

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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OF  
MEETING**

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**JANUARY 14, 15, 2008  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to call of the President and lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 14, 2008, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members were present as follows:

Kweli J. Amusa, M.D., President  
Linda Gage-White, M.D., Ph.D., Vice-President  
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer  
Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.  
Keith C. Ferdinand, M.D.  
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.  
Tonya Hawkins Sheppard, M.D.

The following members of the Board's staff were present:

Robert L. Marier, M.D., Executive Director  
Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Director of Investigations  
Emily D. Eisenhower, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations  
Christine Holder, Program Compliance Officer III  
Grace Hammons, Program Compliance Officer Manager  
Merian Glasper, Director of Licensure  
Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis

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Philip O. Bergeron

*First Session*  
*Monday, January 14, 2008*

1. **Minutes of December 2007.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of December 10, 2007. Motion was made by Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings together with the executive sessions conducted during such meeting with all necessary corrections.
2. **Confirmation of Interim Board Actions.** The Board reviewed the Interim Board Action in the matter of Rena Renae Roy, CRT, in which the Board voted to approve the administrative complaint. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board affirmed the interim Board action.
3. **Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted that all action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings had been completed. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
4. **Rules and Regulations.**
  - a. Final Rules/Amendments: None published since the last meeting of the Board.
  - b. Rules/Amendments - Noticed of Intent - **Physicians and Surgeons - Rural Physician Self-Referral.** In 2006 the Louisiana legislature adopted Act 819, prohibiting Louisiana licensed physicians from making referrals to healthcare facilities located in the primary service area of a rural hospital, in which the referring physician or an immediate family member owns a direct or indirect ownership interest. The Act provides relevant exceptions and required the Board to adopt rules and regulations providing that violation of the law provide cause for action against the physician's license. At its meeting of June 18, 2007, the Board reviewed, discussed and approved publication of *Notice of Intent* to adopt rules specified by Act 819. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the August 20, 2007 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Pursuant to such notice, a public hearing was held at the Board's offices on Monday, September 24, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. No one appeared to offer comments and no written comments were received during the comment period. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved publication of the rules as final in the *Louisiana Register*. **Midwifery:** The Midwifery Advisory Committee suggested a number of amendments to the Board's midwifery rules on licensing, 46XLV.2301-2373 and practice, 46X:V.5301-5363. Members of the Committee met with the Board in 2005 to discuss their suggestions and proposed amendments. Following consideration, a Subcommittee was appointed by the Board's President to study the suggestions and present recommendations to the Midwifery Advisory Committee and thereafter to the Board. In February 2006, the Committee provided draft recommendations to the Midwifery Advisory Committee for review and discussion. A reply to the Subcommittee's recommendations, dated June 26, 2006, was received, and the Subcommittee met during the July 2006 meeting and accepted some of the recommendations and rejected others. A revised draft was sent to the Advisory Committee

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on August 8, 2006 with the request that any final modifications be received in time to place a final draft on the September 2006 agenda for the Board's consideration. The Midwifery Advisory Committee and several individual midwives expressed concern over several areas of the proposed revisions and requested a meeting. A meeting was held between the Subcommittee and the Advisory Committee in November 2006 to discuss their concerns. A revised draft was forwarded to the Midwifery Advisory Committee in January 2007 and a reply was received accepting the changes in February 2007, but providing further recommendations on one section of the rules. A further draft to address this issue was sent to the Committee in March. Its reply was received June 4, 2007 and was disseminated to the Subcommittee for review and finalization. The Subcommittee accepted the suggested revisions contained in Kathy Acree's letter dated May 29, 2007. At its meeting of June 18, 2007, the Board approved the suggested changes and approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to amend revisions to §5355 in the *Louisiana Register*. Following review and discussion, the Board decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments which were published in the October 2007 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Written comments were received with respect to the proposed amendments and following a timely request, notice of a Public Hearing was published in the November edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A Public Hearing was thereafter convened and held at the offices of the Board on Thursday, November 29, 2007. Further activity on the rule-making effort will be in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. **Physician Assistants** - A draft of proposed amendments concerning the substantive roles of supervising physicians, locum tenens, supervising groups, was considered and approved by the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee and thereafter presented to the Board for consideration and discussion during its July and August 2007 meetings. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments. Such notice was published in the October 2007 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Following publication, neither written comments nor a request for a public hearing were received. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved publication of the rules as final in the *Louisiana Register*. **Adjudication** - A Board directed counsel to revise its rules on adjudication (to provide for a hearing within 60 days, rather than 45, in the event of summary suspension of licensure). A draft of the proposed amendments was presented to the Board during its October meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed amendments. They appeared in the December 20, 2007 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Written comments were accepted until 4:00 p.m., January 14, 2008. **Physicians and Surgeons; Registered Dispensing Physicians; Licensure and Practice**: The Board determined that certain modifications of its existing rules governing registered dispensing physicians were needed generally and in particular to comply with Louisiana's Prescription Monitoring Program legislation and the implementing rules adopted by the Pharmacy Board. Following review and discussion of the proposed changes at its October 2007 meeting, the Board elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed amendments. They appeared in the December 20, 2007 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Written comments were accepted until 4:00 p.m., January 14, 2008.

