

**ADDICTIVE DISORDER REGULATORY AUTHORITY BOARD**  
**MEETING**

ADRA Office  
4919 Jamestown Avenue, Suite 203  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
May 18, 2018  
10:00AM

- I. Call to Order: Roy Bass, Chairman
- II. Roll call; set quorum: Bernadine Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
- III. Public Introductions and Representation
- IV. Approval of March 16, 2018 Minutes: Bernadine Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
- V. Treasurer's Report: Bernadine Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
  - a) March 2018
  - b) April 2018
- VI. Public Questions or Comments
- VII. New Business
  - a) Approval of applicants to be credentialed
  - b) Senate Bill 260 of 2018- Celia Cangelosi
  - c) House Bill 748 Of 2018 Discussion- Marolon Mangham
  - d) Degree Waiver Request-Brent Nicolini
  - e) Degree Waiver Request- Clay Russell
  - f) IC&RC Spring Conference Update-Marolon Mangham
  - g) July Board Meeting Date and Time
- VIII. Old Business
  - a) Legal Contract Update
  - b) Senate Bill 40 of 2018 Update
  - c) Online Credentialing Management System Update
- IX. Executive Director's Report

Adjourn Meeting: Next Meeting date: LASACT Conference; date and time TBD

**Minutes**

Regular Meeting of Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority Board

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*I. Call to Order*

The May 18, 2018 regular meeting of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority Board was called to order to by Roy Baas, Chairman, at approximately 10:10 A.M the meeting was held pursuant to public notice. Each member received notice and notice was properly posted.

*II. Roll Call (Attachment 1)*

**Members Present:**

Roy Baas, LAC, CCGC, CCS, Chairman  
Bernadine Williams, LAC, CCS, CCGC Secretary/Treasurer  
Deborah Thomas, PH.D, LPP  
Catherine Lemieux .LCSW  
Dr. Ken Roy MD  
Martin Thibodeaux LAC

**Members Absent:**

Kerri Cunningham, LAC  
Paul Schoen, LAC, CCGC, Vice-Chairman

**ADRA Staff Present:**

Lauren Lear, Executive Director  
Renee Franklin, Assistant Director  
Jeanne Hollingsworth, Administrative Assistant  
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney

*III. Public Introductions*

Marolon Mangham, Director of LASACT

*IV. Approval of March 16, 2018 Minutes (Attachment 2)*

A draft of the March 16, 2018 board meeting minutes was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Deborah Thomas and seconded by Martin Thibodeaux. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*V. Treasurer's Report (Attachment 3)*

The March and April 2018 Treasurer's Reports were presented by Lauren Lear. A motion was made by Martin Thibodeaux and seconded by Deborah Thomas to accept the report as given. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

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VI. *Public Questions or Comments:*

Marolon Mangham – Registration is currently open for the LASACT conference. Sponsorship and Exhibits are coming in. The agenda is under construction. Roy will be presenting at the LASACT conference. Accommodations will be made for ADRA to have a board meeting on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. Details to follow. The following evening, there will be a private dinner and Tuesday night will be a membership meeting. We encourage ADRA board and staff to attend both events.

VII. *New Business*

a. *Approval of applicants to be credentialed:*

A motion was made by Catherine Lemieux and seconded by Deborah Thomas to approve the applicants to be credentialed. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

b. *Senate Bill 260 of 2018- Celia Cangelosi:*

Senate Bill 260 did pass. All professional licensing boards, including our board, would need to give the option of the pending law, if charged with a violation, the purposed law states that they can be tried by the board or have a hearing before the administrative law judge. Celia was concerned about this due to the fact that our board doesn't have a lot of funding. To have a case tried by an administrative law judge can be very costly. There is a possibility that the administrative law judge would charge the violator for cost, but there is no guarantee the money can be recovered. Additionally, the administrative law judge isn't familiar with our board language. Celia would have to teach the judge our language. This would increase the boards cost for legal counsel.

ADRA board is within the Title 37, which means, the board may develop a process to issue a permit or certificate outside the national exam for those with an ADA recognize disorder. Marolon stated they have accommodations in place for ADA disorder testing and have been accommodating them successfully. Every board member was given a copy of Senate bill 60 that pertains to the ADRA Board.

c. *House Bill 748 of 2018- Legal:*

House Bill 748 revoked the ability to call anyone certified if they weren't regulated by a state board. If the bill passed, that would have hindered reciprocity and LASACT's add-on certificates. The intent of the bill was to force the Governor's office to review occupational boards at least every five years. LASACT was able to join a collation with a Law Firm out of DC that hired a lobbyist here in LA. It got through the house committee and the house. Julie Emerson worked with this lobbying group that now represent forty state and national type groups. This bill affected a lot more than just health care. The lobbyist got Julie Emerson to commit to taking out the certifying language. Eventually, the entire bill was thrown out. The only language remaining stated that at least 20% of all licensing boards will be reviewed every five years in regards to licensing standards.

d. *Degree Waiver Request – Brent Nicolini*

A motion was made by Catherine Lemieux and seconded by Martin Thibodeaux to deny Brent Nicolini's degree waiver. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

e. *Degree Waiver Request – Clay Russell*

A motion was made by Martin Thibodeaux and seconded by Bernadine Williams to deny Clay Russell's degree waiver. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

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*f. IC&RC Spring Conference Update- Marolon Mangham:*

IC&RC will be contracting with a new testing company by October.

*g. July Board Meeting Date and Time*

The July board meeting is normally held at the LASACT conference on the Sunday before registration. This year's date will be July 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 11:00 am.

*VIII. Old Business*

*a. Legal Contract Update:*

The legal contract was approved on 5/9 with no issues.

*b. Senate Bill 40 of 2018 Update:*

As you can see in the latest documents, the most recent changes have been approved. Senator Mills removed the restructuring of our board and only added information pertaining to a consumer member.

*c. Online Credentialing Management System Update:*

The ADRA Executive Director, Lauren Lear, has been working with a start-up company, ManageMyTests, on the credentialing management system. Given the expense up front for software and additional cost each year we were struggling to justify spending that amount to get started. Lauren participated in the webinar with IC&RC for another company that already has a program up and running successfully. The cost is \$5000 annually for 1000 accounts. Each credentialed member has their own account. They have integrated more features than one can even begin to explain; including an option for our approved educational providers to link to an education search function to find courses needed to renew. There are no software costs and we can recoup the annual fee by tacking on the \$10 processing fee that the board originally agreed to. Certemy has agreed to offer a webinar if any board members are interested in seeing what they have to offer. It would take about 3-4weeks to get it set up and ready to go live.

*IX. Executive Director's Report : Lauren Lear Executive Director:*

We have a new administrative assistant, Jeanne Hollingsworth.

We are gearing up for the June renewal cycle. Another round of renewal reminders will be emailed next week.

Lauren met with Eric on 5/17 to finalize the documents needed for the CPA contract submittal.

A motion was made by Martin Thibodeaux and seconded by Bernadine Williams to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bernadine Williams, LAC, CCGC, CCS Secretary/Treasurer