

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES: May 14, 2025

(Approved June 11, 2025)

The meeting of the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board (Board) was noticed and called to order by Board Chair, Daniela Riofrio at 8:52 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., Suite C-150, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Present were Board Members: Daniela Riofrio, Courtney Wright, Joseph Tuminello, III, Lloyd Boudloche, Jr., Renee Cole, Rebecca Mandal-Blasio and Lindy West, Executive Director Rhonda Boe and Executive Administrator, Krysta Babin.

A motion was made by Ms. West to approve the agenda for the April 9, 2025 meeting. None opposed and the motion passed.

Pursuant to LSA R.S. 42:6.1(4), Ms. Riofrio moved to enter Executive Session at 8:53 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 10:24 a.m.

Ms. Riofrio closed Executive Session at 12:33 p.m.

Ms. Riofrio began the Open Meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve the April 25, 2025 minutes. None opposed and the motion passed.

The following occurred regarding the credential file reviews:

Licensure Applicants 4.25/R, 5.25/A, 5.25/C, 5.25/D, 5.25/H, 5.25/I, 5.25/O, 5.25/P, 5.25/Q, 5.25/R , 5.25/T, 5.25/U, 5.25/Y and 5.25/Z were reviewed and approved for licensure.

Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstained from 4.25/O.

Licensure Applicants 5.25/B, 5.25/M, 5.25/N and 5.25/S were reviewed and approved for licensure upon receipt of final required documents by mail and/or successful passage of Jurisprudence Exam. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstained on 4.25/I.

SCaBA Applicants 5.25/E, 5.25/F, 5.25/G, 5.25/J, 5.25/L, 5.25/V and 5.25/W were reviewed and approved for certification.

Ms. West abstained on 5.25/E, 5.25/G and 5.25/V. Ms. Cole abstained on 5.25/E.

SCaBA Applicants 5.25/K, 5.25/X and 5.25/AA were reviewed and approved for certification upon receipt of final required documents by mail and/or successful passage of Jurisprudence Exam.

A late LBA renewal was received and reviewed for DB. Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the late renewal. None opposed and the motion passed. Ms. Boe is also to advise the LBA another renewal is due before July 1, 2025.

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A rap back was received on a RLT (KW) and reviewed along with information submitted by the RLT. Ms. Cole made a motion to allow the registration to continue uninterrupted until next month and require the RLT to provide the police report. Failure to provide may result in revocation. None opposed and the motion passed.

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A rap back was previously received on a RLT (ZJ) and reviewed along with information submitted by the RLT. Ms. Wright made a motion to allow the registration to continue uninterrupted while providing monthly updates to the board until this matter is concluded. None opposed and the motion passed.

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A rap back was previously received on a RLT (MK) and reviewed along with information submitted by the RLT. Ms. West made a motion to allow the registration to continue uninterrupted while providing quarterly updates to the board until this matter is concluded. None opposed and the motion passed.

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A discontinuation was received on a RLT (VH) with a request to flag this individual from registering as a line technician in the future. Dr. Boudloche made a motion not to flag the file for board review should a new application for registration be received. None opposed and the motion passed.

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A discontinuation was received on a RLT (LM) with a request to flag this individual from registering as a line technician in the future. Ms. Cole made a motion not to flag the file for board review should a new application for registration be received. None opposed and the motion passed.

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A discontinuation was received on a RLT (RJ) with a request to flag this individual from registering as a line technician in the future due to unethical and physical behavior with a client. Ms. Wright made a motion to flag the file for board review should a new application for registration be received. None opposed and the motion passed. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstained.

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A discontinuation was received on a RLT (CC) with a request to flag this individual from registering as a line technician in the future due to unethical and physical behavior with a client. Ms. Riofrio made a motion to flag the file for board review should a new application for registration be received. None opposed and the motion passed.