c. **Rules/Amendments Under Development - Respiratory Therapy**. The Advisory Committee for Respiratory Therapy had prepared a number of amendments to Chapter 25

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(46XLV.2501-2569) of the respiratory therapy rules (Licensure). Dr. Ferdinand, the Board's liaison to the Committee and counsel reviewed the proposed amendments and worked with the Committee to develop a more comprehensive draft for the Board's consideration. In December 2005 a further draft, containing additional modifications not previously addressed, was received by the Board, along with suggested revisions to the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act. Following review and discussion, the Board determined to defer the rule-making effort pending outcome of legislative consideration of the Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee's proposed amendments to the Act. In the interim, Dr. Ferdinand, counsel and staff met with representatives of the Advisory Committee to discuss and assist with revisions to the Respiratory Practice Act. A copy of the Committee's suggestions for revisions were considered by the Board at its meeting of February 12, 2007. The suggestions were subsequently filed as HB 251, approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor (Act 142). The Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee reviewed the current respiratory therapy rules to ascertain what modifications may be needed in light of the changes to the Act and provided its recommendations for review by Dr. Ferdinand and counsel. As soon as a final draft has been prepared, it will be presented to the Board for review and discussion.

**Perfusion** The Advisory Committee for Perfusionists prepared an initial draft of rules for this newly regulated category of allied health care professionals. Following Board review in January 2006, Dr. Ferdinand, Board member liaison and Board counsel met with the Advisory Committee in an effort to develop a more comprehensive, focused set of rules for the Board's consideration. A revised draft was recently received and is being studied. As soon as it has been refined, it will be presented to the Board for consideration.

**Physicians and Surgeons - Mid-Level Providers**: The Board appointed a Committee to work on the development of rules relative to supervision, collaboration and consultation with mid-level providers. As soon as a draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration.

**Acupuncture** - Act 452 (2007) created a category of licensee called "acu detox specialists," whose practice is limited to the application of needles to a specific point or combination of points on the ear. Applicants must be certified by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association and practice under the general supervision of a physician or an acupuncturist's assistant. The law also eliminated the requirement that acupuncturist's assistants be employed by a physician and directs the Board to promulgate rules through its Integrative and Complementary Medicine Committee ("ICM") that it deems necessary to regulate the certification and practice of acu detox in this state. With the input of the Integrative and Complementary Medicine Advisory Committee and other interested parties, a draft was prepared and distributed at the Board's December 2007 meeting for initial consideration and discussion. Following review, the Board suggested that several modifications be incorporated into a final draft prior to providing *Notice of Intent* to the *Register*.

**Clinical Laboratory Personnel** - Following a review of its balance sheet, financial information and budgetary needs at its meeting of March 2007, the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Advisory Committee voted at its June 30, 2007 meeting to recommend that the Board accept the recommendation for a license/annual renewal fee increase of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for all CLP licensees. At that time the Committee also voted to recommend that the Board undertake the following additional rule-making efforts: (i) to adopt staff's recommendations to include a number of causes that may give rise to the denial, suspension, or revocation of licensure; (ii) to delete Chapter 111 of its rules so that the Board may continue to handle disciplinary proceedings relative to CLP applicants/licensees as it does for all other allied health care providers; and (iii) to eliminate certification examinations

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CLS-G/CLS-T offered by two organizations which, in the view of the Committee, do not provide the minimum acceptable education, clinical, employment or experience requirements requisite to licensure. The Board received the report of Dr. Gage-White on clarification of item (iii), and upon unanimous voice vote, authorized publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt rule amendments in *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons - Supervision of Unlicensed Providers** - The Board directed staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for supervision of unlicensed providers of cosmetic and other medical services. As soon as a draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. **Podiatry** - Act 204 (2007) expands the scope of the practice of podiatry to include "treatment of the ankle, muscles, or tendons of the lower leg governing the functions of the foot and ankle by a podiatrist who has completed advanced training determined to be sufficient by the Board at a program accredited by nationally recognized associations acceptable to the Board." Implementation of the increase scope of practice must be preceded by rules promulgated by the Board that are predicated on the education or level of training, or both, of an applicant. In addition, the certificate (license) issued by the Board to a podiatrist must reflect an applicant's practice authority based on his or her level of training. Pursuant to the Act, draft rules have been prepared and are being circulated to the Podiatry Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Orthopedic Association for review and input. As soon as such draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. **Physicians and Surgeons - Demonstration of Clinical Competency** - The Board directed staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for demonstration of physician clinical competency for licensure/renewal. A draft has been circulated to staff for review and comments. As soon as a draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. **Polysomnography** - In September 2007, the Board received a proposed draft of new rules for polysomnographers from its Advisory Committee on Polysomnography. Receipt of the draft has been acknowledged and referred to the liaison Board member and counsel for review. As soon as a final draft has been prepared, it will be presented to the Board for review and discussion. **Athletic Trainers** - The Board directed the preparation of certain changes to the athletic trainers' rules to reflect elimination of the state examination and update other provisions in keeping with current practice. A draft was presented to and approved by the Board's Athletic Trainers' Advisory Committee and presented to the Board at its October 2007 meeting. Following consideration and discussion, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that such notice will appear in the January 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

