

**SIMULATION MEDICAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION COUNCIL OF LOUISIANA
(SMTEC-LA)**

February 2nd, 2021

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Via virtual Zoom Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Council Chair Alison Davis called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Cara Landry called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Members Present	Affiliation
Alison Davis, Chair*	LA State University System
Meg Bankston	Governor's Policy Advisor on Health
Kenneth Alexander*	LA Hospital Association
Christina Constaza	LA State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners
Jennifer Calzada	Tulane School of Medicine
Nicole Coarsey	LA Department of Health
Tabitha Jones-Thomas	LA Assoc. of Independent Colleges & Universities
Lisa Broussard*	LA Council of Administrators of Nursing Education
Brooke Voorhies	AHECs for a Healthy Louisiana
Beth Mizell	LA Senate
Patricia Dufrene	LA State Board of Nursing
Wendi Palermo*	LCTCS
Rosa Walton	Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
Trudy Williams	Southern University System
Susannah Craig	Board of Regents
Members Absent	Affiliation
Wes Hataway*	LA Nursing Home Association
Dr. J. Kerry Howell	LA State Board of Medical Examiners
Stacey Lee	LSUHSC – Shreveport
Dustin Miller	House of Representatives
Evon Smith	LA Ambulance Alliance
Kellie Taylor-White	LA Workforce Commission
Martha Moore*	LA Department of Education
Daryl Lofaso*	LSUHSC – New Orleans
Peggy Wolfe	University of Louisiana System

*Members of the Executive Committee

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 13, 2020 meeting were presented for review and approval.

On motion of Wendi Palermo, seconded by Lisa Broussard, the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council, unanimously approved the minutes of October 13, 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Alison Davis began by announcing to the council that she will be stepping down this July, 2021. She then opened the floor for nominations. With no nominations mentioned during the meeting, Ms. Mellynn Baker suggested that Chair Davis revisit this topic later and asked that council members email Chair Davis directly with any nominations.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Davis presented a brief synopsis of the statement that council would like to bring before the Health Works Committee regarding their support for the use of simulations as substitution for traditional clinical hours. Chair Davis stated that she will email the council the statement along with the references. She also informed the council that she will be presenting the document at the next Health Works Committee meeting and request from them recommendations on how to disseminate the document throughout the state.

On the motion of Mr. Kenneth Alexander, seconded by Ms. Tabitha Jones-Thomas, the Simulation Medical Training and Education Council voted to approve the acceptance of the unified statement of support for the use of simulations as substitution for traditional clinical hours as well as allow the Council and Board of Regents staff to edit and finalize the statement prior to its submission to the Health Works Commission.

Dr. Lisa Broussard gave a brief update on the 2021 Simulation Virtual Expo planning. She mentioned that she, along with other members of the council, met earlier to discuss conducting small, virtual webinars rather than a physical expo due to COVID and the lack of funds. Dr. Broussard also stated that she plans on meeting with past chair, Ms. Tabitha Jones-Thomas, to go over some possible topics. She encouraged the council to contact her with any topics and feedback. Dr. Broussard also mentioned that these webinars will be presented at no cost to the attendees and that everyone is free to pass on the webinar info to whomever is interested. She shared that the 30-45 minute webinars are set to be presented in March and April. All information and details will be shared with the Council closer to the dates of the webinars.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Baker mentioned that the next Health Works Commission meeting will be February 9th from 1pm-2:30pm. If anyone would like those meeting details, please reach out to her or Ms. Landry.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

With there being no other business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.