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A discontinuation was received on a RLT (DL) with a request to flag this individual from registering as a line technician in the future. Ms. Cole made a motion not to flag the file for board review should a new application for registration be received. None opposed and the motion passed.

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An RLT previously approved (MP) was discovered to not have a diploma or GED. Dr. Tuminello made a motion to flag the file and not approve any new registrations without proof and verification of high school diploma. None opposed and the motion passed.

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 Consent Agreement and Order in reference to Complaint No. 2023-023C.

Ms. Riofrio requested a Call to Question on a motion to approve the Consent Agreement and Order. The results of the votes were as follows:

Ms. Wright – yay, Ms. West – yay, Dr. Boudloche – yay, Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Dr. Tuminello – yay and Ms. Riofrio – yay and the motion passed.

The board reviewed and discussed a Consent Agreement and Order in reference to Complaint No. 2025-051B.

Ms. Riofrio requested a Call to Question on a motion to approve the Consent Agreement and Order. The results of the votes were as follows:

Ms. Wright – yay, Ms. West – yay, Dr. Boudloche – yay, Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay, Dr. Tuminello – yay and Ms. Riofrio – yay and the motion passed.

The board was notified of a complaint received which was properly investigated by the LBAB. The Complaint Committee recommended issuing a letter of education on 2024-033C, with no other action against the licensee, unless this same situation arises in the future. After review, the board included a stipulation that the letter be strongly worded and reviewed by the board before sending. Ms. Riofrio requested a Call to Question on a motion to approve the sending of a strongly worded Letter of Education to be approved by the board on Complaint No. 2024-033C and then closing this complaint with no further action. The results of the votes were as follows:

Ms. Wright – yay, Ms. West – yay, Dr. Boudloche – yay, Dr. Mandal-Blasio – yay and Ms. Riofrio – yay, Ms. Cole – yay and Dr. Tuminello – yay. The motion passed.

The board voted last month to send a letter of non-compliance in reference to a Consent Agreement and Order. Upon consultation with board prosecuting attorney, the findings indicate new ethical violations and therefore a new complaint would need to be opened to send a notice letter. Ms. Cole made a motion to open a new complaint. None opposed and the motion passed.

A self-report was received from a LBA about allowing an individual to provide services before being registered. Dr. Boudloche made a motion to open a board-initiated complaint. None opposed and the motion passed.

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

2023-023C	REVIEWED TODAY
2024-33C	REVIEWED TODAY
2025-036B	SUSPENDED/REVISED CONSENT AGREEMENT
2025-038C	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING

2025-039C	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2025-040C	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2025-041C	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2025-044C	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2025-045C	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2025-046C	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2025-047C	REPLIED/INVESTIGATION ONGOING
2025-049B	REPLY RECEIVED/CONSENT AGREEMENT BEING REVIEWED
2025-050B	REPLY RECEIVED/CONSENT AGREEMENT BEING REVIEWED
2025-51B	REVIEWED TODAY
2025-052C	REVIEWING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS
2025-053C	EXTENSION TO RESPOND REQUESTED/GRANTED

Finance Committee:

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

Financials for March were reviewed and discussed. Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve the checking reconciliation, Ms. West made a motion to approve the savings reconciliation, and Ms. Riofrio 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 March. The Right to Review income and expense was questioned. Ms. Boe explained with the new process for CBC there is no longer any acceptance of payment for background checks and/or Rights to Review by the board. Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the full financials for March with no apparent discrepancies noted. None opposed and the motion passed.

Financials for April were reviewed and discussed. Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the checking reconciliation, Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve the savings reconciliation, and Ms. Riofrio 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. A question was asked regarding if all the expenses were paid for the conference. Ms. Boe informed the board this would be complete with the May financials. Ms. Cole made a motion to approve the full financials for April with no apparent discrepancies noted. None opposed and the motion passed.