**5. Licensure and Certification; Personal Appearance; Larry Hollier, M.D., Charles W. Hilton, M.D., Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center; Metronic Safety Program.** Larry Hollier, M.D., Dean and Charles W. Hilton, M.D., Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center met with the Board to discuss approval of the short term training permits for international medical graduates who participate in simulated training at their state of the arts learning center. They explained to the Board that LSUHSC would like to expand its educational training to include international medical graduates later in the year and offered the Board the opportunity to view its facilities. Following their dismissal, it was the consensus of the Board that the program was an excellent one and that conceptually if concerns relating to the qualifications of the participants were addressed by requiring them to demonstrate their skill in a simulation environment prior to patient contact, and if close supervision was provided

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by the academic faculty, then the program would be acceptable, and to await further information as to the start date and number of fellows entering the program.

**6. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Delegation of Medication Administration.**

The Board reviewed a copy of the draft response to Roxane A. Townsend, M.D., Secretary, Department of Health and Hospitals regarding the delegation of medication administration to certified medication attendants. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board approve the response for dissemination to Dr. Townsend stating that the administration of medication may be undertaken only by a person who is licensed to do so, such as a nurse, physician assistant, or physician or in the case of an unlicensed person who does so under a physician's direction and immediate personal supervision, meaning the physician is physically present at all times.

**7. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Establishment of a Doctor-Patient Relationship.**

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Howard Wetsman, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Townsend Recovery, seeking an advisory opinion on whether practices at Townsend Recovery fully establish a doctor-patient relationship in protocols utilized in assessing the patient through the use of a secure, encrypted, real time video conferencing system. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending receipt of additional information.

**8. Communication and Information; Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc., Request for Comments on Maintenance of Licensure.**

The Board reviewed the response prepared by Dr. Marier, compiling the various comments received from members of the Board, to the Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc, draft report on the development of a program for maintenance of licensure. Following review and discussion upon motion made and unanimously carried, the Board approved the response commending the Committee for the efforts in this matter and informing them the Board saw no reason to take action at this time and therefore, voted not to endorse the policy statement presented to the House of Delegates.

**9. Communication and Information; David Price, M.D.; Restrictive Covenants and the Ethical Practice of Medicine; Follow-up.**

The Board reviewed follow-up correspondence received from David Price, M.D., relative to the issue of restrictive covenants and seeking a letter of support regarding treatment received from his former group. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reiterate that because the issues were addressed and continued to be addressed by the courts, the Board could be of no further assistance and certainly could not provide him with a letter of support; and that as previously communicated, the Board is exploring the potential of a rule-making effort aimed at prospectively preventing physicians from entering into agreements that may undermine the essential components of the physician-patient relationship which would not be applied retrospectively to his situation.

**10. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.**

- a. Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending November 30, 2007 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of November 30, 2007. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending November 30, 2007, and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The

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Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of November 30, 2007.

b. Travel Expenses. Motion was made by Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote authorizing the Executive Director to approve routine and special travel for Board Members, Board staff, Board consultants and legal counsel for 2008, including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Travel expenses in connection with attendance at all Board meetings and Board Committee meetings.
- 2) Travel expenses in connection with appearances at appropriate private or state entities on behalf of or to represent the Board.
- 3) Travel expenses in connection with investigations conducted by the Board, to include travel expenses of witnesses.
- 4) Travel expenses in connection with any court or deposition appearance for the purpose of providing testimony on behalf of the Board.
- 5) Travel expenses for attending the annual meetings of the Louisiana State Medical Society and the Louisiana State Medical Association, with payment of per diem for any member giving an annual report to said organizations.
- 6) Travel expenses in connection with meetings of the following national organizations and any committee thereof on which a member of the Board or a member of the Board's staff serves on behalf of the Board, for including, but not limited to the Federation of State Medical Boards, Administrators in Medicine and National Board of Medical Examiners, and authorized meetings for educational purposes.

**11. General Administrative Matters. President's Report.** Dr. Amusa noted the implementation of the electronic Board agenda book. She also discussed the issue of encouraging physicians reporting. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**12. General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report.** The Board received the report of the Executive Director on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Marier discussed a prorated renewal fee for physicians renewing for the first time based on their birth month and date of licensure, the Physicians' Health Foundation contract, enhancements to Diligent Boardbooks and informed the Board that the investigators were now commissioned police officers with the ability to bear arms. Following review and discussion, the Board, upon motion made and passed by unanimous voice vote, took the following actions:

a. Board Orientation Program - To approve the policy that physicians seeking to fulfill the licensure requirement relative to attendance at the Board Orientation Program prior to their first renewal may take the course online if they have graduated from a medical school more than 10 years from the date of their application for licensure, otherwise mandatory attendance

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at a Board sponsored Orientation Program held approximately four times a year in regional locations throughout the state is required.

b. Physicians' Health Program - To approve the correspondence written to J. Bruce Steigner, M.D., President, Board of Trustees, Physicians' Health Foundation of Louisiana relative to their request for an increase in their budget, and to authorize Dr. Marier to move forward with the approval process for their contract.

