LOUISIANA STATE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS
BUSINESS MEETING

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1800 City Farms Drive, Building 6
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

April 9, 2026

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Chairman, Robert Newsome, MD., called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   The following Board members were present:
   Naveed Awan
   Desiree Bell
   Brent Boudreaux, MD
   Frederick Drouant
   Robert Newsome, MD
   Kirk Soileau

   Not in Attendance:
   Jessica Soileau-Canning
   Valerie Briggs Bargas, counsel

   Also in attendance:
   Hollie Taranto, Executive Director, Lindsay Ruggles, Compliance Officer, and counsel Sallie Dupont.

3. **MINUTES**
   Minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting had been previously circulated to the Board Members by email and were accepted as presented.

   MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026, meeting made by: K. Soileau
   SECOND by: F. Drouant
   ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

   Before the commencement of Board business, legal counsel provided information and guidance regarding the Sunshine Law to ensure a clear understanding of appropriate discussion protocols and timing.

4. **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

A. Complaint Codes

The Compliance Officer provided an update to the Board, reporting that thirteen complaint cases have been closed since the January meeting. Additionally, the Compliance Officer presented two policies for review: the Expiration of License Policy and the Physician Evaluation Policy.

> **MOTION** made to approve the Expiration of License Policy and the Physician Evaluation Policy made by: K. Soileau
> **SECOND** by: B. Boudreaux, M.D.
> **ACTION** Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

B. BOARD OPERATIONS

The Board received updates on office operations, including progress on digital applications, and updates on board member appointments. There have been no new board appointments. Additional updates included the recently published final rule addressing revised professional language and fusion permits, as well as information on Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) re-enrollment for the 2026–2027 fiscal year.

> **MOTION** made to enroll each year, unless otherwise directed, into the Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP) made by: F. Drouant
> **SECOND** by: K. Soileau
> **ACTION** Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, counsel provided an overview of the current employment market for board staff positions, including a comparative analysis of classified and unclassified roles. The presentation addressed applicable requirements, compensation ranges, and broader market conditions, along with an evaluation of relevant trends. It was further determined that counsel will draft a policy addressing appropriate adjustments for unclassified board staff.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Review Committee Report

Financial Review Committee: Kirk Soileau (chairman of finance committee), Desiree Bell and Frederick Drouant. A report was given by K. Soileau of monthly financials.

B. Financial Report by Executive Director

A report was given on financials by the Executive Director. January, February, and March financials were emailed prior to the meeting. Thus far, January and February, as March was just circulated. The Executive Director responded to questions posed by Board members.

The Executive Director discussed the following financial reports:

- **Balance Sheet-Assets & Liabilities: July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026**
- **Profit & Loss: July 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026**
- **Fiscal Year Comparison to Budget: July 1, 2025- March 31, 2026**

C. Legal Services and CPA Contract Renewals

A Legal services amendment request was discussed and deemed appropriate to include a $20,000 amendment for the remainder of the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

MOTION made for an amendment to the legal contract for $20,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year made by: K. Soileau
SECOND by: F. Drouant
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, the $5,000 CPA contract for the 2026–2027 fiscal year was discussed and approved. Although contracts of $5,000 or less are not required to be entered into ProAct, it is submitted for transparency.
Discussion was held regarding the legal contract for the 2026–2027 fiscal year. The Board approved establishing a legal contract in the amount of $100,000 and the Chairman appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Naveed Awan (legal committee chair), Dr. Boudreaux, and Desiree Bell to assist board staff and provide suggestions and recommendations for legal use in daily operations.

MOTION made to approve a legal contract for $100,000 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year made by: D. Bell
SECOND by: F. Drouant
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

7. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Verbal Report by Chairperson

A verbal report was given by the Chairman.

8. LICENSURE

A. License Statistics

The Executive Director provided an update on license statistics as of April 1st, 2026 and 2026 renewals.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business at this time.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 Legislative Session

There was discussion on various bills in the 2026 legislative session, including the progress of the HB949 bill presented by Representative Coates for the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT) to recognize Registered Radiologic Technologists in the state of Louisiana as a licensure category under this Board.

11. Next Meeting Dates

2027 Proposed Meeting Dates
Thursday, January 14, 2027
Thursday, April 8, 2027
Thursday, July 15, 2027 (Tentative Pending LSRT Conference)
Thursday, October 14, 2027

MOTION made to approve the 2027 Meeting dates made by: F. Drouant
SECOND by: D. Bell
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made to enter Executive session made by: F. Drouant
SECOND by: N. Awan
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made to exit Executive session made by: N. Awan
SECOND by: D. Bell
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

13. VOTE TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

MOTION made to approve a five percent increase for the Executive Director and Compliance officer effective July 1, 2026, made by: F. Drouant
SECOND by: B. Boudreaux M.D.
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously**.**

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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