Ms. Boe shared the Legislative Auditor's office recommendation for the AUP audit. The board reviewed and discussed the possibility of contracting with the recommended provider in the future. Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve the proposal for the AUP audit from Pinell & Martinez. None opposed and the motion passed. Ms. Boe will notify the Legislative Auditor's office.

Ms. Boe also advised there has been no progress in reaching terms for a 3-year contract with our current accounting firm. She will reach out again.

The board discussed amending the budget a second time for a few categories that will have discrepancies. Ms. Boe will prepare based on the board's recommendations.

Jurisprudence Committee:

No new business.

Legislative Oversight Committee:

The board reviewed the progress of bills for this legislative session which could impact boards.

Ms. Boe will have the draft to amend Chapter 3 301 A.1 at May meeting.

Policies and Procedures Committee:

First draft of policy regarding falsified RLT applications is still being prepared.

Continuing Education Committee:

No new business

Supervision Oversight Committee:

Audits are postponed due to workload created by renewals.

Long Range Planning:

Some of the comments received on the board sponsored presentation were as follows:

Great presentation/recommendations. Great presentation A+!

Can this be an annual event? ...being able to access quality material in person.

Informative, helpful and fun. Loved the presenter. He was very engaging.

Love the discussion and visuals. It's easy to follow, relatable.

Great information to further the field and make meaningful impact.

Great conference.

100% stated the topic was relevant.

Survey statistics are included in the last pages of these minutes.

Discussion Items:

Reappointment of Consumer Member – Governor Landry's office asked if Dr. Tuminello would be interested in being reappointed as the Consumer Member of the board. Dr. Tuminello accepted the offer of reappointment. Ms. Boe will inform the Governor's office.

Renewals Update – All instructions have been provided. Renewals running smooth thus far although always slow to come in until June.

During the Long-Range Planning Meeting a question was raised about eliminating transfer fees. Ms. Boe brought documentation to the meeting to demonstrate how many transfers are processed every month. That number is also recorded in the monthly minutes. The board discussed and did not have any reason to propose eliminating the transfer fee.

LSBEP has not met yet to approve the updated MOU with LBAB.

Executive Director's Report:

STATS – April 2025

LBA	12
SCABA	8
RLT	316
TRANSFERS	99
DISCONT.	272

A question was received regarding exempt student status. The question pertained to one individual serving as the university faculty member and the LBA at the internship site. This is a rare situation that arose. After discussion and review, the board could find no law or rule to prohibit a licensed behavior analyst from serving in both roles. Ms. Boe will respond as follows:

If the student meets the 1st requirement for exemption stated below, i.e., field work/clinical experience is part of the program of study and you are the professor for that program and also the Licensed Behavior Analysis where the field work/clinical experience is conducted there is no conflict of interest with board rules.

1) Enrolled in a matriculated college or university student, intern, or postdoctoral fellow whose activities are part of a defined behavior analysis program of study, supervised field or clinical experience AND

2) The experience is conducted under the extended authority of the university

Ms. Boe brought up how many LBAs/clinics are requesting past certificates for insurance audits. This is taking a significant amount of staff time and these certificates should have been retained in files for a minimum of 6 years. The board agreed this is not a duty of the board; however, our law has a fee for reissuance of a license or certificate. A motion was made by Ms. Cole to begin charging \$15.00 per requested certificate. None opposed and the motion passed.

Ms. Riofrio adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

CREDENTIAL FILE REVIEWS:

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

- 5.25/1 Ms. Cole made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/2 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve. None opposed. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstain.
- 5.25/3 Ms. Cole made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/4 Ms. Cole made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/5 Ms. Cole made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/6 Ms. Cole made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/7 Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/8 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to deny. None opposed.
- 5.25/9 Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/10 Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/11 Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed.