**[13.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Gage-White, the Board convened in executive session, to consider the investigative reports as matters relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(4). Following the review, the Board resumed in open session. Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

a. Consent Orders: The following Consent Orders were accepted:

Herbert L. Muncie, Jr., M.D., Docket No., 07-I-175<sup>1</sup>  
Robert Dale Bernauer, M.D., Docket No., 05-I-018  
Solen Michael Austin, PA, Docket No., 07-I-514

**[14.] Investigative Reports; Personal Appearance; Herbert L. Muncie, M.D.** Continuing in executive session, Herbert L. Muncie, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. Dr. Muncie acknowledged he understood the terms of the order and was aware it was a public record.

**[15.] Investigative Reports; Personal Appearance; Solen Michael Austin, PA.** Continuing in executive session, Solen Michael Austin, PA, appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. Mr. Austin acknowledged he understood the terms of the order and was aware it was a public record.

**[16.] General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Michael Burdine, M.D.** Michael Burdine, M.D., appeared before the Board to give a brief report on his pain management practice. Dr. Burdine explained the operations at his clinic and briefly outlined his treatment methods.

**[17.] Investigative Reports; Kenneth Dunaway, PA.** Continuing in executive session, Judge Frederick S. Ellis reported that Kenneth Dunaway, PA, filed a Motion for Exception of Prematurity relative to the 961C Conference held in this matter requesting that the Director of Investigations be recused. Following brief discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, voted to deny his request.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. LeBlanc abstained.

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**[18.] Investigative Reports.** Continuing in executive session, the Board considered the investigative reports as matters relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(4). Following the review, the Board resumed in open session. Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

- a. Discontinued. The following matter was discontinued:

Docket No., 07-I-133

- b. Administrative Complaint. The following administrative complaint was approved for filing and for scheduling of a formal hearing:

Docket No., 07-I-413

- c. Cease and Desist. The following matters were concluded with a Cease and Desist Order:

David M. Voltz, DC, Docket No. 07-I-838  
Charlotte Elizabeth Russell, MDW, Docket No., None  
Katherine Sommers, Docket No., 07-I-571

- d. Closed Complaint Cases. The Close Complaint Cases Report was reviewed.

**[19.] Professional Liability Report.** Continuing in executive session, the Board considered the report of Dr. Eisenhower on professional liability cases reviewed since the last meeting of the Board as matters relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of licensees, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

**[20.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** Continuing in executive session, the Board reviewed the calendar of personal appearances and docketed hearings, as matters relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of licensees, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(4).

**[21.] Report on Pending Litigation.** Continuing in executive session, the Board considered the report of legal counsel on pending litigation to which the Board was a party and the status of proceedings for judicial review of prior Board decisions, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(2). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[22.] General Disciplinary Matters.** Continuing in executive session, the Board considered requests relating to the execution or modification of a Decision and/or Consent Order as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct of licensees, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §42:6.1. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made and passed by unanimous voice vote, took the following actions:

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- a. Probation Report - The Board noted the activity reports for the probation department submitted for this month.
- b. Site Visits - The Board reviewed the report of site visits for physician assistants and supervising physicians, along with those with collaborative practices submitted for this month.
- c. Dispensing Physicians' Site Visits - The Board noted the report of the dispensing physicians' site visits submitted for this month.
- d. Clinical Trial Studies. - To accept the recommendation of the Director of Investigations to establish a policy for waivers to the dispensation rules for investigational clinical trial studies approved by the FDA and clinical research.
- e. Re-licensure after Revocation. - To defer action on his matter until the next meeting of the Board and/or an appropriate time deemed acceptable to the Director of Investigations.

**23. Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** The Board reviewed the applications submitted for clinical laboratory personnel licensure and upon motion made, duly seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Generalists

Aucoin, Toni Oliva  
Fluitt, Susan M.  
Galmon, Lorie Martin  
Gover, Jo Carroll

Miller, Alisha DeJuan  
Spracklen, Amanda Christine  
Talbot, Stephanie L.  
Woodel, Marie Elizabeth

Specialist

Brewer-Smith, Krystal Nicole

Technicians

Battiste, Venisha Devon  
Bell, Deidra Arlene  
Butler, Carolyn Denise

Cortez, Angelle Granier  
James, Artis Isaiah  
Whittenburg, Lida Alexandria

Laboratory Assistants

Bourgeois, Dawn  
Boyd, Karen Lee  
Bradley, Lauren Michelle  
Byrd, Connie  
Dugas, Jessica Helene  
Gibbs, Cavaline Charita  
Graham, Jakeitha Deandrea  
Howard, Crystal Lynn  
Kay, Rochelle Beatrice

Kemp, Melissa Gafford  
Landry, Agnes  
Lebouef, Maegen Nicole  
Meshell, Victoria D.  
Nin-Blanchard, Raquel E.  
Savannah, Lakisha A.  
Toon, Amanda R.  
Travis, Donna D.  
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Phlebotomists

Bradford, Hanna Patricia  
Jones, Beverly Ann

Milton, Christy L.

