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, March 17, 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
- Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.
- Keith C. Ferdinand, M.D.
- Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.

Board Members absent as follows:

- Linda Gage-White, M.D., Ph.D., Vice-President
- Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
- Tonya Hawkins Sheppard, M.D.

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

- Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Director of Investigations
- Emily D. Eisenhauer, 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:
1. **Minutes of January 2008.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of January 14, 15, 2008. 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 Kami Kay Dehler, MDW, Leo Joseph Vial II, CRT, Hope Medical Group and routine license applicants. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board affirmed the interim Board actions to summarily suspend the licenses of Kami Kay Dehler, MDW and Leo Joseph Vial II, CRT, accept the partial settlement and agreement in the matter of Hope Medical Group and approve licensure of the following routine applicants licensed February 26, 2008 as follows:

**Clinical Laboratory Personnel**

**Generalists**

Buras, Susanne  
Faul, Jeremy Scott  
Keenan, Christina Leigh  
Manning, Sharon P.  

Thomason, Dallas M.  
Turner, Shaterria  
Williams, Beverly C.  
Woodson, David T.

**Specialist**

Teague, James

**Technicians**

Dortch, Karon Y.  
Levingston, Tekeshia Reshun  

Loften, Caryn Ashley  
Stelly, Katina L.

**Laboratory Assistants**

Bell, Debbie Ann  
Caillouette, Connie Ann  
Cowart, Shannon Yvette  
Henley, Ann Christina  
Kingham, Kristin Jewell McComb  
LeJeune, Barbara Jean  
Long, Bruce Anthony  
Nesmith, Lisa D.  

Darmas, G. Lenora  
Elkhanoufi, Sara  
Goss, Vanessa Marie  
Rana, Mehulkumar H.  
Rosado, Rebecca  
Sapp, Amanda D.  
Williams, Keisha L.  
Wright, Cassandra M.

**Phlebotomists**

Moreau, Ainsley Claire  

Turner, Stella Celestine

**Upgrade to Generalists**

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Estela, Kristine Joan Nguyen, Phuong Kim
Fontenot, Kelly Allison

Respiratory Therapists

Beasley, Deborah D. Kerby, Ruth A.
Bedford, Ashley L. Martin, Aaron J.
Brenk, Rodney D. Nguyen, Thuy N.
Cambre, Jerome R. II Pham, Hien Ngoc
Castilaw, Brandon J. Price, Gwendolyn J.
Fontenot, Amy G. Scott, Sparkle D.
Frazier, Lisa G. Spillman, Heather N.
Freewalt, Allison J. Tims, Beverly A.
Holeman, Meagan E. Vu, Mong-Chau T.

Occupational Therapy

Examination

Reed, Stacey L. Remedies, Misty M.

Reciprocity

Brumfield, Joanna Burkes

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Suire, Lance Matthew

Physician Assistants

Supervising Physicians

Butts, Christine J. Jin, John Y.
Cefalu, William T. Joseph, Allen S.
Charlet, Michael P. Kandil, Emad
Cohen, Nathan P. Kordorfer, James R., Jr.
Cole, Paul G. Lahaye, Nicholas D.
Cracco, Alain F. Rabalais, Erika B.
Dean, Herschel B. Reza, Ali H.
Dean, Robert K. Rozeman, Philip A.
Eaves, William B. II Shenava, Vinitha R.
Eisele, Christiane N. Smith, Cheryl A.
Garcia-Prats, Victor M. Smith, Frances L.
Gibson, Keith R. Smith, Thomas M.
Guidry, Jimmy M. Tummala, Ajaya K.
Hackley, Frederick Walker, Dennis M.
Holmes, Steven L. Winkler, Margaret L.G.
Prescriptive Authority

1) Amentor, Ryan P., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Myriam Hutchinson, Gulf Regional Occupational Medicine, 121 E. St. Victor Street, Abbeville.

2) Barrett, Jennifer E., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Mark Wegnammm, Metropolitan Gastroenterology Associates, 4228 Houma Boulevard, Suite 520, Metairie.


