1. **Call to order** at 6:02pm by Luke Caruso
   Members in Attendance via ZOOM: Luke Caruso, Melonie Falcon, Emilea Haddox, Cheryl Caskey, Karrie Hovis, Claude Rector, Karen Williams, Alexa Garlington, Joette Taylor, Cheyenne Reyes, Sonya Hidalgo, Sona Kumar, Jennifer Bushnell, Deborah Fox, Daniel Held, Mikayla Puckett, Jasmine Belton, Nancy Rogers, Patsy Jarreau

2. **Minutes** – Spring 2021 Board Meeting, submitted by Lee Ellen Brunson-Sicilia
   Motion to accept by Melonie Falcon, seconded by Michele Werner. Spring Minutes Approved; Emilea Haddox will serve as the new secretary.

3. **Board Reports** - Luke Caruso moved to review
   A. **President’s Report** Luke Caruso Report Submitted
      Welcomed new leaders; urged everyone to utilized ASCLS Connect Community; Area V representative and Leadership Development Chair are still vacant; We need to develop a good mentor/mentee system to pick up leadership activities.

   B. **Treasurer’s Report** Joette Taylor Report Submitted
      Fiscal year was not bad, income was $2794, expenses were $3094; loss of $301. Thanked everyone for being vigilant on reducing costs. We currently have about $73,000 in our account, everything looks good.

   C. **Past-President’s Report** James Gardner Report Submitted
      Bayou Tech revival, area of concern – communication, lack of response to emails

   D. **President-Elect’s Report** Melonie Falcon No Report
      She and Luke are attending a parliamentarian procedure class. This year the board implemented a New Leadership Training via ZOOM, helpful and successful. Need to capitalize on the shortage to promote LSCLS membership to strengthen our profession.

   E. **Secretary’s Report** Emilea Haddox Nothing to report

   F. **Region VII Director’s Report** Claude Rector No Report
      Just had Legislative Symposium, went well. Visited with his senator: Medicare cuts, workforce shortage, H.R. 5602; VALID Act; Planning Day last Saturday – discussed the future of ASCLS, Board voted on the restructuring of the finances – state assessments will be held out of membership dues, state society dues standardized, dissolved regional bank accounts (funds will be dispersed by state based on membership numbers)

   G. **Student Forum Chair** Alexa Garlington No Report
      She and Norma are planning meetings to get the ball rolling.
H. Ascending Professional Chair Cheyenne Reyes Report Submitted
Attended annual meeting; Legislative Symposium – meetings went well; Will be on the national board next year and will be unable to serve, looking for a replacement

I. Area I Representative Kristin Butler Nothing to Report

J. Area II Representative Evelyn Tidwell No Report

K. Area III Representative Sona Kumar Nothing to Report
MLS Trick or Treat, successful. Would like Area III contact information

L. Area IV Representative Sonya Hidalgo Report Submitted
Need to update emails, a lot of email responses listing invalid emails. Karen Williams mentioned that if they are students to reach out to their schools for a permanent email.

M. Area V Representative VACANT

N. Area VI Representative Deborah Fox No Report
Contacted lapsed members, sent Michele the renewal stickers and they are both working on distributing them

O. Area VII Representative Daniel Held Report Submitted
CLPC seminars in the Spring, offered 12 CEUs via ZOOM, more seminars in November and early December (9 credits available), information is on the LSUHC website and some is posted on the LSCLS message board.

P. Awards Chair Jessica Lasiter Report Submitted
Luke discussed: Nominations for awards are due in January, need to start soliciting for nominations. No nominations were received last year so let’s reward our members. What would be a better method to share about the awards? Facebook was suggested.

Q. Bylaws Karen Williams Nothing to report
Hoping to have everything ready to vote on in the Spring

R. Education & Scholarship Mikayla Puckett No Report
Needs 4 committee members, would love suggestions

S. Career Recruitment Tammy Porter No Report

T. P.A.C.E. Lacy Falke No Report

U. Publications Jasmine Belton Report Submitted
Reviewed older editions of the Bayou Tech, wants to bring a fresh perspective, wants to aim for three editions/year, goal is to publish one mid-late November
V. Professional & Public Relations  
Nancy Rogers  
Report Submitted
Thanks to Karrie Hovis for assistance on web design, would like to show activity to attract attention and awareness

W. Student Bowl  
Rosalie Hendrix  
No Report

X. Bistate Convention  
Karrie Hovis  
Report Submitted
Updates on planning activities, thanks to the planning committee, encouraged board to make plans to attend. Committee is meeting regularly. Working to secure a grant from the Department of Tourism.

Y. Finance  
Patsy Jarreau  
Report Submitted
No suggestions for change.

Z. Nominations  
Jennifer Bushnell  
Report Submitted
Down to two open positions: Leadership and Area V. Spoke with James about getting the nominations and voting online.

AA. Government Affairs  
Cheryl Caskey/Judy Garic  
Report Submitted
Legislative Symposium: Melanie, Judy and Cheryl attended virtually, Cheyenne in person. Difficult to make appointments online. Two key issues: 1) Ask congressional members to delay the CMS mandate; Critical for reimbursement 2) Clinical laboratory workforce H.R. 5602: Student loan reimbursement and grants; Contacted our lobbyist to follow up. Cheyenne: meetings about H.R.5602, meetings went well.

BB. Leadership Development  
VACANT

CC. Student Forum Advisor  
Norma Bivona  
No Report
She and Alexa will meet next week, plans to engage the students

DD. Membership Development  
Michele Werner  
Report Submitted
Up to 151 members; sent area representatives a lapsed member list; Will discuss the continuation of stickers with Luke

EE. Political Action Committee  
Melonie Falcon will replace Luke Caruso in this role

4. Old business: Motion to move forward by Michele Werner, seconded by Jennifer Bushnell

5. New Business:
   A. Norma Bivona: Now working at Ochsner main campus, wants to encourage coworkers to attend the meeting.
   B. Motion to close new business by Karen Williams

6. Adjournment: Motion made by Karen Williams, seconded by Jennifer Bushnell at 7:05pm