

Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board
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Long Range and Strategic Planning Review Meeting Minutes: April 25, 2025
(Approved May 14, 2025)

The Long Range and Strategic Planning Review Meeting of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (Board) was noticed and called to order by Board Chair, Daniela Riofrio at 8:05 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025 at the Airport Hilton – Grand Ballroom located at 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, Louisiana.

Present from LBAB were Board Members: Daniela Riofrio, Renee Cole, Courtney Wright, Rebecca Mandal-Blasio, Lloyd Boudloche, Jr., and Lindy West, Executive Director Rhonda Boe and Executive Administrator, Krysta Babin.

Guests attending the meeting are listed on the last page of the minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Wright to approve the agenda for the April 25, 2025 meeting. None opposed and the motion passed.

Ms. Riofrio addressed the purpose of the meeting and briefly reviewed the handout distributed which is also attached to these minutes. Riofrio stated the handout included the minutes from the board's last Long Range Planning Meeting held September 9, 2022. The purpose of these meetings is to review rules and identify any adjustments that may be required, including input from professionals. The next items on the handout review the progress and related developments since that last meeting as well as future changes planned by the board.

Ms. Riofrio directed the attendees to page 4 which contained questions the board asked itself and factors that identified the need for change.

Ms. Riofrio requested all review the handout during the day and complete page 5 which asked for comments and suggestions and turn in at the registration table for the conference. Ms. Boe and Ms. Babin will compile the comments and/or suggestions during the conference being presented today. At the end of the conference, the meeting will reopen and address those comments/suggestions. Should the number and complexity of comments/suggestions received require more time, these will be addressed at the next board meeting which everyone is invited to attend.

Ms. Riofrio closed the meeting at 8:14 until later in the day.

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Ms. Riofrio reopened the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Ms. Riofrio read the following responses prepared by Ms. Boe in response to the comments/suggestions received:

Many requested more support, protection, resources, etc. from the Board. The Board is a consumer protection board authorized by the state to ensure clients receive services that meet or exceed published standards. Please refer to our website, Act 351, 3704 to review the power and duties of the board. The board has no authority to assist with insurance requirements by providers, constant changes and requirements. The board cannot lobby; however, LaBAA, the professional association can. There are

many legislators familiar with autism challenges who could possibly sponsor bills to assist with these concerns.

There were many comments about the repeated background checks required by insurance providers. Again, the board has no authority or power on this issue. However, a bill passed last year allowing school-based RLTs to enter campuses without providing CBC results. That law stated individuals registered with the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board are to be considered vetted in accordance with our laws which includes a background check. Perhaps the same can be explored with insurance providers. The board cannot lobby or support any bills but would be willing to provide information if asked to do so.

There was a request for PDF fillable forms on our website. The board is complying with ADA guidelines and this includes updating our website as well as forms. These forms are expected to be PDF fillable once updated and should be completed by 2026.

Requests were received about removing discontinued RLT certificates from LBA digital wallets. These will not be removed by the Board. These certificates will be needed for any future audits from insurance providers. There is a way to move these certificates to a different tab in the digital wallet and LBAB staff will send an email with instructions to all LBAs on how to move these certificates.

A request was made for a registry of RLTs available to LBAs including past registrations, dates criminal background checks were initiated, etc. A registry of this type is not possible as their past employment is not the board's information to disclose. Additionally, the registry changes constantly. All RLTs have an account in Certemy so as a potential employer you can request they open their Certemy account which will show all applications submitted and transfers since LBAB began using Certemy.

Should you need to verify if an applicant's CBC results are still valid, send an email to the board office and you will receive a timely response.

Ms. Boe addressed the question about BACB percentages for CE hours. She explained BACB hours are awarded by the BACB for participating in studies, surveys, etc. Events such as the conference today are ACE events and can be 100% of the CE hours as long as they also include the ethics hours requirement.

Ms. Babin addressed the RLT application submissions process. On receipt, staff will respond with the status of the applicant's CBC, i.e. results valid, invalid or an appointment needs to be scheduled with IdentoGO, if not already done. Ms. Babin suggested including the IdentoGO appointment date when emailing the RLT application if possible. Staff follows up weekly with the sender of the email when an application is still not processed. You will not need to be updated if you stated the appointment is on XXXX date until after that date has passed.

If a CBC is used for a RLT Application, LBAB is unable to use the same CBC results for a SCaBA or LBA Application. There were many comments on the CBC process and the unnecessary need for repeated background checks. We do not have any authority to change procedures and must follow guidelines of LSP and FBI. Child Abuse Registry check is not included in CBC and not required by our laws.

