LOUISIANA STATE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS
BUSINESS MEETING

Long Law Firm
1800 City Farms Drive, Building 6
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

July 17, 2025

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
APPROVED

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Chairman Dr. Robert Newsome 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, M.D.
   Kirk Soileau
   Jessica Soileau-Canning

   Also in attendance:
   Hollie Taranto, Executive Director, Manny Rodriguez, Compliance Officer, and counsel Valerie Bargas and Sallie Dupont.

3. **MINUTES**
   Minutes of the April 10, 2025, meeting had been previously circulated to the Board Members by email and were accepted as presented.

   MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025, meeting made by: F. Drouant
   SECOND by: D. Bell
   ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**
   Financial Review Committee: Kirk Soileau, Desiree Bell and Frederick Drouant. April financials were emailed and approved prior to the meeting, and May and June were undergoing final preparation to be emailed to for review.

   The Executive Director discussed the following financial reports:
   - **Balance Sheet-Assets & Liabilities: July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025**
   - **Profit & Loss: July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025**
   - **Fiscal Year Comparison to Budget: July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025**
   - **Proposed Budget July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**

   Discussion was held regarding reports, financial accounts, and the budget. The Executive Director responded to questions posed by Board members.

   MOTION made to enter Executive session made by: K. Soileau
   SECOND by: D. Bell
   ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made to enter back into Business session made by: K. Soileau
SECOND by: F. Drouant
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously

RETURN TO BUSINESS SESSION

5. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

A. Verbal Report by Chairperson

A verbal report was given by the Chairman.

6. LICENSURE

A. 2025 Renewal Data

The Executive Director provided an update on the 2025 renewal season, noting that overall renewal volumes aligned with expectations. However, it was brought up in discussion that many technologists are unaware of the option to place a license in an "inactive" status to prevent expiration. To address this, the Board agreed to enhance the website for technologists by mentioning and explaining the inactive licensure option to help prevent unnecessary expiration and maintain professional engagement.

B. License Statistics

The latest license statistics were reviewed, and an update was provided as of July 1, 2025. A notice was included in LHA's weekly newsletter, informing members that the renewal season had ended and emphasizing the significance of maintaining licensure. The Board also discussed its licensure auditing policy. In terms of student enrollment, there has been an increase compared to last year, and based on collected program data, it was noted that program capacities are continuing to grow this year.

7. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

A. Board Operations

The Board received updates on office operations, including internal processes, the open compliance officer position, website compliance, and digital applications. There was also a verbal report on the LSRT's 67th annual meeting, which was attended by the Executive Director and Compliance Officer.

Following discussions at the April meeting, it was determined that the budget for legal services through Valerie Bargas and Sallie Dupont at Long Law Firm for the 2025-2026 year would be set at $30,000, instead of the previously approved $40,000.

MOTION to approve the budget for legal services through Valerie Bargas and Sallie Dupont at Long Law Firm for $30,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year made by: N. Awan
SECOND by: F. Drouant
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Compliance

Complaint Codes

The Compliance Officer provided an update, discussing various complaint codes and confirming the procedures for handling each one. The Board also discussed the licensure fitness policy and agreed on updates to improve its implementation.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LXMO

The Board discussed Limited X-ray Machine Operator Permits (LXMO), which was approved through the Occupational Licensing Review Program (OLRP). The next step for implementation is to approve LXMO educational programs. To move this forward, the Chairman appointed an ad hoc committee, consisting of F. Drouant and D. Bell, to collaborate with the Executive Director in establishing program minimums for the Board's review and acceptance.

B. Board Appointments

There have been no new board appointments or reappointments at this time.

C. Fee Schedule

An update was given to the current fee schedule rule change that was proposed.

D. Rule Review

A rule review was conducted in compliance with Executive Order 25-038, covering all the Board's existing rules. During the review, several suggestions were made, unanimous consent was reached and the Board agreed to implement specific updates to the language of the rules, most of which addressed outdated procedures. Additionally, the Board considered the fusion technology rule that was introduced in 2012.

> **MOTION** made to recognize the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board's Computed Tomography (CT) certification examination by: J. Soileau
> **SECOND** by: F. Drouant
> **ACTION** Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

E. Record Retention

A detailed review of the Board's record retention policy was conducted, revealing that it needed to be updated to specify more updated records. These records were discussed, and the Board discussed ways on how to progress with digital application in the future while ensuring alignment with the updated retention requirements.

> **MOTION** made to include the addendum of record recommendations to the board's record retention policy made by: F. Drouant
> **SECOND** by: N. Awan
> **ACTION** Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

F. Registered Radiologist Assistants

The Board was recently updated on the ongoing discussions surrounding Radiologist Assistants (RAs) in Louisiana. While the state does not currently have a statute recognizing RAs, there is increasing support for their role within the medical community, with several organizations recognizing their contributions. It was noted that, in the absence of MARCA, the employment of RAs and the potential for reimbursement for their services would be contingent upon the policies of individual healthcare facilities. Employment of RA's is not authorized in the state due to that there is no formal statute defining their scope of practice at this time. Given these developments, the Board has authorized the Executive Director to explore the mechanisms necessary to collect information and consult with relevant stakeholders to remain informed about legislative efforts that can grant recognition of Radiologist Assistants in our law.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2025 Legislative Session

The Legislative Session began on April 14, 2025, and the Executive Director closely monitored relevant bills. HB 603 was proposed to amend the appointing process for certain boards and commissions, but it did not pass.

Public Hearing

In compliance with the requirement of R.S. 49:968, the LSRTBE held its public hearing on July 17, 2025, at 10:00 am at Long Law Firm. No written comments were received, and no members of the public attended or provided oral comments.

10. Vote to Close Consent Orders

MOTION made to approve the complaint codes as discussed in Executive Session by: R. Newsome
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

K. Next Meeting Dates

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday, October 9, 2025

January 8, 2026
April 9, 2026
July 16, 2026
October 8, 2026

L. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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