- 5.25/12 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve if results match exactly when results received. None opposed. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstain.
- 5.25/13 Ms. Wright made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/14 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/15 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/16 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/17 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve. None opposed. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstain.
- 5.25/18 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/19 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to request additional information, and if provided approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/20 Dr. Mandal-Blasio made a motion to approve but will require to provide monthly updates. None opposed.
- 5.25/21 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/22 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/23 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve if results match exactly when results received. None opposed.
- 5.25/24 Ms. Riofrio made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/25 Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/26 Applicant no longer required board review.
- 5.25/27 Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/28 Dr. Tuminello made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/29 Ms. West made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/30 Ms. West made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/31 Ms. West made a motion to approve. None opposed.
- 5.25/32 Dr. Boudloche made a motion to approve. None opposed. Dr. Mandal-Blasio abstain.

5.25/33 Ms. West made a motion to approve. None opposed.

The following applications are to provide monthly updates for review.

10.21/7 Update received.

10.23/F Update received.

7.24/22 Update received.

1.24/I Update received.

6.23/7 Update received.

11.23/15 Update received.

2.24/6 Ms. West made a motion to close case. None opposed.

5.24/1 Update received.

5.24/20 Update received.

5.24/23 RLT Registration discontinued. Ms. Wright made a motion to require monthly updates if registered again.

6.24/30 Update received.

8.24/1 Update received.

9.24/1 Update received.

9.24/26 Ms. Cole made a motion to close case. None opposed.

10.24/21 Update received.

10.24/26 Update received.

11.24/19 Update received.

12.24/13 Update received.

12.24/20 Update received.

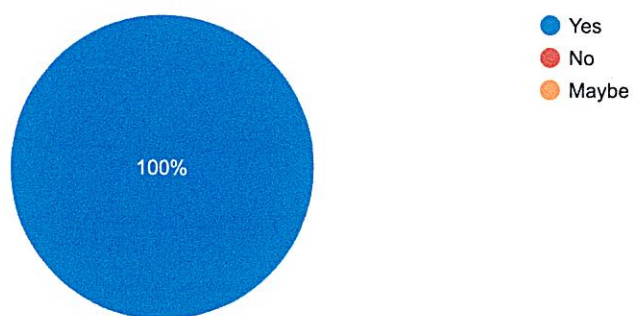
12.24/21 Update received.

1.25/6 Update received.

1.25/14	Update received. Ms. Cole abstained.
1.25/20	Update received.
1.25/21	Update received.
2.25/32	Update received. Ms. Cole abstained.
3.25/8	Update received.
3.25/9	Update received.
3.25/12	Dr. Boudloche made a motion to close case. None opposed.
3.25/14	Update received.
3.25/26	Update received.
4.25/2	Update received.
4.25/8	Update received.
4.25/10	Update received.
4.25/17	Update received.

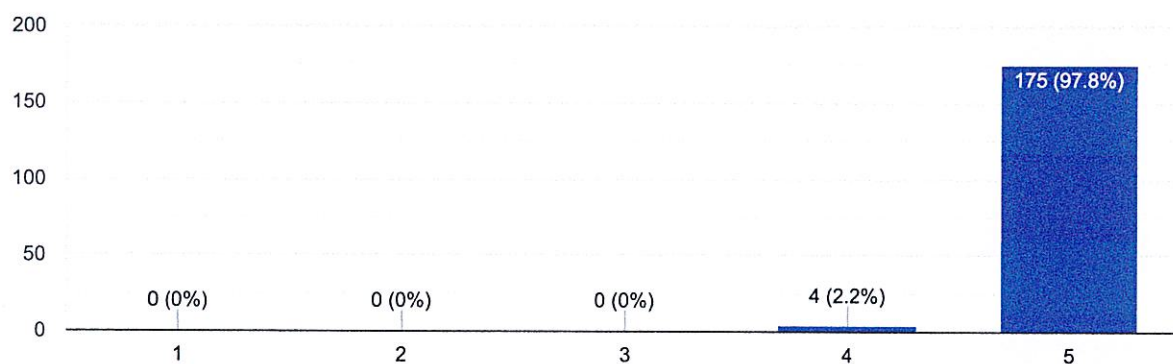
Was this training relevant to you?