4) Buller, Keith Anthony., PA – Supervising physician: Dr. David Hardey, Team Health Southeast Louisiana, Emergency Department, 524 S. Ryan Street, Lake Charles.


8) Chavez, Manuel E., PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Vinitha Shenava, Children's Hospital, 200 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans.


13) **Feagans, Mary LeBlanc, PA** – Supervising physician: Dr. Ali Reza, 1111 Medical Center Boulevard, Suite 350-South, Marrero.

14) **Foster, Donna H., PA** – Supervising physician: Dr. Margaret Winkler, North Oaks, Internal Medicine, 15744 Medical Arts Plaza, Hammond.

15) **Frick, Brad W., PA** – Supervising physician: Dr. Jimmy Guidry, Gulf Regional Occupational Medicine, 8742 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge.


20) **Jackson, Allison Rowland, PA** – Supervising physician: Dr. Geralynn Reine, 17000 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.


22) **Lahood, Shane Noufal, PAC** – Supervising physician: Dr. Myriam Hutchinson, 913 S. College #102, Lafayette.

23) **Landry, Travis James, PA** – Supervising physicians: Drs. Christine Buttts, and Michael Charlet, Leonard Chabert Medical Center, Leonard Chabert Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.

24) **Landry, Vanessa, PA** – Supervising physician: Dr. Emad Kindil, 1501 Newton Street, Suite C, New Orleans.
25) Melerine, Misty S., PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Gregory Bevels, Primary Care Specialists, LLC, 3802 Prescott Road, Alexandria.

26) Nelson, Mark George, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Gary Porubsky, 4015 Highway 49 South Service Road, Opelousas.

27) Nida, Kenneth Edward, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. James L. Bellone, Gulf Coast Occupational Medicine, 13405 Airline Highway, Prairieville.


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: Noticed for Adoption - 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. The rules were forwarded for promulgation and became final upon publication in the February 2008 edition of the Louisiana Register.

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, at its January meeting, the Board approved transmittal of the rules for promulgating in the March 20, 2008 edition of the Louisiana Register.

b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent - 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 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 accepted 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. Adjudication - The 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. Further activity on the rule-making effort will be in accord with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. 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. Further activity on the rule-making effort will be in accord with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. Athletic Trainers - The Board directed the preparation of certain changes to its athletic trainers’ rules to reflect elimination of the state examination and to generally update other provisions in keeping with current practices. 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. Thereafter, several written comments were received. Further activity
on the rule-making effort will be in accord with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act.

c. **Rules/Amendments Under Development - Respiratory Therapy.** The Advisory Committee for Respiratory Therapy had prepared a number of amendments to Chapter 25 (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 was 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. **Perfusionist** 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 Chair in an effort to develop a more comprehensive, focused set of rules for the Board's consideration. A revised draft was 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 for supervision, collaboration and consultation with mid-level providers. As soon as such 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 and the ICM Advisory Committee suggested that several modifications be incorporated into a final draft. Upon motion made, duly seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Board authorized publication of Notice of Intent in the next issue of the Louisiana 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 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 requested that Dr. Gage-White seek clarification on item (iii) for the military personnel, approved the Committee’s recommendations and decided to provide Notice of Intent to adopt the rules in the Louisiana Register. The modification suggested by Dr. Gage-White is being considered by the Committee. **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 increased 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. With the input of the Podiatry Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Orthopedic Association, a draft of such rules was presented for consideration and discussion. It was noted that further modifications had been suggested and would be incorporated in a subsequent draft. **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. **Physician Assistants** – A draft of proposed amendments concerning the scope of practice issues relating to physician assistants has been presented to the PA Advisory Committee for input. As soon as such draft is finalized it will be presented to the Board for consideration.