Upgrade to Generalist

Sellers, Kibibi Crain

Laboratory Assistant

Torres, Kristopher Devin

**24. Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy.** The Board reviewed the applications submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Licensed Respiratory Therapists

Crutchfield, Drennetta N.  
Dobson, Trina G.  
Fontenot, Laina Ann  
Joiner, Alisha R.  
Mizell, Christopher W.

Mulvihill, Lisa J.  
Pritchett, Jerry G.  
Reynolds, Orris W.  
Thomas, Arlinda T.  
Tietjen, Amanda S.

**25. Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy.** The Board considered the applications submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Occupational Therapists Examination

Bundrick, Margaret Mary  
Butler, Jeffrey Todd

Hession, Heather Ann  
Kirk, Melanie Elizabeth

Occupational Therapists - Reciprocity

Mathieu, Christie Alicia

Occupational Therapy Assistants - Examination

Bardin, Kendal Dixie  
Denison, Danielle Roark  
Kilpatrick, Ashley Hattaway

Magee, Ramsay Renee  
Mitchell, Donna Lynn  
Smith, Lindsey Suzanne

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**26. Licensure and Certification; Athletic Trainers.** The Board considered the applications submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

NATA

Delude, Neil Alan  
Farley, Joseph Dayton

Rodgers, Stefanie Susanna  
Syracusa, Steven Michael

**27. Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistants.** The Board considered the items submitted and upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried by majority voice vote, made the following decisions:

a. Supervising Physicians - To approve the applications of the following, noting in accordance with the Board's rules, new supervising physicians for physician assistants were to be interviewed by a Board member:

Abbas, El Sayed, M.D.  
Alden, William W., M.D.  
Awtrey, Richard William, Jr., M.D.  
Bellows, Charles Frederick III, M.D.  
Bruce, Erik Jude, M.D.  
Bui, Cuong, M.D.  
Coe, Ronald Michael, M.D.  
Coffin, David Tristran M.D.  
Combs, Brenty Kelly, DO.  
Devun, Daniel Albert, Jr., M.D.  
Dileo, Liza Anne, M.D.  
Drury, Benjamin Todd, M.D.  
Elliott, Leone Farrell, Jr., M.D.  
Evans, Jeffrey Louis, M.D.  
Gautam, Chakshu, M.D.  
Giarrusso, Amy Stockstill, M.D.  
Hardey, David Wayne, M.D.  
Johnson, Farrell Bryant, M.D.  
Kamberov, Denis Filipov, M.D.  
Kay, Dennis, M.D.  
Laique, Firdous, M.D.

Leddy, Michael Joseph, M.D.  
Manthey, Richard Cotter, M.D.  
McConnell, Richard Young, M.D.  
McNulty, Patrick Allan, M.D.  
Mehta, Renuka, M.D.  
Najberg, Christopher John, DO  
Perdue, Louis Donova, M.D.  
Pine, Jo Anne, M.D.  
Reeves, John David, M.D.  
Sea, Charles Perry, M.D.  
Smith, Roger Douglas, M.D.  
St. Clergy, Rosemary, M.D.  
Sundell, Erik Thomas, M.D.  
Tapia, Jorge Isaac, M.D.  
Taylor, Donald Ray, M.D.  
Teaford, Thaddeus Lamar  
Thompson, Roxanne Claire, M.D.  
Troxler, William Michael, M.D.  
Voigt, Christopher Michael, M.D.  
Wegmann, Mark John, M.D.

b. Locum Tenens. To approve the locum tenens applications of the following provided all requirements had been met:

- 1) Baldrige, Lisa, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Jay Edelbert, Jon Michael Cuba, Christopher Ferguson, Munir Khalid-Abasi and Si Nguyen, Ochsner Health System, 17000 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.
- 2) Gick, Stephen, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Robert Moukarzel and William Hubbard, 9001 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge.

