

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: May 13, 2026
(Approved July 8, 2026)

The meeting of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (Board) was noticed and called to order by Board Chair, Rebecca Mandal-Blasio at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Present were Board Members: Rebecca Mandal-Blasio, Courtney Wright, Lindy West, Lloyd Boudloche, Jr., Joseph Tuminello, III, Catherine Heard and Scott Lepley, Executive Director Rhonda Boe and Executive Administrator Krysta Babin.

A motion was made by Dr. Mandal-Blasio to approve the agenda for the May 13, 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 8:46 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 10:22 a.m.

Dr. Mandal-Blasio closed Executive Session at 11:51 a.m.

Dr. Mandal-Blasio began the Open Meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Ms. West made a motion to approve the April 8, 2026 minutes. None opposed and the motion passed.

The following occurred regarding the credential file reviews:

Licensure Applicants 5.26/A, 5.26/B, 5.26/C, 5.26/G, 5.26/H, 5.26/L, 5.26/M, 5.26/N, and 5.26/O were reviewed and approved for licensure. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstained from the vote on 5.26/N.

Licensure Applicants 5.26/F and 5.26/J were reviewed and approved for licensure upon receipt of the final documents by mail. None opposed and the motion passed.

Licensure Applicant 5.26/I was reviewed and approved for licensure. Applicant chose to defer licensure to July 1, 2026. Dr. Heard abstained.

Licensure Applicant 5.26/K was reviewed and approved for licensure upon receipt of the final documents by mail. Applicant chose to defer licensure to July 1, 2026.

SCaBA Applicants 5.26/D and 5.26/E were reviewed and approved for certification.

SCaBA Applicants 5.26/P and 5.26/Q were reviewed and approved for certification upon receipt of the final documents by mail. None opposed and the motion passed.

Licensure Applicant 5.26/R submitted a Supplemental Application for Fee Waiver. After review, a payment plan was offered by the board.

Reconsideration Request

A previously denied applicant for licensure, not eligible to apply for two (2) years, requested reconsideration to reapply after one (1) year after providing documentation of reinstatement of BACB credentialing. The file was reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Mandal-Blasio requested a Call to Question on a motion to allow the applicant to reapply after one (1) year of the denial. The results of the votes were as follows:

Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Ms. Wright – yay, Ms. West – yay, Mr. Lepley – yay, Dr. Heard – yay, Mr. Boudloche -yay, Dr. Tuminello -yay. The motion passed.

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Pre-Eligibility Determination Request

A future applicant for licensure submitted a pre-eligibility determination request form to determine if in their current status they would be eligible for licensure if they pursued a degree in this profession. The request was reviewed and discussed.

Dr. Mandal-Blasio requested a Call to Question on a motion to declare the future applicant eligible for licensure based on their current status. The results of the votes were as follows:

Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Ms. Wright – yay, Ms. West – yay, Mr. Lepley – yay, Dr. Heard – yay, Mr. Boudloche -yay, Dr. Tuminello -yay. The motion passed.

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The following applicants were reviewed after receiving LSP notifications.

DA - Dr. Heard 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.

BW - 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.

JJ – Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to revoke due to the seriousness of the charges. None opposed and the motion passed.

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Requests were received to flag the following individuals for board review if a new RLT application is submitted due to ethical concerns.

LB – Dr. Tuminello made a motion not to flag this individual for board review should a new application be received. None opposed and the motion passed.

TM – Dr. Boudloche made a motion not to flag this individual for board review should a new application be received. None opposed and the motion passed.

DM – Ms. West made a motion to flag this individual for board review should a new application be received. None opposed and the motion passed.

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

Complaints Committee:

The board reviewed and discussed a signed Consent Agreement and Order in reference to Complaint No. 2026-063C.

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:

Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Ms. Wright – yay, Ms. West – yay, Mr. Lepley– yay, Mr. Boudloche -yay, Dr. Tuminello -yay. The motion passed. Dr. Heard abstained from the vote.

The board was advised of and briefed on an open complaint and the Complaints Committee recommendation to close with no action due to insufficient evidence. Dr. Mandal-Blasio requested a Call to Question on a motion to close with no action. The results of the votes were as follows: Dr. Mandal-Blasio – nay, Ms. Wright – nay, Ms. West – nay, Mr. Lepley – nay, Dr. Heard – nay, Mr. Boudloche - nay, Dr. Tuminello -nay. The motion failed. The committee will continue to investigate.