5. **Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Expiration Date.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Francis M. Brian, Jr., Rapides Regional Medical Center questioning the true expiration date of the physician’s medical license in Louisiana. Mr. Brian stated it was his understanding the physician’s license was in full force and effect during the 30 day grace period and until the Board actually suspends the license at the next meeting. It was noted that the Board in fact does not give a 30 grace period. The expiration date is the last day of the physician’s birth month and the late fee applies on the 1st day of the month after his birth month. It was also noted that the Board’s website did not reflect the license as being “inactive due to non-renewal” until after the meeting of the Board in which the names are presented for non-renewal. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to maintain the website in conformity with the Board’s policy that the license is inactive due to non-renewal on the 1st day of the month following the birth month.

6. **Adjudication Report.** On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board convened in executive session to receive the adjudication report of George M. Papale, Attorney, 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). Mr. Papale reported on the judicial proceedings in the matter Joseph George Pastorek, M.D. noting areas of concentration by the judge during the hearing and/or review of the case on appeal. It was noted that the original hearing panel in this matter was not present during the review of this matter. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

7. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Billing of Anatomical Pathology Services. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Lisa D. Altmann, M.D., Managing Member, Reliapath, LLC, requesting an advisory opinion on the billing of anatomical pathology services, specifically pap smears. It was noted that a copy of the article that appeared in the April 2004 Newsletter regarding this subject had been forwarded to Dr. Altmann and she telephoned with questions regarding the ability of hospitals to bill patients and the patient's insurance company for pap smears. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Dr. Altmann that the article “Billing for Outpatient Anatomic Pathology Services” addressed her concerns.

8. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Durable Medical Equipment. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Elizabeth Bouldin, M.D., Medical Director, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, seeking guidance from the Board on the changing of a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) setting by the owner of a home medical equipment company. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Dr. Bouldin that it was unlawful for a home medical equipment vendor to make any adjustments in pressure settings on a patient’s CPAP machine, with or without the written or verbal order of a physician. The Board further advised Dr. Bouldin that Mr. Friedman, the owner of the company, would be advised of the need for compliance with the requirements of law.

9. Communication and Information; American Osteopathic Association. The Board noted receipt of a copy of correspondence from Peter B. Ajluni, DO, President, American Osteopathic Association addressed to Jerry Phillips, Bureau of Health Servicing Financing requesting a change to the emergency rules concerning Chapter 78, Pain Management Clinics, published in the Louisiana Register, January 20, 2008. Following review and discussion it was the consensus of the Board that because the correspondence was not addressed to the Board and the rules were not promulgated by the Board, no action was necessary on this matter.

10. Communication and Information; U.S. Department of Justice. The Board noted receipt of an invitation received from Mark W. Caverly, Chief, Liaison and Policy Section, Office of Diversion Control, U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration, to attend their 17th annual national conference on Pharmaceutical and Chemical Diversion to be held June 17-19 2008 in Charleston, South Carolina. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

11. Communication and Information; Citizen Advocacy Center. The Board reviewed information received from the Citizen Advocacy Center regarding a Continuing Competency Workshop to be held in Washington, DC, May 12-13, 2008. Dr. LeBlanc indicated an interest in attending the workshop. Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board authorized reimbursement for any member wishing to attend the workshop on behalf of the Board in accordance with travel authorization approved annually.

12. Communication and Information; Legislation Relative to Examination via Telemedicine. The Board reviewed legislation introduced during the current session relative to examination of a patient by a health care provider via telemedicine utilizing video conferencing. Following review and discussion, it the consensus of the Board to defer action, if any, on this matter pending further input from Dr. Marier.
13. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.

Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending December 31, 2007 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of December 31, 2007. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending December 31, 2007, and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of December 31, 2007.

[14.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session, to consider the report of Dr. Eisenhauer 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.

