authorized since the May 8, 2024 meeting. He advised that the committee voted to recommend continued approval of the updated manual. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to renew approval of the updated Policy & Procedure Manual for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Consideration of Continuing Approval of Updated Roster of Board-Approved Colleges of Pharmacy**

Mr. McKay reported that staff updated the roster based on the most recent status information available from ACPE. He advised that the committee voted to recommend continued approval of the updated roster. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to renew approval of the updated Roster of Board-Approved Colleges of Pharmacy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Consideration of Continuing Approval of Updated Roster of Board-Approved Pharmacy Technician Training Programs**

Mr. McKay reported that staff updated the roster to reflect the current accreditation status of programs. He advised that the committee voted to recommend continued approval of the updated roster. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to renew approval of the updated Roster of Board-Approved Pharmacy Technician Training Programs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Consideration of Continuing Approval of Credentialing Examinations**

Mr. McKay reported the committee voted to recommend continued approval of the current credentialing examination administrators and exams. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to renew approval of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) as administrator of the pharmacist licensure examinations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, including the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX), the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE), and the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE).

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to renew approval of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination (PTCE) administered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to renew approval of the Examination for Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT) administered by National Healthcareer Association (NHA) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

- Consideration of Proposed Resolutions for Professional Legal Services
Mr. McKay explained that the attorney general requires all state agencies contracting for professional legal services to certify via resolution that such contracts do not include contingency fees. He advised that the committee voted to recommend approval of the proposed resolutions for Ms. Celia R. Cangelosi and the legal firm of Shows, Cali & Walsh. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the Proposed Resolution for Professional Legal Services for Ms. Celia R. Cangelosi for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the Proposed Resolution for Professional Legal Services for Shows, Cali & Walsh, LLP for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

- Consideration of Annual Renewal of Contracts & Agreements
Mr. McKay reported that staff had reviewed the performance objectives of each Board contract and determined that all contractors fulfilled their obligations. Staff recommended renewal of the contracts and provided a summary of the agreements, including financial terms, in the meeting materials. In addition to two legal services contracts, the summary includes agreements for accounting services, the Prescription Monitoring Program, and other operational functions. He noted that the committee voted to recommend approval of these contracts. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed contract for professional legal services with Ms. Celia R. Cangelosi, at the stipulated rate, in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed contract for professional legal services with Shows, Cali & Walsh, LLP, at the stipulated rates, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed contract for professional accounting services with Champagne & Company, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, at the stipulated rates, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed contract for the operation of the state prescription monitoring program with Bamboo Health, Inc., at the stipulated rate, in an amount not to exceed \$215,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed contract for the prescription monitoring program Gateway with Bamboo Health, Inc., at the stipulated rate, in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 contingent upon receipt of grant funds.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed contract with Tyler Technologies to maintain and provide the hosting services for the Board's eLicense information system, at the stipulated rate, in an amount not exceed \$150,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed renewal of the interagency agreement with the Louisiana Department of Justice for the Occupational Licensing Review Program, at the stipulated rate, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed contract with Covalent Logic for website hosting services and updates, at the stipulated rate, in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Following discussion among Board members and with no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed agreement for debt collection with the Louisiana Department of Revenue, Office of Debt Recovery, at the stipulated rate, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed agreement for the publication of the Board's Newsletter by the NABP Foundation in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to approve the proposed agreement with the Louisiana Department of Health – Office of Public Health – Bureau of Community Preparedness for the receipt of grant funds to cover the expenses of the PMP Gateway® through Bamboo Health and other services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

- Consideration of Delegated Signature Authority for Contracts
Mr. McKay explained that, in accordance with La. R.S. 39:1595.1(B), the Division of Administration's Office of State Procurement requires the Board to maintain a record of delegated signature authority for its contracts. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to authorize M. Joseph Fontenot, Jr., in his role as the Board's Executive Director to execute any contract or agreement on behalf of the Board when so authorized for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

- **Exceptions Report**

Mr. McKay reported that, in accordance with Board policy, the Board President is authorized to review and respond to requests for exceptions to laws, rules, and policies between Board meetings. The policy also authorizes the Executive Director, with the concurrence of the Board President, to issue Special Work Permits and approve dual PIC privileges, with notice provided to the Board at its next meeting. The committee reviewed the current Exceptions Report available in the Board member reading room, which is now presented to the full Board as required. No action is required. There were no questions or comments from members.

