

LSBOE Meeting 11.1.19
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 11:27 am by Dr. Roy

Drs Roy, Wroten, Avallone and Dale Benoit Present, Graves Theus LSBOE attorney present. Dr. James Sandefur absent

Website update: Hope Sonnier administrator. Insurance verification now must go through LSBOE office/website with resumed collection of administrative fees.

Hope Sonnier awaiting budget and answers to budget questions from the LSBOE's CPA. Will resume discussion at ensuing LSBOE meeting.

Motion made by Dr. Avallone to table Item 3. "Hope Sonnier reimbursement" due to lack of budget information, seconded by Dr. Wroten, no opposition to motion.

"Steve Lewis exam compensation": discussion deferred pending receipt of budget and budget question answers from LSBOE's CPA. Will resume discussion at ensuing LSBOE meeting.

"Licensure by Endorsement": rule has been prepared to submit to occupational review board, Mr. Theus is in the process of getting the rule on the occupational review board's agenda, & LSBOE will arrange a representative to attend that meeting, if needed.

"Telemedicine": Dr. Avallone has agreed to review other state laws on telemedicine and research relevant white papers to present a possible outline for consideration at a future LSBOE meeting. Dr. Wroten was aware of a national conference on telemedicine and made a formal motion to send Dr. Avallone to the meeting with the LSBOE reimbursing all associated & approved travel expenses. The motion was seconded by Dr. Anastasio and there was no opposition.

"Diana LeBreton": Dr. Avallone made a motion to offer interrogatory questions with help of Mr. Theus to submit to Dr. LeBreton regarding her negotiated guilty plea to amended charge of misdemeanor theft of under \$1,000, with a letter from authorities outlining her case on file with the LSBOE. Based on responses to the interrogatories, the board will make a decision on next step. Motion seconded by Dr. Anastasio and there was no opposition.

"Stanton Optical": upon advisement of Mr. Theus, the LSBOE will turn this matter over to the attorney general of Louisiana to further investigate and take necessary action.

"Lyn Savoie": an attorney in Baton Rouge, reached out to the LSBOE on behalf of a client with questions concerning reimbursement arrangements. Mr. Theus will research and will speak with Mr. Savoie about the matter.



Formal hearing was commenced. Present parties were court reporter Renee Billingsley; LSBOE members: Drs. Gary Avallone, Chris Wroten, Mark Roy, & Jeff Anastasio, and Mr. Dale Benoit; and LSBOE counsel Graves Theus. Dr. Kim Ta and her legal counsel Rory Bellina were present as well. Hearing was commenced at 1:12 pm. At 2:00 pm Dale Benoit had to leave the hearing. The hearing was concluded at 2:28 pm.

At 2:28 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Jan D. Simpson
SECRETARY

Mark Roy
Proc LSBOE

