

Louisiana Health Care Commission Meeting Minutes
Poydras Building Hearing Room
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
December 3, 2021

Members present: Josh Alford, Lauren Bailey, Katie Brittain, Derrell Cohoon, Lisa Coletti, Dr. Alecia Cyprian, Jack Duvernay, Susan Ellender, Dr. John Fraiche, Lisa Gardner, Arnold Goldberg, Linda Hawkins, Rep. John Illg, Dr. Eva Lamendola, Scott Webre, Dr. Frances Wiggins

Members absent: Jeff Albright, Diane Davidson, Jeff Drozda, Dr. Rachel Durel, Dr. William Ferguson, Dr. Faye Grimsley, Randal Johnson, Jesse Lambert, Darrell Langlois, Jennifer McMahon, Sen. Robert Mills, Barbara Morvant, Andrew Muhl, Ronnell Nolan, Frank Opelka, John Overton, Ed Parker, Debra Rushing, Dr. Butch Sonnier, Elizabeth Sumrall, Judy Wagner, LaCosta Wix

Staff present: Crystal M. Stutes, John Ford

Chairman John Fraiche called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Roll call was taken and a quorum was noted for the record.

Chairman Fraiche asked for a motion to approve the August 2021 minutes. Mr. Arnold Goldberg offered the motion and Ms. Linda Hawkins seconded the motion. With no objections, the minutes were approved.

Under new business, LHCC Executive Committee member Ms. Katie Brittain gave a presentation on the Commission's survey of topics for future study. Ms. Brittain said the topics will be used to help set the agenda for each meeting in 2022.

Next the Commission welcomed Sen. Bill Cassidy, who gave an update on health care issues including surprise billing and drug costs, then answered questions from the Commission.

The Commission then heard an update on Louisiana's Health Insurance Marketplace from Mr. Jacob Schei, who serves as Health Interventions Director for the Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center.

The Commission's final speaker was BCBSLA's Healthcare Economist Mr. Mike Bertaut, who spoke about upcoming health insurance challenges including the end of the Presidential Health Emergency and implementation of the No Surprises Act.

Ms. Stutes then announced that the LDI Annual Conference will be held at the Higgins Hotel in New Orleans on March 7-8, 2022, and invited the commissioners to register and attend.

With no further business, Mr. John Ford asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Goldberg offered the motion and Mr. Derrell Cohoon seconded the motion. With no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.