

Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board
4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150,
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: January 14, 2026
(Approved February 11, 2026)

The meeting of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (Board) was noticed and called to order by Board Chair, Rebecca Mandal-Blasio, once a quorum was established, at 8:37 a.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Present were Board Members: Daniela Riofrio, Lloyd Boudloche, Jr., Rebecca Mandal-Blasio, Joseph Tuminello, III, Lindy West, and Renee Cole, Executive Director Rhonda Boe and Executive Administrator Krysta Babin. Courtney Wright arrived at 8:56 a.m.

A motion was made by Lindy West to approve the agenda for the January 14, 2026 meeting. None opposed and the motion passed.

Pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:6.1(4), Dr. Mandal-Blasio moved to enter Executive Session at 8:42 a.m. for credential file reviews, complaints, lapsed renewals submitted and any other items to be reviewed in executive session.

Ms. Babin left the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Dr. Mandal-Blasio closed Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

Dr. Mandal-Blasio began the Open Meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Ms. West made a motion to approve the November 19, 2025 minutes. None opposed and the motion passed.

Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the December 10, 2025 minutes. None opposed and the motion passed.

The following occurred regarding the credential file reviews:

Licensure Applicants 1.26/A, 1.26/B, 1.26/J, 1.26/K, 1.26/L AND 1.26/M were reviewed and approved for licensure.

Licensure Applicant 1.26/I was reviewed and approved for licensure upon receipt of final required documents by mail and/or successful passage of Jurisprudence Exam.

SCaBA Applicants 1.26/C, 1.26/D, 1.26/E and 1.26/G were reviewed and approved for certification.

SCaBA Applicants 1.26/F and 1.26/H were reviewed and approved for certification. upon receipt of the final required documents by mail and/or successful passage of the Jurisprudence Exam.

Documentation for late Renewals/Reinstatements were reviewed resulting in the following:

AB – Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the reinstatement of SCaBA certification as all requirements had been met. None opposed and the motion passed.

FV – Ms. West made a motion to approve the requested reimbursement of the licensure renewal fee paid last year as the individual did not follow through with the renewal and the form does not state non-refundable and an additional motion to add non-refundable to all applications, renewals, etc. None opposed and the motion passed.

Decision to confirm or reverse administrative revocation was reviewed on the following:

CD – Upon review of the information received by LSP, Ms. Boe administratively revoked this registration and notify the RLT affording an opportunity to respond with any statements and/or documents to be reviewed at this board meeting. The supervisor was also notified of the revocation but not the circumstances that led to said revocation and the individual immediately stopped providing services. After a review of all statements, documents, etc., Dr. Mandal-Blasio requested a Call to Question to confirm the revocation. The vote was as follows:

Ms. West – yay, Dr. Boudloche – yay, Ms. Cole - yay, Ms. Wright - yay, Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Dr. Tuminello – yay, and Ms. Riofrio – yay. The revocation was confirmed.

The following applicants were reviewed after receiving LSP notifications.

DK – Ms. Cole made a motion to allow the registration to continue uninterrupted and require quarterly updates until the case is concluded. None opposed and the motion passed.

JG - This individual did not respond to the request for additional information. Ms. West made a motion to allow 10 days to respond or revoke. If a response is received within the 10 days and deemed sufficient, allow registration to continue uninterrupted while providing monthly updates. None opposed and the motion passed.

MC – Ms. Wright made a motion to allow the registration to continue uninterrupted and require quarterly updates until the case is concluded. None opposed and the motion passed.

JT – Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to allow the registration to continue uninterrupted and require monthly updates until the case is concluded. None opposed and the motion passed.

KA – Ms. Riofrio made a motion to allow the registration to continue uninterrupted and require quarterly updates until the case is concluded. None opposed and the motion passed.

EB – Dr. Tuminello made a motion to temporarily revoke this registration. The board will reconsider when documentation is provided that the case is closed. None opposed and the motion passed.

(Update – this RLT was discontinued before being notified of the temporary revocation and has been flagged for review if reappplies.)

The following applicant was denied for falsifying their applications. Requests were made to reconsider the denial.

