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Present law provides for advisory committees to the La. State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME) relative to occupations regulated by the board including acupuncture, clinical laboratory personnel, genetic counselors, medical psychology, perfusion, physician assistant, polysomnography, and respiratory therapy.

Proposed law provides that an advisory committee of the LSBME which is comprised of members from various locations statewide, and which acts only in an advisory capacity, may conduct and its members may attend and participate in a meeting via electronic means if the board and the advisory committee and its presiding officer comply with all the requirements of proposed law.

Proposed law provides for public notice and participation requirements including the publication, no later than 24 hours prior to a meeting conducted via electronic means, of a notice and agenda for the meeting and detailed information regarding how members of the public may participate in the meeting and submit comments regarding matters on the agenda.
Further requires the advisory committee to provide a mechanism to receive public comment electronically both prior to and during the meeting and to properly identify and acknowledge all public comments during the meeting and maintain those comments in its record of the meeting.

Proposed law provides that the presiding officer of the advisory committee shall ensure that each person participating in the meeting is properly identified and all parts of the meeting, excluding any matter discussed in executive session, are clear and audible to all participants in the meeting including the public.

Proposed law defines "meeting via electronic means", "teleconference", and "video conference".

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:1270.1(F), 1314(G), 1357.1(B), 1360(5), 1360.63(E), 1360.102(F), 2864(D), and 3356(E); adds R.S. 37:629, 1164(39)(c), 1270(D), 1340(7), 3015, 3303(E), and 3434 and R.S. 42:17.2)