[15.] 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). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[16.] 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 matters were discontinued:

   Docket No., 07-I-753
   Docket No., 07-I-765 (Letter of Concern)

b. Administrative Complaints. The following administrative complaints were approved for filing and for scheduling of a formal hearing:

   Docket No., 06-I-662
   Docket No., 07-I-122
   Docket No., 07-I-657
   Docket No., 01-I-6076 (Supplemental and Amending Administrative Complaint)

c. Cease and Desist. The following follow-up information was presented regarding Cease and Desist Orders rendered in these matters:

   David M. Voltz, DC, Docket No. 07-I-838
   Katherine Sommers, Docket No., 07-I-571

d. Superseding Consent Order: The following Superseding Consent Order was accepted:
e. **Consent Orders**: The following Consent Orders were accepted:

- Mary Christine Webster, M.D., Docket No., 07-I-140
- Charles David Mayeux, RRT, Docket No., 06-I-076
- Antonio Dessell Edwards, M.D., Docket No., 07-I-690
- Rene Renae Roy, CRT, Docket No., 07-I-711
- Gerard Michael DiLeo, M.D., Docket No., 05-I-274

f. **Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License**: The following Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License was accepted:

- John Russell Davis, M.D., Docket No., 06-I-324

g. **Deferred** – The following matter was deferred:

- Docket No., 07-I-401

h. **Closed Complaint Cases**. The Closed Complaint Cases Report was reviewed.

i. **Investigations Referred from Licensure**. The Board reviewed the report on investigations referred from licensure.

[17.] **Physicians Health Committee**. Continuing in executive session, the Board received the report of Dr. Amusa on the meeting of the Physicians Health Committee held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 17, 2008, and as fully reported in the Committee minutes thereof. Following discussion, the Board resumed in open session. Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board made the following decision:

- **Lawrence Clarence Carter, M.D.** – To approve the Consent Order in the matter of Lawrence Clarence Carter, M.D.

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

[19.] **Investigative Reports; Personal Appearance; Antonio Dessell Edwards, M.D.** Continuing in executive session, Antonio Dessell Edwards, M.D., accompanied by his attorney, Linda Rodrigue, appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. Dr. Edwards acknowledged he understood the terms of the order and was aware it was a public record.

[20.] **General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Rena Renae Roy, CRT**. Continuing in executive session, Rena Renae Roy, CRT, accompanied by her attorney, Franklin D. Baehm,
appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of her Consent Order. Ms. Roy acknowledged she understood the terms of the order and was aware it was a public record.

[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:

a. **Probation Report** - The Board noted the activity reports for the probation department submitted for this month.

b. **Site Visits** – To receive the verbal report of Joseph Bonck, Jr., Collaborative Practice Coordinator, relative to his experience with site visits for physician assistants, supervising physicians, and those with collaborative practice agreements for the past year.

c. **Dispensing Physicians-Site Visits** - The Board noted the report of the dispensing physicians site visits submitted for this month.

d. **Re-licensure after Revocation.** - To establish a policy that before the Board will entertain a petition for reinstatement of a revoked license all financial obligations must be satisfied, and to defer action on establishing further policy pending further review of this matter.

e. **Moss, Samuel Q., RRT** – To approve reinstatement of the license of Samuel Q. Moss, RRT, off probation.

f. **Prejean, John Francois, M.D.** – To approve the request of John Francois Prejean, M.D. to be allowed to prescribe Schedule V controlled substance.

g. **Portacci, Mark Anthony, M.D.** – To defer action on the request of Mark Anthony Portacci, M.D., for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation, pending receipt of additional information.

[23.] **General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; George T. Waterfallen, M.D.** Continuing in executive session, George T. Waterfallen, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status. Dr. Waterfallen also requested reinstatement of his prescribing privileges. Following his dismissal, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved full reinstatement of the license of George T. Waterfallen, M.D., off probation to include reinstatement of his prescribing privileges.

[24.] **General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Mamdouh Girgis Mickail, M.D.** Continuing in executive session, Mamdouh Girgis Mickail, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status. Following his dismissal, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved full reinstatement of the license of Mamdouh Girgis Mickail, M.D., off probation.
[25.] Litigation Report; Hope Medical Group. Continuing in executive session, the Board received the report on the disposition of pending litigation relative to Hope Medical Group. Counsel reiterated that as agreed to and approved by the Board, the judge had dismissed the federal suit upon the agreement that the Board respond, within 120 days, to a letter requesting an advisory opinion on the necessary training required by a physician to perform first-trimester surgical abortions. Counsel further advised that said request had been received by the Board which required a response by July 13, 2008. Following his report, it was the consensus of the Board that pertinent documents be forwarded for review between meetings and that the matter be placed on the next agenda of the next meeting of the Board for discussion.