Ms. Boe advised the board that the Complaints Committee had documentation it had reviewed indicating a possible ethical boundary violation of a licensee. Dr. Mandal-Blasio requested a Call to Question on a motion to open a board-initiated complaint. The results of the votes were as follows:

Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Ms. Wright – yay, Ms. West – yay, Mr. Lepley – yay, Dr. Heard – yay, Mr. Boudloche -yay, Dr. Tuminello -yay. The motion passed.

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

COMPLAINTS UPDATE:

FY 24/25	2025-053C	INFORMAL HELD/CONSENT BEING CONSIDERED
FY 25/26	2026-062B	INFORMAL HELD/REVIEWING
FY 25/26	2026-063C	BOARD REVIEWED TODAY/CONSENT APPROVED
FY 25/26	2026-067C	REPLIED/REVIEWING
FY 25/26	2026-075B	BOARD REVIEWED TODAY/CONTINUE INVESTIGATION
FY 25/26	2026-076B	BOARD REVIEWED TODAY/CONTINUE INVESTIGATION
FY 25/26	2026-077B	BOARD REVIEWED TODAY/CONTINUE INVESTIGATION
FY 25/26	2026-078C	REPLIED/REVIEWING
FY 25/26	2026-079C	REPLIED/REVIEWING
FY 25/26	2026-081C	REVIEWING/REQ. ADDTL DOCS
FY 25/26	2026-082C	REVIEWING/REQ. ADDTL DOCS
FY 25/26	2026-083B	REPLIED/REVIEWING
FY 25/26	2026-084C	REPLIED/REVIEWING
FY25/26	2026-085B	REPLIED/REVIEWING
FY25/26	2026-086C	PREPARING NOTICE LETTER
FY25/26	2026-087C	PREPARING NOTICE LETTER

Finance Committee:

Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve the LSBEP invoice for May if no apparent discrepancies noted. None opposed and the motion passed.

Financials for April were reviewed and discussed. Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve the checking reconciliation, Ms. West made a motion to approve the savings reconciliation, and Mr. Lepley 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 April. Financials were reviewed and discussed. Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve the Full Financials. None opposed and the motion passed.

The board discussed moving funds and Ms. Boe advised that a board member needs to be added to the account at the bank since Ms. Cole was the board member listed. This would be done after renewals and Dr. Heard would be added since she resides in Baton Rouge. The board reviewed invoices from the board sponsored conference and it appears the total came in under budget. We will review next month to confirm.

Ms. Boe presented a legal contract for Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson to serve as prosecuting attorney for another year. The board reviewed and Mr. Lepley made a motion to approve the contract and offer to the firm. Ms. West made a motion to allow Ms. Boe to negotiate the fees, if necessary, to the amount agreed upon by the board so the contract could be submitted and approved before the fiscal year ends. None opposed and the motion passed.

Ms. Boe presented an amendment to the current contract with Roedel Parsons, etc. to serve as Administrative Law Judge. The amendment would extend the contract for an additional year since their services were not utilized this fiscal year as no hearings were held. Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve an extension of the current contract. None opposed and the motion passed.

The board reviewed the Proposed Amended Budget for the current fiscal year. Ms. Wright made a motion to approve the Amended Budget, submit to the appropriate committees and enter into Boards and Commissions database. None opposed and the motion passed.

Ms. Boe advised the board the administrative assistant Odessa Fussell gave a week's notice and this was her last week with the board. She also explained with renewals beginning last week, there was no time to start the lengthy process to fill the classified position. LSBEP's administrative assistant position is being eliminated July 1, 2026. After discussion with Jaime Monic, Executive Director of LSBEP, it was discovered they would be willing to keep her on a part-time basis and share her with our board thereby keeping her a full-time employee. As our law states we are able to share resources, an agreement was proposed. Jalyne Brown would remain an unclassified employee of LSBEP, and LBAB would utilize her 30 hours a week and LSBEP would utilize her 10 hours per week. Ms. Brown's salary, employer's contributions to LASERS and health insurance were totaled. LBAB will be invoiced 30 hours per week x that total on the LSBEP bill we receive each month for services/resources shared. Dr. Heard made a motion to accept this agreement and share the costs of the Administrative Assistant position held by Jalyne Brown. None opposed and the motion passed.

Jurisprudence Committee:

Dr. Tuminello is researching new platforms to utilize for the Jurisprudence Exam as Canvas was hacked and is still not in operation for free users. Canvas costs are too high for the board's needs as they are tailored for universities, etc.

Legislative Oversight Committee:

The board was provided an update by Ms. Boe of current bills that would affect the board and the progress of the board's bill to eliminate the duplicate sunset laws.