178 responses



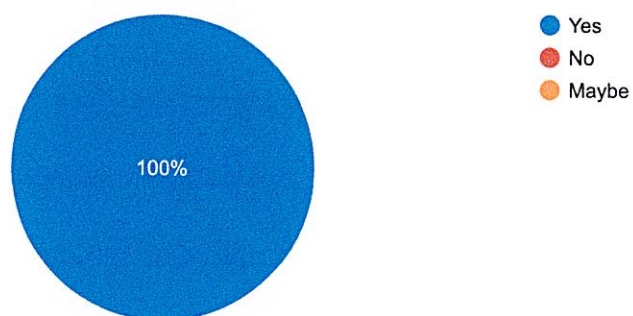
Presenter's knowledge of the topic and organization of presentation:

179 responses



Would you be interested in attending trainings sponsored by LBAB in the future?

178 responses



Future topics of interest:

ACT

Open

Relational Frame Theory

ACT assent based treatment

Pica

Continued training for fluency of this topic

Insurance information, SBT in public schools

Homeschooling and ABA

Supervision,

Feeding treatments with SBT

PEAK

Supervision of RLTs,

Increasing mand fluency

Communication

Can we please have him come back next year? So well done!!!

Feeding, AAC

Ethics and supervision

Parent training

Assent

Interventions for severe behaviors

Programming for Higher level learners to decrease maladaptive behaviors

More FTF! BTP writing for insurance compliance.

More info on interventions for clients with severe behaviors

Insurance and state requirement changes.

ABA and feeding

Generalization/fading out SBT into other settings

Compassionate leadership/supervision

Tech training

Training staff

Medication interactions that affect treatment

More compassion based approaches to communication, research etc

Food Acceptance, Sleep, verbal behavior, AAC

Insurance, family training, consulting in schools,

Adults on the spectrum in the workplace / successfully vocational and life skills

More FTF! And BTP writing for insurance compliance.

EAB

Profound Autism treatment Supporting DMDD and ED students

Having him Come back next year

Caregiver training and guidance of services following ABA

Ethics

More behavior management protocols

Parent education training

BST with NET teaching

Keep brining PFA/SbT to the south!!!!

It seems like we should have one on insurance requirements

Avoiding Burnout

Training in school-based setting
Feeding!
More Hanley!
Ethics
Insurance billing
Caregiver training
Continue to build on SBT across different situations.
Behavior momentum theory in practice
Managing teens with ASD during puberty
Mindfulness, ACT
Business Management/Insurance Billing
Supervision, Parent Training, etc.
Managing teens with asd during puberty
FA
Working with Emotional Disturbed - ACT
More on PFA/SBT
ACT -for working with mental health and emotionally disturbed students
More pFa
Early Start Denver Model
FCT
Feeding, potty training, safety training
Communication
Anything FTF. Really appreciate this opportunity. Will definitely attend future events. Thank yall!
This was great! Unsure of what other topics, but truly enjoyed this!
Other interventions for severe behaviors, specifically automatic
More of this topic as well as SEL, PDA and Gestalt language learners in relation to ABA.
Really enjoyed this, so grateful for the opportunity for the CEUs and felt like the content was extremely helpful. Would love more training on severe behavior, on working with other professionals and updates to compassionate care
Gestalt Language Processors
Feeding, sleeping
Feeding interventions, sleeping interventions, trauma informed care
Generalization, maintenance of skills, parent training goals
Parent training on same topic
Feeding therapy with ABA
Feeding, Sleeping, Parent Education
Higher level learning
Really appreciated this topic, unsure of new topic
More on Hanley's studies
Assent & severe problem behaviors.
Parent who's identity is their child's disability and thus sabotage progress
Not sure at the moment
Feeding selectivity
ACT in practice
Neurodiversity, IEPs, advocacy