26. 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
- Duplichan, Briana
- Migues, Shannon L.
- Murray, Melissa
- Rome, Jody H.
- Sittig, Jeffrey D.
- Wilson, Garreth T.

Technicians
- Booker, Sherry
- Buckner, Sheron M.
- Frazier, Paris Monique
- Maddie, Jamie P.
- Ortis, Joy L.
- Vaughn, Dortha S.

Cytotechnologist
- Ding, Yifeng

Laboratory Assistants
- Adams, Brandon Paul
- Buras, Jeanette
- Dorgan, Ruthe C.
- Hughes, Shannon Mae
- Griffin, Shirley F.
- Lollis, Pamela Denise
- Mosaby, LaShaudra T.
- Schisler, Scott M.
- White, Dina M.

Phlebotomists
- Cambridge, Yvette A.
- Iles, Portia Lucinda
- Hiil, Angel S.

27. 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
Craig, Misty R.  Robinson, Valerie N.
Kirby, James M., Jr.  Tassin, Miriam R.
Mabile, Renee M.

28. 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
Richardson, Stanford E. III

Occupational Therapist - Reciprocity
Bledstein, Natalie C.  Middleton, William Taylor
Letourneau, Sharon E.

Occupational Therapy Assistants - Examination
Box, Stephanie Meloy  Oliver, Ben Elliot
Clark, Linda Leatice  Tucker, Michele Elizabeth

29. 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:

Byrd, Gerald Warren, M.D.  Nichols, Paul Hooper II, M.D.
Guillory, John Edward, M.D.  Weaver, Michael Thomas, M.D.

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

1) Belchic, George, M.D. – Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Dr. Jonathan D. Brewer, 4864 Jackson Street, Monroe.


3) Church, Timothy, M.D. – Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Dr. William Cefalu, 6400 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge.


6) **Fileccia, Russell, M.D.** - Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Tommy Brown, Paul C. Davis, S. Scott Wiggins, James F. Smith, Robert T. Martin, Roy V. Markham, Russell S. Fileccia, Michael Walton, Paul R. Stafford, Iqbal Singh, Ray Smith and Laura Murphy, Ark-La-Tex Cardiology, APMC, 2727 Hearne Avenue, Suite 300, Shreveport; 1800 E. 70th Street Shreveport, 2400 Hospital Drive, Suite 490, Bossier City.


9) **Markham, Roy, M.D.** – Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Tommy Brown, Paul C. Davis, S. Scott Wiggins, James F. Smith, Robert T. Martin, Roy V. Markham, Russell S. Fileccia, Michael Walton, Paul R. Stafford, Iqbal Singh, Ray Smith and Laura Murphy, Ark-La-Tex Cardiology, APMC, 2727 Hearne Avenue, Suite 300, Shreveport; 1800 E. 70th Street Shreveport, 2400 Hospital Drive, Suite 490, Bossier City.


12) **Roger, Laura, M.D.** – Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Graham Tugague, Kevin DiBenedetto, Sidney St. Amant, and Rosemary St. Clergy, 12525 Perkins Road, Suite B, Baton Rouge; 2380 O’Neal Lane, Suite A, Baton Rouge; 11055 Shoe Creek Drive, Baton Rouge; 3333 Drusilla Lane, Suite B, Baton Rouge; 42205 Veteran’s Avenue, Hammond; 319845 LA Highway, 16, Denham Springs; 2130 Kaliste Saloom Road, Suite 101, Lafayette.
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13) Smith, Ray, M.D. – Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Tommy Brown, Paul C. Davis, S. Scott Wiggins, James F. Smith, Robert T. Martin, Roy V. Markham, Russell S. Fileccia, Michael Walton, Paul R. Stafford, Iqbal Singh and Laura Murphy, Ark-La-Tex Cardiology, APMC, 2727 Hearne Avenue, Suite 300, Shreveport; 1800 E. 70th Street Shreveport, 2400 Hospital Drive, Suite 490, Bossier City.