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- 3) Hathaway, William, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. John Burton, Leno Congtang, Maurice Prince, and David Hardey, St. Patrick Hospital, Emergency Room, 524 S. Ryan Street, Lakes Charles.
  - 4) Milburn, James, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Daniel Devun, Dennis Kay, T. Lamar Teaford, Ochsner Health System, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
  - 5) Parker, Larry, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Kelvin Spears, Stuart Yoas, Nickles Bergeron, James Suel, Marcus Stokes, Howard Rigg, Charles Chehardy, Anthony Pruett, Ronald Coe, 3330 Masonic Drive, Alexandria.
  - 6) Reeves, John, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Robert Smith and Cuong Bui, Ochsner Health System, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
  - 7) Runnels, James, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Jay Edelberg, Jon Michael Cuba, Christopher Ferguson, Munir Khalid-Abasi, Thomas Bowden, Lisa Baldrige and Si Nguyen, Ochsner Health System, 17000 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.
  - 8) Spears, Kelvin, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Larry Parker, Stuart Yoas, Nickles Bergeron, James Suel, Marcus Stokes, Howard Rigg, Charles Chehardy, Anthony Pruett and Ronald Coe, 3330 Mason Drive, Alexandria.
  - 9) Stokes, Marcus, M.D. - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Larry Parker, Stuart Yoas, Nickles Bergeron, James Suel, Marcus Stokes, Howard Rigg, Charles Chehardy, Anthony Pruett and Ronald Coe, 3330 Mason Drive, Alexandria.
- c. Prescriptive Authority. To approve the applicants for prescriptive authority in accordance with promulgated of the rules effective January 20, 2005 provided all requirements had been met:
- 1) Broussard, Wilfred, Jr., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Chakshu Gautam, Teche Action Clinic, 1115 Weber Street, Franlin.
  - 2) Caldwell, Bernie Maurice, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Jose Ferrer, P&S Surgery Center, 312 Grammont Street, Suite 200, Monroe.
  - 3) Decuir, Eric John, PAC - Supervising physicians: Drs. William Hathaway and John Burton, St. Patrick Hospital, Emergency Room, 524 S. Ryan Street, Lake Charles.
  - 4) Diedrich, Scott Frost, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Jonathan Allen, Gregory Fernandez, Thomas Falterman, John Stephenson, Michael Owens and Brent Tafford, Chabert Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.

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- 5) Frederick, Barry Lane, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Jay Edelberg, Jon Michael Cuba, Christopher Ferguson, Munir Khalid-Abasi, Thomas Bowden, Lisa Baldrige and Si Nguyen, Ochsner Health System, 17000 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.
  - 6) Guidry, Byron John, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. John Sweeney and Jonathan Shults, Chabert Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
  - 7) Knight, John J., PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Jay Edelberg, Jon Michael Cuba, Christopher Ferguson, Munir Khalid-Abasi, Thomas Bowden, Lisa Baldrige and Si Nguyen, Ochsner Health System, 17000 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.
  - 8) Langley, Wendy Margaret, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Jose Ferrer, 312 Grammont Street, Suite 200, Monroe.
  - 9) Redmond, James Ray, Sr., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Malcolm Stubbs, 1211 Coolidge, Suite 100, Lafayette.
  - 10) Reed, Tiffany Nicole, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Paul Fenn, 224 Pecan Park Avenue, Alexandria.
  - 11) Richard, Allison Claire, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Gerard K. Williams, Sr., 901 W. Gloria Switch Road, Lafayette.
  - 12) Sanchez, Vanessa D. Landry, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Charles F. Bellows, 1501 Newton Street, Suite C, New Orleans.
  - 13) Tyler, Timothy James, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Virna C. Paje, 319 N. Hood Street, Lake Providence.
  - 14) White, Kelly Grace, PA - Supervising physician: Drs. Howard Wold, Christine J. Ince, Bassam Abi-Rached and Paul Zhang, 605-B, Medical Center Drive, Alexandria.
- d. Transfer to New Supervising Physician - To approve the following transfer to new supervising physicians for the following:
- 1) Clayton, Daniel Raydell, PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. Michael Trotter. New supervising physician: Dr. Kerry Paape, 225 Dunn Street, Houma.
  - 2) Decuir, Eric John, PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. John F. Raggio. New supervising physician: Dr. William Hathaway III, St. Patrick Hospital, Emergency Room, 524 S. Ryan Street, Lake Charles.
  - 3) Fuselier, Victor W., PA - Old supervising physicians: Dr. Tommy Fudge and Kerryl Paane. New supervising physician: Dr. Venkat Surakanti, 5231 Brittany Drive,

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Baton Rouge.

- 4) Kock, Charles L. PAC - Old supervising physician: Dr. Michael Trotter. New supervising physician: Dr. Tommy Fudge, 225 Dunn Street, Houma.
- 5) Parks, James M., PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. Ronald Degeyter. New supervising physician: Dr. William Alden, 2930 Canal Street, #401, New Orleans.
- 6) White, Kelly Grace, PA - Old supervising physicians: Drs. Eugenia Jacobs and David Spence. New supervising physicians: Drs. Bassam Abi-Rahed, Christine Ince, Howard Wold and Paul Zhang, 605-B Medical Center Drive, Alexandria.
- 7) Wright, Leon Bernard, PA - Old supervising physician: Dr. Munir Khalid-Abasi. New supervising physician: Dr. Stephen Gick, 9001 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge.

e. New Applicants - To approve the application for the following whose supervising physician had not yet been determined:

Dooley, Rosanna  
Fort, Ashley Nicole

Watson, Erin Leigh

f. Intent to Practice (Supervising Physician). To approve the supervising physician for the following previously approved physician assistants:

- 1) Broussard, Wilfred Jr., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Chakshu Gautam, 1115 Weber Street, Franklin.
- 2) Caldwell, Bernie Maurice, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Jose Ferrer, 312 Grammont Street, Suite 200, Monroe; 309 McMillian W. Monroe; and 1271 Lamy Lane, Suite L, Monroe.
- 3) Hanson, Heidee Irene, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Stephen Bardot, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
- 4) Kock, Charles L., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Vern Keller, 225 Dunn Street, Houma.
- 5) Langley, Wendy Margaret, PAC - Supervising physician: Dr. Jose Ferrer, 312 Grammont Street, Suite 200, Monroe; 309 McMillian W. Monroe; and 1271 Lamy Lane, Suite L, Monroe.
- 6) Mays, Dana Celisse Ewing, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Kelvin Spears, 3330 Masonic Drive, Alexandria.
- 7) Monce, Ronald Blaine, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Gerard Broussard, 5000 Hennessy Boulevard, Baton Rouge.