Mr. McKay concluded his report by acknowledging the contributions of fellow committee members: Ms. Hall, Mr. Resweber, Dr. Cloud, and Mr. Indovina.

11. Staff Reports

A. Report of General Counsel

Mr. McKay recognized Mr. Finalet to present his report. Mr. Finalet submitted the following proposed voluntary staff consent agreements for the Board's consideration:

AnazaoHealth Corporation (Las Vegas, NV) (PHY.007228): Ms. Hall moved to accept the proposed voluntary consent agreement. Following discussion among Board members and with no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For dispensing 126 prescriptions into Louisiana from January 1 to September 3, 2024, with an expired Louisiana nonresident pharmacy permit, the Board assessed a fine of \$15,000 plus administrative costs.

Marla DeLouise Gibbens (PST.013867): Ms. Hall moved to accept the voluntary active surrender of the credential. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. In lieu of immediate administrative action on a pending matter, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the credential, resulting in the active suspension of the license for an indefinite period of time commencing on April 9, 2025.

Janasia Ty'Reon Schuster (CPT.018066): Ms. Hall moved to accept the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For her failure to report an adverse action as part of her pharmacy technician application, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand;

and further, assessed a fine of \$250 plus administrative costs.

Peter Duff Fleck (PST.022605): Ms. Hall moved to accept the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For his failure to report a December 2024 board order issued by the Kansas Board of Pharmacy as part of his Louisiana pharmacist license renewal application for year 2025, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

Gwendolyn Hines Everage (PST.010404): Ms. Hall moved to accept the proposed voluntary consent agreement. With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved. For her failure to report an August 2024 board order issued by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy as part of her Louisiana pharmacist license renewal application for year 2025, despite specific questioning for such information, the Board issued a letter of reprimand; and further, assessed a fine of \$1,000 plus administrative costs.

Mr. Finalet then indicated completion of his report.

B. Report of the Executive Director

Mr. McKay called upon Mr. Fontenot to present his report. Mr. Fontenot referred members to the quarterly report of the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) included in the meeting materials. There were no questions or comments from the members.

Mr. Fontenot then directed the members to review requests from 16 pharmacies seeking a waiver from the duty to submit zero prescription transaction reports to the PMP. Ms. Hall then moved:

Resolved, to authorize the issuance of full PMP reporting waivers to the following permits once they have executed the standard consent agreement for that purpose:

Permit No.	Permit Name
PHY.008977-NR	AdvanceCare Ft. Lauderdale
PHY.008966-NR	Albertsons Central Fill Pharmacy Irving
PHY.008961-NR	Apthorp Pharmacy
PHY.008949-HOS	Baton Rouge Specialty Hospital
PHY.008912-NR	BioPlus Specialty Pharmacy Services, LLC
PHY.008934-NR	CarelonRx Pharmacy, Inc.
PHY.008936-IR	Coastal Infusion Services
PHY.008938-NR	Germantown Pharmacy
PHY.008951-NR	Get Relief Rx, LLC
PHY.008941-NR	Kroger Health Connect UA
PHY.008942-NR	Kroger Health Connect UC
PHY.008954-NR	LeMed Specialty Pharmacy Arizona, LLC

PHY.008952-NR	MedScripts Medical Pharmacy
PHY.008953-HOS	St. Tammany Health System SC Pharmacy
PHY.008950-NR	Touchstone Infusion
PHY.008971-NR	Walgreens HUB Solutions #21609

With no discussion from Board members and no public comments, the motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Order Number JML 25-008 ~ Review of Occupational Licensing Boards

Mr. Fontenot explained, on Jan. 14, 2025, Governor Landry issued *Executive Order Number JML 25-008 ~ Review of Occupational Licensing Boards*. The order mentioned the administration's commitment to remove unnecessary barriers to employment, fostering economic competitiveness, and eliminating burdensome and ineffective requirements for licensure.