Ms. Riofrio stated the question about transfer fees would be addressed at the next meeting. Ms. Riofrio also stated the questions about aligning CE requirements with the changes being implemented by BACB for 2027 would be reviewed by the board in the fall.

Comments received not addressed as questions included:

- Several agreeing with the reciprocity decision
- Approval of lowering renewal fees and changing the renewal date
- Streamlining RLT Application and Renewal (process)
- Appreciation for the board's hard work
- Appreciation for the educational opportunity addressing severe behavior
- Requesting the conference become an annual event

Ms. Riofrio thanked all for attending, reading through the handout and encouraged attendance at future board meetings. The meeting was adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m. by Ms. Riofrio.

Guests

Acosta, Maicee
Allen, Therese
Alpay, Katelynn
Anderson, Jennifer
Arceneaux, Madison
Bamburg, Cheyne
Baquet, Eric
Barrera, Melissa
Bates, Ashley
Benoit, Chloe
Bergeron, Mave
Bindewald, Julia
Blache, Michelle
Blanchard, Crystal
Blanchet, Mary
Bohn, Melody
Bonds, Tiffany
Bordelon, Alexis
Boudreaux, Ashley
Bowers, Stephanie
Bradford, Cassie
Briggs, Katelyn
Briggs, Madeline
Britt, Gabrielle
Broussard, Charlie
Broussard, Charlotte
Broussard, Hannah
Broussard, Madeleine
Burmaster, Sinclair
Camel, Sydney
Canady, Lauren
Cianci, Rebekah
Clark, Jessica
Condon, Quinn
Daigle, Luke

Davenport, Niomi
Davis, Marion
deBaroncelli, Meghan
Dejoie, Ava
DeVilliers, Keith
DeZarn, Lauren
Dumas, Heather
Durel, Alexis
Fandal, Mallory
Fargerson, Elizabeth
Flack, Valerie
Ford, Cassandra
France, Sarah
Fry, Madeline
Galiano, Anne
Gary, Darian
Giammencheri, Jessie
Gilcrease, Emily
Gonzales, Chelsea
Grest, Emily
Guidry, Adelaide
Guidry, Clarissa
Halbert, Kyler
Haley, Amanda
Hammond, Shay
Hamner, Andrea
Hano, Lanie
Harrington, Samantha
Hayes, Carly
Heard, Catherine
Huit, Mariita
Jackson, Danyel
Jealouis, Tiara
Johnson, Asia
Joseph, Savannah
Kapesis, Victoria
Kennard, Laura

Kieschnick, Layne
Kilgore, Meredith
Kimble, Kayla
Krueger, Scott
Lassere, Paige
Ledet, Antoinette
Lehnus, Brandy
Longwell, Jenny
Lowe, Anna
Martin, Aanesha
Mathews, Destini
McCollum-Lord, Elizabeth
Millinich-Lindberg, Leighann
Milton, Lauren
Monson, Tori
Morgan, Ashley
Morris, Rachelle
Morton, Jane
Murray, Angela
Murray, Kelly
Odom, Chelsey
Orjuela, Natalie
Pagani, Jennifer
Peters, Kimberly
Petrie, Dashawn
Phillips, Chelsea
Poincot, Julie
Praetorius, Leslie
Rapley, Alexandra
Reese, Keegan
Riley, Julie
Roane, Taylor
Robeaux, Shannon
Robins, LaTocia
Rodriguez, Gabrielle
Ross, Bradley
Sandwisch, Brooke
Savoie, Julie
Smith, Alaina
Snigg, Corrina

Spain, Ambriel
St. Amant, Alyssa
St. Pierre, Zoe
Stevens, Savannah
Tassin, Miranda
Taylor, Bridget
Terro, Victoria
Thibodaux, Melissa
Thibodeaux, Alyssa
Thibodeaux, Dominique
Thornhill, Courtney
Tommasi, Britni
Toups, Ashley
Tran, Alicia
Turnbull, Carrie
Vara-Napier, Carmen
Viator, Amber
Vignes, Ian
Villareal, Deanna
Weaver, Symantha
Weisflog, Dorothea
Welty, Nicolette
White, Melissa
White, Sarah
Williams, Tara
Wilson, Radiah
Wodarczyk, Harry
Young, Addie

Birney, Breannon
Bateman, Meredith
Guidry, Christian
Jurado, Ashley
Mitchell, Alyssa
Roy, Erica

Rajaraman, Adithyan
Jones, Kimberly