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- 8) Nguyen, Lily Diep Ngoc, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Jorge Tapia, 2801 Fourth Street, Jonesville.
- 9) Redmond, James Ray, Sr., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Malcolm Stubbs, 1211 Coolidge, Suite 100, Lafayette.
- 10) Ross, Melanie DeArmond, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. John Reeves, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
- 11) Sanchez, Vanessa D. Landry, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Charles F. Bellows III, 1430 Tulane Avenue, SL-22, New Orleans.
- 12) Trisler, Paul Brian, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Stuart Yoas, Christus Cabrini Hospital, 3330 Masonic Drive, Alexandria.

**28. Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates.** The Board reviewed the items regarding graduates of foreign medical schools and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

a. Non- Routine.

- 1) Chugh, Mulchand, M.D. - To reaffirm the Board's previous decision to deny the request of Chugh Mulchand, M.D., for waiver of an examination attempt
- 2) Ghafar, Mohamed Abdel, M.D. - To defer action on the application of Mohamed Abdel Ghafar, M.D., pending receipt of additional information relative to his malpractice claim.
- 3) Pham, Huong Diem, M.D. - To inform Huong Diem Pham, M.D., of the Board's *Intent to Deny* her application due to problems in her residency training programs.

b. Routine - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Albuquerque, Francisco Cabral, Jr.  
Capote, Versallie Riparip  
Konduru, Sai Vijaya Chandra  
Kuo, Jeff  
Makhoul, Waseem  
Malik, Mohammad Zubair  
Morales-Arias, Jaime Antonio

Nelson Twakor, Onajefe Stella  
Nguyen, Tu Huu  
Obeidou, Bashar  
Razzaqi, Faisal Saeed  
Sangwan, Yashvir Singh  
Tamakloe, Martina Abena  
Thomas-Ogunniyi, Jaiyeola Alayemi

**29. Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** The Board reviewed items submitted regarding graduates of U.S. or Canadian medical schools and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

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a. Non-Routine - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

1) Martin, Irwin, M.D. - To approve waiver of the SPEX examination for Irwin Martin, M.D., in accordance with § 315 the Board' rules inasmuch as he had been appointed full-time professor of clinical psychiatry at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine.

2) Non-routine applicants:

Baker, Christopher C.  
Belenchia, Johnny M.  
Cox, Stephen B.

Peterman, Taten H.  
Sonken, Ronald S.

b. Routine - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Alexander, Scott A.  
Barker, David W.  
Boudreaux, Benjamin J.  
Cowden, Jessica J.  
Dersam, Gabriel L.  
Jeansonne, Louis O. IV  
Kelly, Sara E., DO  
Masseaux, Joy A.

Painter, Brandi K.  
Scott, Jinel A.M.  
Seymour, Stephen D.  
Spellman, Michael J.  
Swarr, Peter J.  
Thomas, Nancy N.  
Wang, Jonathan I-C

**30. Licensure and Certification; Dispensing Registration.** The Board reviewed the applications submitted and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for issuance of dispensation registration provided all requirements had been met:

1) Abdelhalim, Hussein Monir, M.D. - Brian Clinic, LLP, 425 Scott Street, Alexandria. Specialty: Family Practice. Medications to be dispensed: Ambien CR, Lunesta, Lyrica.

2) Brian, Gregory Alan, M.D. - Brian Clinic, LLP, 425 Scott Street, Alexandria. Specialty: Family Practice. Medications to be dispensed: Ambien CR, Lunesta, Lyrica.

3) Holmes, Steven Lance, M.D. - Ascension Medical Clinic, 214 S. Burnside Avenue, Suite A, Gonzales. Specialty: Occupational Medicine. Medications to be dispensed. As list submitted.

4) Hunter, Jonathan David, M.D. - Brian Clinic, LLP, 425 Scott Street, Alexandria. Specialty: Family Practice. Medications to be dispensed: Ambien CR, Lunesta, Lyrica.

