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Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

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RE: *Rule-Making Summary Report for Calendar Year 2025*

Dear Senator Henry, Senator McMath, Representative DeVillier, and Representative Miller:

Pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statute 49:966(K), the Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners (LPCBE) hereby submits the following report regarding its rule-making actions during calendar year 2025. This report also encompasses actions taken by the legislatively mandated committee of the board—the Marriage and Family Therapy Advisory Committee (MFTAC).

1. In February 2025, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.901 pertaining to a telehealth registration fee to permit licensed counselors or therapists from other states to register to provide mental health counseling services via telehealth if they hold an unencumbered license. The registration fee is \$100 with a renewal fee of \$50. The Louisiana Telehealth Act (R.S. 40:1223.1-R.S. 40:1223.5) mandated that each state agency, professional or occupation licensing board, or commission regulating the practice of a healthcare provider, promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing. The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program, and the final rule was published in the July 2025 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

2. In March 2025, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.707 to allow Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) to obtain continuing education hours for teaching graduate-level coursework at a regionally accredited institution in one of the 14 already approved content areas for continuing education. Teaching a course for the first time allows for ten continuing education hours, while teaching the same coursework again would count as five continuing education hours. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing. The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program, and the final rule was published in the September 2025 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

3. In March 2025, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.707 to require Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) who are authorized to supervise provisional licensees, to watch a one-hour video with multiple choice questions. The LPC Supervisor will complete the supervisor training every two years prior to completion of a renewal application and submit the Certificate of Completion. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing. The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program, and the final rule was published in the September 2025 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

4. In May 2025, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.503 and 505 establishing a registration process for out-of-state licensed mental health professionals to provide teletherapy services to Louisiana clients. The rule outlines eligibility, background check requirements, and sets practice standards consistent with in-person care, while setting training and continuing education requirements, informed consent procedures, documentation standards, and disciplinary provisions to both Louisiana licensees and telehealth registrants. The Board received one comment on July 10, 2025, from Kyle Zebley, Executive Director of the American Telemedicine Association (ATA). The Board responded on July 10, 2025, providing clarification that the proposed rule aims to reduce the requirements for fully licensed out of state counselors to provide services to individual located within Louisiana. The Board did not receive any requests and therefore did not conduct a hearing. The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program, and the final rule was published in the November 2025 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

5. In May 2025, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.603 to clarify billing practices for Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors (PLPCs). The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing. The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program, and the final rule was published in the November 2025 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

6. In July 2025, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.503 proposing a technical revision to the definition of “Appraisal” to clarify the scope of permitted appraisal activities for counselors. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing. The amendment was approved by the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program, and the final rule was published in the December 2025 edition of the *Louisiana State Register*.

7. In November 2025, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX. Chapter 1 and Chapter 3 removing redundant or outdated language that duplicates provisions already established in statute. The revisions ensure consistency with current statutory requirements and Executive Order JML 25-38. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing. The amendment will be sent to the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program for review and approval in 2026.

8. In December 2025, the board submitted a Notification of Intent to amend LAC 46: LX.3309, 3311, and 3315 to clarify and update provisions governing the academic, coursework, supervision, and practice requirements for Provisional Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (PLMFTs). The revisions remove outdated language and align the rules with current educational standards established by accrediting bodies, while also clarifying the timing and application of clinical hours and supervision requirements. The board received no comments regarding these rule changes and therefore did not conduct a hearing. The amendment will be sent to the Department of Justice Occupational Licensing Review Program for review and approval in 2026.

Sincerely,



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