LOUISIANA STATE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF EXAMINERS
BUSINESS MEETING

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806

October 9, 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
   Frederick Drouant
   Robert Newsome, M.D.
   Kirk Soileau
   Jessica Soileau-Canning

   Not in Attendance:
   Brent Boudreaux, MD

   Also in attendance:
   Hollie Taranto, Executive Director, Lindsay Ruggles, Compliance Officer, and counsel Valerie Bargas and Sallie Dupont. Additionally, guest speakers Jessica Galandak, MD, M.P.H, RSL President; Jason Smith, R.R.A, R.T. (R)(CT)(ARRT), MIS, LSRT Legislative Affairs; and Heather Koepp, M.A, R.T.(R)(ARRT), CHES, LSRT Chair.

3. **OPEN DISCUSSION**
   Guest speakers were present to discuss Radiologist Assistants (RA's). Dr. Galandak provided insight into MARCA, billing, and aspects of the clinical setting with an option to utilize an RA. Additionally, Mr. Smith provided the board with a history of RRAs, and Ms. Koepp provided the board with a statement of full support from the Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists (LSRT). The board had an active discussion, and the Executive Director presented a draft bill in which a Radiologist Assistant licensure category would be proposed into the current LSRTBE statue, as well as appropriate professional language updates for RA's where necessary. Also, maximum fee caps were discussed and suggested to add into the current statue. All questions were appropriately addressed.

   MOTION to allow the draft bill with discussed changes to go forward to the bill sponsor made by: K. Soileau

SECOND by: D. Bell
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously

4. MINUTES
Minutes of the July 17, 2025, meeting had been previously circulated to the Board Members by email and were accepted as presented.

MOTION to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2025, meeting made by: F. Drouant
SECOND by: K. Soileau
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT
Financial Review Committee: Kirk Soileau, Desiree Bell and Frederick Drouant. July, August and September financials were emailed and approved prior to the meeting.
The Executive Director discussed the following financial reports:

- **Balance Sheet-Assets & Liabilities: July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025**
- **Profit & Loss: July 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025**
- **Fiscal Year Comparison to Budget: July 1, 2025- September 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 approve the proposed 2026-2027 budget as presented made by: K. Soileau
SECOND by: F. Drouant
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously

6. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
A. Verbal Report by Chairperson
A verbal report was given by the Chairman.

7. LICENSURE
A. 2025 Renewal Data
The Executive Director provided an update on late 2025 renewals as of October 1st. There were approximately 42 renewals that have occurred since the July meeting.

B. License Statistics
The latest licensure statistics were reviewed, and an update was provided as of October 1, 2025. A review of expected student graduates for 2026 was performed and the increase in student volumes over the last three years has shown. There are 290 expected students to graduate in 2026.

8. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
A. Board Operations
The Board received updates on office operations, including the compliance officer position--which has now been filled, the AUP and AFR, website compliance, digital

applications, and disposal of office equipment.

MOTION to approve disposal of the computer and scanner in the conference room following LPAA guidelines by: F. Drouant
SECOND by: D. Bell
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Compliance
Complaint Codes
The Executive Director provided an update, discussing various complaint codes and informing the Board that eight codes have been closed since the July meeting.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. LXMO
Limited X-ray Machine Operator (LXMO) programs that applied for board approval were previously submitted to the board for review prior to the meeting. The LXMO ad hoc committee discussed and agreed upon minimum standards. These standards, along with the program details, were presented to the board and accepted. It was decided that the approved LXMO programs will be listed on our website, and all related information will be shared there accordingly.

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

C. Fee Schedule
An update was given about the fee schedule and maximum fee caps. This was discussed and voted on with the 2026 legislation that will be introduced in the spring.

D. Rule Review
Discussion was held on the proposed changes for the current Fusion permit rule. There were various public comments submitted on this rule change. The board considered all viewpoints. Upon approval of the final fusion rule, the LSRTBE believes that CT credentialed individuals should be able to perform appropriate imaging exams.

MOTION made to allow for CT credentialed individuals to be authorized to perform standalone CT. by: F. Drouant
SECOND by: K. Soileau
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

E. Record Retention
Based on the Board's review of the proposed record retention policy, approved in July, it was suggested to separate certain categories due to the differing retention times required by law.

MOTION made to separate the general financial category to include the budgets and audits in their own respective categories; and the same with board members and board staff records made by: J. Soileau-Canning
SECOND by: F. Drouant
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

MOTION made to enter Executive session made by: K. Soileau
SECOND by: J. Soileau-Canning
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION made to exit Executive session made by: K. Soileau
SECOND by: J. Soileau-Canning
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

12. Vote to Close Consent Orders

MOTION made to approve the complaint codes and matters as discussed in Executive Session by: F. Drouant
SECOND by: K. Soileau
ACTION Voice Vote: Motion passed unanimously.

13. Next Meeting Dates

January 8, 2026

Future Meeting Dates
April 9, 2026
July 16, 2026
October 8, 2026

14. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Hollie Taranto

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