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- 5) Ichinose, Herbert, M.D. - Aesthetic Lipo Dissolve Care Center, 1365 Englewood Drive, Slidell. Specialty: Pathology & Dermatology. Medications to be dispensed: Schedule II-V.
- 6) Kablinger, Anita Kerry, M.D. - Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Department of Psychiatry, 3202 William Avenue, Shreveport. Specialty: Psychiatry. Medications to be dispensed: Schedule II-V.
- 7) Lapoint, Marc J., M.D. - Acadian Urgent Care Center, 4906-C Ambassador Caffery Parkway, Lafayette. Specialty: General Practice. Medications to be dispensed: As list submitted.
- 8) Renois, Daniel, M.D. - Brian Clinic, LLP, 425 Scott Street, Alexandria. Specialty: Family Practice. Medications to be dispensed: Ambien CR, Lunesta, Lyrica.
- 9) Sherman, Marleece Estella, M.D. - 15336 River Road, Norco. Specialty: Internal Medicine. Medications to be dispensed: Schedule II-V.
- 10) Swift, Douglas Austin, M.D. - 3601 Houma Boulevard, Suite 203, Metairie; 1552 Williams Boulevard, Kenner. Specialty: Occupational Medicine. Medications to be dispensed: New Investigational Medicines - Schedule II-V.
- 11) Thomas, Najeeb Morgan, M.D. - 4228 Houma Boulevard, Suite 510, Metairie. Specialty: Neurosurgery. Medications to be dispensed. As list submitted.

**31. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Relicensure/Reinstatement.** The Board reviewed the applications submitted for reinstatement and upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, approved the following for reinstatement/relicensure provided all requirements had been met:

Physicians and Surgeons

Cooley, Laura A.

Hamed, Hassan F.

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Generalist

Negro'n, Isable

Laboratory Assistants

Blair, Cheryl Ann Butler

Vasques, Francesca D.

Technician

McComb, Kay C.

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Respiratory Therapist

Bonds, Shandolyn M.

Occupational Therapists

Bongard, Lori L.

Eakin, Clifton Dale

**32. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report.** The Board reviewed the report of Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Investigating Officer, on the applicants for licensure with fingerprint discrepancies. Following review, on motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Board accepted the report of Dr. Mouton and made the following decisions:

- a. Approved - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Carmichael, Hannah E.

Thornton, Tywanda G.

Acupuncture Assistant

Sommers, Stewart C.

Physicians and Surgeons

Bhatti, Saadia Amjad (GETP)  
Cannon, Clifton L. III

Perez, Carlos (GETP)

- b. Deferred – To defer action on the following pending receipt of input from the Clinical Laboratory Personnel:

Hart, Tiffany Nicole

**33. Licensure and Certification; Perfusionists.** The Board considered the applications submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Gaddy, Meredith Cecil

Gleason, Edward J.

**34. Licensure and Certification; Polysomnographers.** The Board considered the applications submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Technicians

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Charrier, Joel Aaron  
Francois, Terri Lynn

Henderson, Patti K.

**35. Licensure and Certification; Acupuncture Assistants.** The Board considered the application submitted to a change in supervising physician for the following and upon motion made and unanimously carried, made the following decision:

Kiviko, Kelly Ann, ACA - To inform Kelly Ann Kiviko, ACA that Steyen Taylor, M.D., is ineligible to serve as her supervising physician at this time.

**36. Licensure and Certification; Intern Registration.** The Board considered the application submitted and upon motion made and unanimously carried, made the following decision:

John, Markus Vattakattil, M.D. - To defer action on the application of Markus Vattakattil John, M.D. pending receipt of additional information.

**37. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Short-Term Residency Program; Ochsner Health System; Department of Orthopaedic Surgery; Orthopaedic Sports Medicine.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Deryk Jones, M.D., Section Head, Misty Suri, M.D. and Scott Montgomery, M.D., Ochsner Health System, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, seeking approval of a short-term residency program in orthopaedics-sports medicine. Following review and discussion, of follow-up information received as requested in this matter, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Short-Term Residency Program.

**38. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Temporary Permit; Occupational Therapy.** The Board reviewed the request of Matthew Gerald Robichaux for issuance of a third temporary permit pending passage of the NBCOT. Following review and discussion, upon motion made and unanimously carried, the Board voted to deny the request of Mr. Robichaux in accordance with the Board's rules due to lack of extenuating circumstances.

**39. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Clarification of FCVS Requirements.** The Board reviewed the requirements for FCVS for applicants for relicensure, interns/residents and graduate educational temporary permit (GETP) noting information received from staff. Following review and discussion, upon motion made and unanimously carried, it was the decision of the Board to waive FCVS requirements for applicants for re-licensure and defer action on the decision relative to waivers of FCVS requirements for inter/residents and graduate educational temporary permit applicants pending receipt of additional information.

**40. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Beatrice S. Desper, F.A.C.O.G.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Beatrice S. Desper, M.D., seeking approval to serve as a first assistant on a caesarean section. Following review and discussion, upon motion made and unanimously carried, the Board vote to approve Beatrice S. Desper, M.D. serving as a first assistant.

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Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., to reconvene at the Board at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

**Second Session**  
**Tuesday, January 15, 2008**

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners was reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at the offices of the Board with everyone in attendance from the previous day except for Dr. Ferdinand.

**[41.] Personal Appearance; Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; David Paul Sampognaro, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, the Board convened in special executive session for the purpose of a formal hearing in the matter of David Paul Sampognaro, M.D. as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(4).

**42. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for March 17, 18, 2008.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a full, true and correct account of the proceedings of the meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, save for executive session of the Board conducted therein, held on January 14, 15, 2008 as approved by the Board on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2008.

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Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.  
President