

**ADDICTIVE DISORDER REGULATORY AUTHORITY BOARD**  
**MEETING**

ADRA/Zoom  
4919 Jamestown Avenue  
Ste. 203  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
April 16, 2021  
10:00 A.M

- I. Call to Order: Roy Bass, Chairman
- II. Roll call; set quorum: Bernadine Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
- III. Public Introductions and Representation
- IV. Approval of October 16, 2020 and January 15,2021 Minutes: Bernadine Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
- V. Treasurer's Report: Bernadine Williams, Secretary/Treasurer
  - a) January 2021
  - b) February 2021
  - c) March 2021
- VI. Public Questions or Comments
- VII. New Business
  - a) Approval Of Applicants to be Credentialed
  - b) Website
  - c) HB398
  - d) Felony Waiver Request – S. Claiborne
  - e) Degree Waiver Request – C. Comanche
  - f) Degree Waiver Request – L. Matthew
  - g) Reciprocity – A. Nkangaka
- VIII. Old Business
  - a) Rule Change Committee
  - b) Telehealth
- IX. Executive Director's Report:

Adjourn Meeting: Next Meeting date: July 16, 2021@ADRA Office/Zoom

Approved and Adopted: Roy Baas, Chairman                      X

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**Minutes**

Regular Meeting of Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority Board

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10:00 A.M

*I. Call to Order*

April 16, 2021 regular meeting of the Addictive Disorder Regulatory Authority Board was called to order by Roy Baas, Chairman, at approximately 10:06am the meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice and notice was properly posted.

*II. Roll Call (Attachment 1)*

**Members Present:**

Roy Baas, LAC, CCGC, CCS, Chairman  
Paul Schoen, LAC, CCGC, Vice-Chairman  
Deborah Thomas, PH.D, LPP  
Kerri Cunningham LAC, LCSW  
Catherine Lemieux, LCSW

**Members Absent:**

Ken Roy, MD  
Bernadine Williams, LAC, CCS, CCGC Secretary/Treasurer  
Deborah Thomas, PH.D, LPP

**ADRA Staff Present:**

Lauren Lear, Executive Director  
Renee Franklin, Assistant Director  
Celia Cangelosi, Board Attorney

*III. Public Introductions*

Marolon Mangham, Executive Director of LASACT  
Shasity Claiborne

*IV. Approval of October 18 2021 & January, 2021 Minutes (Attachment 2)*

A draft of the October 16, 2021 and January 15, 2021 and board meeting minutes was presented for approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Catherine Lemieux and seconded by Kerri Cunningham the motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*V. Treasurer's Report (Attachment 3)*

The January 2021 and February 2021 and March 2021 Treasurer's Reports were presented by Lauren Lear, Executive Director. A motion was made by Paul Schoen and seconded by Kerri

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Cunningham to accept the report as given. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

*VI. Public Questions or Comments:* Marolon Mangham stated that IC&RC had a few changes but overall doing well. The LASACT conference will be scheduled for July 25-28, 2021 via Zoom

*VII. New Business*

a) **Approval of applicants to be credentialed:**

A motion was made by Paul Schoen and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to approve the applicants to be credentialed. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

b) **Website:**

A motion was made by Paul Schoen and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to approve the authorization of funds for the ADRA website update. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

c) **HB 398:**

The ADRA office received a call from the AG's office in regards to the HB 398. The AG's office had been reaching out to all boards to see what interest each had in utilizing the AG's office for additional oversight when it comes to disciplinary actions regarding cease and desist issues. The ADRA board is currently not interested in the offer, but will pay close attention.

d) **Felony Waiver Request – S. Claiborne:** A motion was made by Paul Schoen and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to approve Shasity Claiborne felony waiver request. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative

e) **Degree Waiver Request – C. Comanche:** More Information needed before the board can make a decision.

f) **Degree Waiver Request – L. Matthew:** A motion was made by Paul Schoen and seconded by Catherine Lemieux to approve Lisa Matthew degree waiver request. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

g) **Reciprocity – A. Nkengaka:** Mr. Nkangala has to comply with the requirements of Rule 721 A2 in order to receive reciprocity.

*VIII. Old Business*

a) **Rule Change Committee Meeting:** Lauren informed the board that we are currently working on the prevention portion of the rule change, and that the board will be meeting after the board meeting to continue working on the prevention portion of the rule change.

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- b) **Telehealth:** Our office has been getting positive feedback from counselors in regards to providing Telehealth services. However, at some point, we will need to regulate this. The LPC board requires additional education in order to offer these services. Our board will research Social Work and LPC guidelines and come up with language to be able to incorporate this long-term into a counseling platform for ADRA regulated individuals.

*IX. Executive Director's Report*

- We are upgrading the front printer to handle the office wall certificates. The cost for the unit will be about \$40 more a month. The printer will be delivered on Wednesday.
- We've upgraded the phones since our last board meeting. We believe that the phone upgrade are helping tremendously with our daily operational flow.
- Lauren was contacted by one of our counselors that teaches at SUNO. He asked if Lauren would be willing to participate in one of his Zoom Classes for a Q&A session with his students in regards to credentialing standards. The meeting is scheduled at 8am on 4/22.

A motion was made by Kerri Cunningham and seconded by Paul Schoen to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved after a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bernadine Williams, LAC, CCGC, CCS Secretary/Treasurer