CW – It was noted no information was received to dispute the claim that the application was not falsified. Ms. West made a motion to deny the request to reverse the denial; however, if sufficient information/proof is provided, the denial shall be reversed. None opposed and the motion passed.

The following individual was previously flagged for board review if a new RLT application was submitted due to concerns raised in their previous discontinuation.

VC – Ms. Riofrio and Ms. Wright were asked to leave the board meeting as they needed to recuse from this review. The remaining board members reviewed the request to be allowed to reapply as two (2) years

had passed since the individual was flagged. It was noted no new application was received with the request. To decide as to whether to approve without an application is not the procedure for registration and would set precedent for future registrations. The board will review if an application is submitted in the future.

The status of other applicants reviewed and voted on at the January meeting is listed below in the Credential File Reviews.

Complaints Committee:

The board has been reviewing a claim that a RLT was not renewed due to the student exemption. Documentation was requested and it has been confirmed the RLT did not meet both exemptions listed in Opinion #003. Previous communication advised if any additional late renewals were received a board-initiated complaint would be initiated. Dr. Boudloche made a motion to open a board-initiated complaint for failure to renew a line technician four months after renewals ended and after being provided a deadline to renew any additional line technicians. None opposed and the motion passed.

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The board was advised of and briefed on an open complaint and the Complaints Committee recommendation to close with no action. Dr. Mandal-Blasio requested a Call to Question on a motion to close with no action. The results of the votes were as follows:
Ms. West – yay, Dr. Boudloche – yay, Ms. Cole - yay, Ms. Wright - yay, Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Dr. Tuminello – yay, and Ms. Riofrio – yay.
The motion passed and Complaint No. 2026-080C was closed with no action.

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The board was advised of and briefed on an open complaint and the Complaints Committee recommendation to issue a letter of education and close with no formal/reportable disciplinary action. Dr. Mandal-Blasio requested a Call to Question on a motion to issue to close with no action. The results of the votes were as follows:
Ms. West – yay, Dr. Boudloche – yay, Ms. Cole - yay, Ms. Wright - yay, Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Dr. Tuminello – yay, and Ms. Riofrio – yay.
The motion passed and Complaint No. 2025-038C was closed with a letter of education to be issued and no formal/reportable disciplinary action.

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The board reviewed and discussed a signed Consent Agreement and Order in reference to Complaint No. 2026-060B.
Dr. Mandal-Blasio requested a Call to Question on a motion to approve the Consent Agreement and Order. The results of the votes were as follows:
Ms. West – yay, Dr. Boudloche – yay, Ms. Cole - yay, Ms. Wright - yay, Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Dr. Tuminello – yay, and Ms. Riofrio – yay. The motion passed.

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Ms. Boe presented the following update for complaints on behalf of the Complaint’s Coordinator.

2025-036B	SUSPENDED/CONSENT AGREEMENT
2025-038C	REVIEWED TODAY
2025-039C	REPLIED/ATTEMPTING TO SCHEDULE INFORMAL
2025-040C	REPLIED/ATTEMPTING TO SCHEDULE INFORMAL

2025-053C	INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2025-057B	REPLIED/AGREEMENT BEING CONSIDERED
2026-060B	REVIEWED TODAY
2026-062B	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2026-063C	REPLIED/ ATTEMPTING TO SCHEDULE INFORMAL
2026-067C	NOTICE LETTER BEING DRAFTED
2026-069C	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2026-070C	NOTICE LETTER MAILED
2026-071C	NOTICE LETTER MAILED
2026-072C	UNDER REVIEW
2026-073C	UNDER REVIEW
2026-075B	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2026-076B	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2026-077B	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2026-078C	NOTICE LETTER MAILED
2026-079C	UNDER REVIEW
2026-080C	REVIEWING TODAY
2026-081C	UNDER REVIEW
2026-082C	UNDER REVIEW

Finance Committee:

Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the LSBEP invoice for January if no apparent discrepancies noted. None opposed and the motion passed.