The order reiterated several legislative mandates placed upon professional and occupational licensing boards over the past several years and focused on Act 253 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, known as the "Welcome Home Act".

The "Welcome Home Act" provides for universal occupational license recognition. The Act created a requirement for professional and occupational licensing boards to issue a credential to an applicant based on a current and valid occupational license or certification in another state.

During the previous board meeting the Board approved Regulatory Project 2025-03 ~ Pharmacy Technician Certificate Qualifications which amends current regulations to comply with the Welcome Home Act.

Executive Order Number JML 25-008 mandated the filing of a report which identifies how many applications were received by the Board pursuant to the Welcome Home Act, how many credentials were granted, and how many applications were denied. Mr. Fontenot indicated that his report to the Governor, which was included in the meeting materials, explained the Board has long had processes for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to transfer licensure from another state and included the numbers requested based on that information.

Executive Order Number JML 25-038 ~ Administrative Rules and Regulations

Mr. Fontenot reported, on April 1, 2025, Governor Landry issued *Executive Order Number JML 25-038 ~ Administrative Rules and Regulations*. The order restates R.S. 49:964 which grants interested persons the right to petition agencies for adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, ensuring that agency rules and regulations remain relevant and responsive to public concerns.

The order emphasized the administration's commitment to remove unnecessary regulatory barriers and focused on rules which have remained unchanged for

twenty years or more.

The order requires the Board to review and evaluate the rules listed in the order to determine whether each rule is necessary, consistent with law, and aligned with the Board's mission. Additionally, the Board shall assess whether the benefits of each rule outweigh the burdens and costs on those regulated by it.

At the previous Board meeting, Dr. Cloud, Chair of the Regulation Revision Committee, reported that Act 192 of the 2024 Legislative Session requires the Board to review and evaluate all of its rules over a five-year period, consistent with the determination outlined in the Governor's Order.

Staff and the Regulation Revision Committee reviewed Sections 101 through 525 of the Board's rules and found that these Sections are necessary and consistent with law and the Board's mission. It was noted that several of these regulations are necessary because they provide information which is beneficial to credential holders. Additionally, the probable benefits of the rules do outweigh the burdens and costs on persons regulated by the rules.

During the February Board meeting, members concurred with the committee's findings.

The Governor's Order identifies 66 Sections of the Board's rules which remain unchanged for twenty years or more. Of the 66 Sections identified, 37 Sections were previously reviewed by the committee, leaving 29 Sections to be reviewed. These 29 Sections will be added to the Regulation Revision Committee agenda for review during the upcoming June 18th meeting.

Act 454 of the 2018 Regular Session – LA R.S. 49:964(B)

Mr. Fontenot explained, as stated in the *Governor's Executive Order 25-038*, each agency engaged in rulemaking must conduct a public hearing at least once every six years to receive input from interested persons on the necessity and appropriateness of existing rules and regulations.

On June 26, 2025, it will be six years from the original public hearing held pursuant to LA R.S. 49:964(B). A Potpourri notice is scheduled for publication in the May 20, 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, advertising the Public Hearing. The agenda for the June 26 hearing was included in the meeting materials.

2025 Regular Session – Update

Mr. Fontenot provided an update on all legislative matters pertinent to the Board. He reminded members that they should refrain from publicly expressing positions on legislative issues in their capacity as Board representatives. Mr. Fontenot reaffirmed his commitment to closely monitoring legislation with direct implications for the Board.

Mr. Fontenot then indicated completion of his report.

12. New Agenda Items Added During Meeting

There were no new agenda items added during the meeting.

13. Announcements

Mr. McKay advised members of upcoming meeting dates as well as annual educational and reporting requirements.

14. Adjourn

Having completed the tasks itemized on the posted agenda, with no further business pending before the Board and without objection, Mr. McKay adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Joe Fontenot and then approved as presented during the subsequent meeting on August 20, 2025.

Richard M. Indovina, Jr.
Secretary