14) Smith, James, M.D. – Supervising physician. Locum tenens: Drs. Tommy Brown, Paul C. Davis, S. Scott Wiggins, Robert T. Martin, Roy V. Markham, Russell S. Fileccia, Michael Walton, Paul R. Stafford, Iqbal Singh, Laura Murphy and Ray D. Smith, Ark-La-Tex Cardiology, APMC, 2727 Hearne Avenue, Suite 300, Shreveport; 1800 E. 70th Street Shreveport, 2400 Hospital Drive, Suite 490, Bossier City.


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) Brewer, Jonathan D., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Fulvantiben Mistry, 4864 Jackson Street, Monroe.

2) Loupe, Mark Francis, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Horace I Mitchell, The Neuromedical Center, 10101 Park Rowe Avenue, Suite 200, Baton Rouge.

3) Matherne, Dwight D., PAA - Supervising physician: Dr. John Jackson, 200 West 134th Place, Cut Off.


6) Thistlethwaite, Christine C., PAC - Supervising physician: Dr. Michael Charlet, Headache & Pain Center, AMC, 123 Frontage Road A, Gray.

7) Todd, Tamra Jean, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Luke Corsten, The NeuroMedical Center, 10101 Park Rowe Avenue, Suite 200, Baton Rouge.
8) **Tynes, Kerri Lucken, PAC** - Supervising physician: Dr. William B. Eaves, 255 Bert Kouns, Shreveport.

9) **Walker, Michale A., PA** - Supervising physicians: Drs. Laura Rogers, Graham Tujague, Kevin DiBenedetto, Sidney St. Amant, Rosemary St. Clergy, 501 West St. Mary Boulevard, #320, Lafayette.

d. **Transfer to New Supervising Physician** - To approve the following transfer to new supervising physicians for the following:

   1) **Bergeron, Katherine Ponder, PA** - Old supervising physician: Dr. Anuj Narang. New supervising physician: Dr. Firdous Laique, 7777 Hennessey Boulevard, Suite 103, Baton Rouge.

   2) **Comarda, Kathryn Anne, PA** - Old supervising physician: Dr. Anuj Narang. New supervising physician: Dr. Stephen Papizan, 7777 Hennessey Boulevard, Suite 103, Baton Rouge.

   3) **Jung, Allison Ann, PAC** - Supervising physician: Dr. John Guillory, 814 W. 21st Street, Covington.

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

   Patterson, Mary E.  
   Wilson, Lori L.

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

   1) **Bowes, Celeste Michele, PA** - Supervising physician: Dr. Abbas Abbas, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans; Kenner Regional Medical Center, 200 West Esplanade, Kenner; Leonard Chabert Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.

   2) **Matherne Dwight David, PA** - Supervising physician: Dr. John Jackson, 176 Washington Street, Golden Meadow.


   4) **Thistlethwaite, Christine C., PA** - Supervising physician: Dr. Michael Charlet, Leonard Chabert Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.

30. **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.**

   Baluna, Roxana Georgeta  
   Morrison, Richard Louis
Duggal, Anoop
Hoo, Charles Calvin
Qureshi, Mashuq Ahmad
Raghrum, Nandkishore B.

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

Altaqi, Basel
Karayil Thekkoott, Narayanan Deepak
Minocha, Anil
Patel, Prithesh
Piga, Jonathan Cambare
Rosario, Andriana Maria
Saboorian, Mohammad Hosein
Sibley, Sara Diann
Sudhakaran, Deepu
Swamyiah, Geetha R.

31. **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:

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

1) Adeagbo, Bamidele Adekunle, M.D. – To deny the request of Bamidele Adekunle Adeagbo, M.D., for a waiver of an examination attempt.

2) Plaisier, Brian R., M.D. - To defer action on the application of Brian R. Plaisier, M.D., pending receipt of information relative to his practice history.

