



# State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

## LOUISIANA DOULA REGISTRY BOARD

August 30, 2023  
11am-12pm  
Benson Towers  
1450 Poydras Street  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
18th Floor, Conference Room 1801

### MINUTES

#### I. Roll Call and Introductions

- a. Meeting called to order by Chair Dawn Collins at 11:05 am.
- b. Eight members were in attendance; and a quorum was present.
  - a. **Members in attendance:** Dawn Collins (chair), Amanda Devereux, Nanette McCann, Karelle Percy, Shanika Valcour-LeDuff, Zana Washington, Victoria Williams, and Meshawn Siddiq
  - b. **Members not in attendance:** Tiffany Wyatt and Cassandra Jessie-Johnson
- c. **Guests:** David McCay, Tara Soria, and Steph Visco
- d. **Support staff:** Shane Bates and Ayesha Umrigar

#### II. Housekeeping

- a. Chair Collins reviewed the protocol requirements with board membership and the public as to raising their hand and being recognized to speak, both in person and virtually.

#### III. Discussion of the Notice of Intent – Rules for doula registration with the Louisiana Doula Registry Board

- a. Terminology for individuals utilizing doula services
  1. Ms. Valcour-LeDuff motioned to change term “patient” to “client” throughout the rule draft. Ms. Valcour-LeDuff seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- b. **Technical corrections**
  1. Ms. Williams motioned to add “; and appeals” to sections 406 and 605 to maintain consistency with the rest of the rule. Ms. Valcour-LeDuff seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.
  2. Ms. Percy motioned to remove typo from section 501 page 8. Ms. Valcour-LeDuff seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- c. **Language regarding certification/training**

1. Ms. McCann motioned to use language “use certificate of completion of training.” Ms. Valcour-LeDuff seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**d. Language regarding diversity and inclusion**

1. There was discussion on which topics may be included in training curriculums for doulas. Ms. Devereaux to include Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) in the rule’s language. There was discussion following this motion about the inclusion of cultural competency and gender equity. Ms. Devereaux withdrew her motion, and then made a new motion to include cultural humility as well as DEI. Ms. Percy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**e. Language regarding time needed to reapply after approval revocation**

1. The board discussed shortening the waiting period following approval revocation. Ms. Williams motioned to shorten the five year waiting period to one year. Ms. Valcour-LeDuff seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.
2. The board discussed what effect, if any, the revocation of a doula training organization’s approval should have on an individual doula’s registration. Ms. Devereaux motioned to add language stating that revocation of an organization’s registration does not affect an individual doula’s registration. Ms. Siddiq seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.
3. The board discussed the addition of language stating that individuals and training organization must demonstrate that cause of revocation no longer exists. Ms. Devereaux motioned to add this language. Ms. Percy seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**f. Final approval of the Notice of Intent**

1. The Chair (Ms. Collins) motioned to accept the language of the rule as amended. Ms. Devereaux seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**IV. Public Comment**

1. Chair Collins requested comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

**V. Adjournment**

1. Chair Collins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion accepted, and the meeting adjourned at 11:57 am.