The board was advised that there are no clear rules through BACB or LBAB regarding mandatory reporting of impaired or unethical colleagues. After discussion, the board asked to include on a future agenda to work on promulgating rules to provide clear reporting requirements.

Policies and Procedures Committee:

No new business.

Continuing Education Committee:

Audit reviews of Continuing Education Reporting logs submitted for renewals was performed by all board members. Those selected for audit were given to Ms. Boe.

Ms. Boe informed the board of a mistake on the first reporting chart provided to all licensees, approved at a previous board meeting. She asked that any licensee/certificant who reports according to that chart be approved. Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve any person who reports according to the first reporting chart distributed. None opposed and the motion passed.

Supervision Oversight Committee:

No new business.

Long Range Planning:

Ms. Boe provided feedback and costs associated with the LBAB sponsored event held on May 1, 2026. The board reviewed and all agreed despite the weather it was a success.

Discussion Items:

The board reviewed a question received on Neurodiversity Coaching. The advertisements reviewed for this service did have disclaimers/statements advising these services are non-clinical, not therapy nor treatment.

A question on telehealth supervision of SCaBAs (Section 505 G) was reviewed was discussed. Ms. Boe was asked to respond with sections 505D (4), 505 G, 503 Supervision Requirements, D (4) and G.

Ms. Boe advised she would send the bios from the recent board elections to LaBAA to submit to the Governor for review and appointments.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Boe asked if the June meeting could be moved because it falls during the week of black-out dates and files will need to be reviewed for registration. The board instead agreed to an exception of any files being reviewed for approval to be processed during the black-out dates as long as the supervisor was informed and agreed to renew the individual by June 30th.

Stats for April 2026

LBAs	9
SCABAs	3
RLTs	391
TRANSFERS	233
DISCONTINUATIONS	280

Dr. Mandal-Blasio adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

CREDENTIAL FILE REVIEWS:

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

- 5.26/1 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/2 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/3 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.

- 5.26/4 Dr. Heard made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/5 Dr. Heard made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/6 Dr. Heard made a motion to request additional information and if provided will require to provide monthly updates. None opposed.
- 5.26/7 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/8 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve if results match exactly when results received. None opposed. Dr. Heard abstained.
- 5.26/9 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/10 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/11 Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/12 Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/13 Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/14 Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/15 Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/16 Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/17 Ms. Wright made a motion to approve but will require to provide monthly updates. None opposed.
- 5.26/18 Employer no longer wanted to move forward with applicant.
- 5.26/19 Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/20 Ms. West made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/21 Ms. West made a motion to request additional information and table until the next board meeting. None opposed.
- 5.26/22 Mr. Lepley made a motion to approve if results match exactly when results received. None opposed.
- 5.26/23 Mr. Lepley made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.26/24 Mr. Lepley made a motion to approve. None opposed.

5.26/25 Mr. Lepley made a motion to approve. None opposed.

The following applications are to provide monthly updates for review.

10.21/7 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to close the case. None opposed.

7.24/22 Update received.

1.24/I Update received. Dr. Boudloche abstained.

7.22/19 Update received.

6.23/7 Update received.

9.24/1 Update received.

1.25/14 Update received.

1.25/20 Update received.

3.25/26 Update received.

4.25/2 Update received.

6.24/16 Update received.

9.25/13 Update received.

9.25/27 RLT Registration discontinued. Ms. Wright made a motion to require quarterly updates if registered again. None opposed.

9.25/31 Update received.

9.25/32 Update received. Mr. Lepley abstained.

10.25/3 Ms. West made a motion if no update is received in 10 days, registration will be revoked. None opposed. Ms. Wright abstained.

10.25/17 Update received.

12.25/12 Update received.

12.25/13 Update received.

1.26/22	Update received.
1.26/24	Update received.
1.26/25	Update received.
2.26/11	Update received.
2.26/19	Update received.
2.26/29	Update received.
2.26/31	RLT Registration discontinued. Mr. Lepley made a motion to require monthly updates if registered again. None opposed.
3.26/19	Update received.
3.26/20	Update received.
3.26/21	Update received.
3.26/22	Update received.
4.26/5	Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion if no update is received in 10 days, registration will be revoked. None opposed. Ms. Wright abstained.
4.26/15	Dr. Boudloche made a motion to move from monthly updates to quarterly updates. None opposed. Dr. Heard abstained.
4.26/19	Update received.
4.26/20	RLT Registration discontinued. Mr. Lepley made a motion to require monthly updates if registered again. None opposed.
4.26/21	Update received.
4.26/22	Update received.
4.26/23	Update received.