Financials for December were reviewed and discussed. Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve the checking reconciliation, Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve the savings reconciliation, and Ms. Wright made a motion to approve the ICS Reconciliation. None opposed and the motions passed. The board reviewed the Balance Sheet, General Ledger, Monthly Profit and Loss and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual for December. Ms. Boe informed the board that the accountant suggested in some cases prepaid expenses be expensed monthly instead of the full amount when paid. Since the board has not done this in the past, there was discussion this change could raise questions during the annual financial audit. Ms. Boe suggested having a representative from Faulk & Winkler attend next month's meeting to explain for the board to discuss. The board agreed and Ms. Boe will attempt to schedule a representative to attend the February meeting. Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve the Full Financials. None opposed and the motion passed.

The board reviewed the annual letter required by Office of State Procurement for signature authority on contracts. The letter requested the Executive Director be approved as the board's delegated signature authority for contacts and/or amendments for the 2026/27 Fiscal Year. Dr. Boudloche made a motion to submit the letter to the Office of State Procurement for approval. None opposed and the motion passed.

Jurisprudence Committee:

No new business.

Legislative Oversight Committee:

General Counsel Newton informed Ms. Boe no response has been received from the emails to sponsor the bill for the upcoming legislative session. Ms. Newton suggested sending a certified, return receipt letter. The board agreed and authorized Ms. Newton to send the letter.

James Raines, Board Prosecuting Attorney arrived at 12:23 p.m. to discuss and review the legal opinions/information received regarding posting of Disciplinary Actions on the board's website.

The board reviewed a follow-up letter from Dr. Barahona in reference to her request to remove certain allegations from the Order of Summary Suspension and Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law for Order of Summary Suspension. That letter listed suggested clarification statements related to the publicly posted Disciplinary Actions. Additionally, the board reviewed the response from the Attorney General's office. Attorney Raines verbally relayed the information he obtained in a telephone conversation with the Legislative Auditor's office. The following is a summary of the information:

- No federal or state statute establishes a uniform requirement of how long to publicly post disciplinary actions.
- LRS 37:3612 requires professional and occupational licensure boards to publish certain license-related data on their website but does not specifically address disciplinary actions or posting durations.
- In the absence of a board-specific statute or promulgated rule, determinations regarding the retention, duration, or presentation of disciplinary postings are generally left to the board's discretion, subject to applicable public records laws, due process considerations, and guidance from legal counsel.
- Legislative Auditor's office informed Attorney Raines when auditing a Board, if the Board is inconsistent in posting and/or length of time Disciplinary Actions remain on their website, this would raise a red flag.
- Tampering or redacting certain parts of a posted Disciplinary Action, which is a public record, could be viewed as injuring public records.

The board discussed and concluded the following:

- In the absence of a statute or rule, as is the case with the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board, precedent is established and should be applied consistently. This Board has consistently posted all disciplinary actions, and all actions remain posted indefinitely in an effort to maintain complete transparency.
- The intentional removal, mutilation, destruction, alteration, falsification, or concealment of any record, document, or other thing, filed or deposited, by authority of law, in any public office or with any public officer is considered injuring public records. Accordingly, modifying an existing order from the prior Board hearing to provide clarification or to change portions of such final order is not an option.
- Determinations regarding the retention, duration, or presentation of disciplinary postings are generally left to the board's discretion, subject to applicable public records laws, due process considerations, and guidance from legal counsel.

Ms. Wright made a motion to deny the request for removal, redaction or clarification of specific posted disciplinary actions as well as clarify that any and all present disciplinary actions will remain posted without modification and any and all future disciplinary actions will continue to be posted in order to ensure transparency and reflect the Board's consistency. None opposed and the motion passed. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstained from the vote.

Attorney Raines left the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

Policies and Procedures Committee:

The board reviewed two drafts of their decision last month in reference to issuing Opinion 004. The opinion in both drafts was the same, only the wording was slightly different. Ms. Riofrio made a motion adopt the second draft and post on the board website. None opposed and the motion passed.

Continuing Education Committee:

The CE Reporting Requirement Chart was restructured by license numbers rather than date licensed. The board reviewed and agreed this would be easier to determine how many hours a licensee was required to report. Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve and post on the website. None opposed and the motion passed.

Supervision Oversight Committee:

No new business.

Long Range Planning:

Registrations continue to be received for the LBAB Sponsored Event. Hotel bookings are extremely low based on the number of attendees who indicated they would be reserving a room. Ms. Boe will attempt to re-negotiate the contract in early February and send an email to those who were requesting a room to let them know the discounted price may be ending soon if the number of rooms in the block are lowered.

Discussion Items:

The board received a request from LaBAA to set up a table to share information about their initiatives and highlight the annual Gulf Coast ABA Conference. Ms. Cole made a motion to allow LaBAA to set up a table at the LBAB Sponsored Event. None opposed and the motion passed. Ms. Boe will coordinate with the hotel to have a space set up next to the registration table.

The board reviewed feedback from the Quarterly Update. This update did generate questions which was viewed as a good addition to disseminate information to licensees.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Boe provided the board a link to the NBC Telemundo article the board office was contacted about last year. There was only one paragraph naming the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board in the article and it contained facts from a board disciplinary hearing and action. The link is <https://www.telemundo.com/noticias/noticias-telemundo/estados-unidos/helpless-rbt-autism-aba-therapies-rcna200544?cid=linknoticias>.

Board members were informed the rate for mileage reimbursement increased beginning January 1, 2026 to 0.725 per mile. Ms. Wright, who had previously not received mileage reimbursement for years, inquired if it was possible to receive her mileage from MSY Airport to the board office as that is where she flies in each month. No one could see any reason this did not qualify as her mileage reimbursement as she does not receive hotel room reimbursement either. Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to add Courtney Wright to the mileage reimbursement list for 123.6 miles round-trip. None opposed and the motion passed.

Stats for December 2025

STATS:

LBAs	12
SCABAs	3
RLTs	275
TRANSFERS	95
DISCONTINUATIONS	164

Dr. Mandal-Blasio adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

CREDENTIAL FILE REVIEWS:

After review of the reports, explanations, and documents, the following occurred:

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| 1.26/1 | Ms. Cole made a motion to deny. None opposed. |
| 1.26/2 | Ms. West made a motion to approve. None opposed. Dr. Boudloche abstained. |
| 1.26/3 | Ms. Cole made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/4 | Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/5 | Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/6 | Ms. West made a motion to approve. None opposed. Ms. Wright and Ms. Riofrio abstained. |
| 1.26/7 | Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/8 | Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/9 | Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/10 | Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/11 | Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/12 | Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/13 | Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/14 | Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/15 | Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/16 | Ms. West made a motion to approve. None opposed. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstained. |
| 1.26/17 | Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/18 | Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/19 | Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/20 | Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve. None opposed. |
| 1.26/21 | Dr. Boudloche made a motion to request additional information and if provided, approve. None opposed. |

The following individuals are to provide monthly updates for review.

10.21/7	Update received.
7.24/22	Update received.
1.24/I	Ms. West made a motion if no update is received in 10 days, license will be temporarily suspended. None opposed. Dr. Boudloche abstained.
7.22/19	Update received.
6.23/7	Ms. West made a motion if no update is received in 10 days, registration will be revoked. None opposed.
8.24/1	Update received.
9.24/1	Update received.
12.24/13	Update received.
12.24/20	Dr. Mandal Blasio made a motion if no update is received in 10 days, registration will be revoked. None opposed.
1.25/14	Update received. Ms. Cole abstained.
1.25/20	Update received.
3.25/26	Update received.
4.25/2	Update received.
4.25/8	RLT Registration discontinued. Ms. Riofrio made a motion to require board review if registered again.
6.24/16	Update received.
7.25/22	Update received.
8.25/28	RLT Registration discontinued. Dr. Boudloche made a motion to require board review if registered again.
8.25/29	Ms. Wright made a motion to close case. None opposed.
9.25/13	Update received.
9.25/23	Update received.
9.25/27	Update received.
9.25/31	Update received.
9.25/32	Update received.
9.25/33	RLT Registration discontinued. Ms. Cole made a motion to require monthly updates if registered again.
10.25/3	Update received.
10.25/17	Update received.
11.25/1	RLT Registration discontinued. Dr. Tuminello made a motion to require monthly updates if registered again.
12.25/12	Update received.
12.25/13	Update received.