3) **Non-routine applicants:**

    Berry, Thomas C.
    Jackson, Donald E., Jr.
    Mattison, Tanner L.
    Rothenberg, Lawrence
    Tran, James T.
    Weyer, Darlene D., DO

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

Alle, Darshana
Edupuganti, Hema M.
Fynes, Margaret M.
Gassen, Joseph A. III
King, James C. III
Lachman, Mary F.
Letsinger, Darrin
Noya, Anthony A.
Parry, James R., DO
Sheppard, Lisa M.
Snyder, Candice C.
Talbot, Amanda L.
VanTassel, Pamela
Warrick, JoAnn E.

32. **Licensure and Certification; Dispensing Registration.** The Board reviewed the applications submitted and upon motion made, duly seconded and carried by unanimous voice made the following decisions:

a. **Approved** - To approve the following for issuance of dispensation registration provided all requirements had been met:

1) Abi-Rached, Bassam, M.D. – 605 Medical Center Drive, Alexandria; 2003
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MacArthur Drive, Alexandria. Specialty: Oncology. Medications to be dispensed: As listed.

2) Ali, Juzar, M.D. – Louisiana State University Wetmore TB Clinic, 1855 Ames Boulevard, Marrero; LSU Chest Clinic, 1020 St. Andrew Street, New Orleans; LSU Homeless Shelter Clinic, Ozanam Inn, 843 Camp Street, New Orleans.

3) Boyd, Carter Jesse, M.D. – 1518 Doctors Drive, Bossier City. Specialty: Family Practice. Medications to be dispensed. As listed.


7) Cobb, Kelly Lynn, M.D. – 1405 W. Pinhook Road, Suite 102, Lafayette. Specialty: General Practice. Medications to be dispensed: As list submitted.

8) Ince, Christine June, M.D. – 605 Medical Center Drive, Alexandria; 2003 MacArthur Drive, Alexandria. Specialty: Internal Medicine. Medications to be dispensed: As list submitted.

9) Lujan, Celeste Aida, M.D. – Quick Trim Weight Loss Clinic, 5615-B Jackson Street, Ext. 102, Alexandria. Specialty: Bariatrics. Medications to be dispensed: As list submitted.


13) Stewart, Martha Ellis, M.D. – 804 Heavens Drive, Suite 200, Mandeville. Specialty: Dermatology. Medications to be dispensed: As listed.


b. Add/Delete Dispensing Locations - To approve the change in dispensing locations for the following:


c. Deferred – To defer action on the dispensing registration application for the following pending additional information:


33. 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

Hinz, Tami J.        Powell, Jacqueline A.

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Generalist

Brinson, Belinda M.

Laboratory Assistant

Randle, Helless Woods

Respiratory Therapists

Harrison, Curtis W. Jr.        Lerille, Rebecca F.

Occupational Therapist

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

Tatem, Susan Kay

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

Henry, Wendy Zena

Kiviko, Kelly Ann

36. **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 approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

**Clinical Laboratory Personnel**

Smith, Angela Denise

Wesley, Kimberly N.

**Physician and Surgeon**

Mingea, George D.

**Respiratory Therapists**

Duncan, Diane E.

Norwood, Monica L.

37. **Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Waiver of CME Requirements.** The Board reviewed the request of Joel J. Comeaux, M.D. for a waiver of CME requirements due to illnesses suffered in the last three years. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board denied the request of Joel J. Comeaux, M.D., for a waiver of CME requirements.

38. **Licensure and Certification; Clinical Exercise Physiologist; Reconsideration of Certification Program.** The Board reconsidered the request of Leah Roberts for approval of the program offered by the California College of Pennsylvania as meeting the requirement for licensure as a clinical exercise physiologist. This matter was presented in June 2007 and the request of Ms. Roberts was denied. Ms. Roberts was informed she must complete a program that is accredited by the American College of Sports Medicine. Following review and discussion, inasmuch as the information presented appears to put Ms. Roberts in a unique situation. It was the consensus of the Board to deter action pending further research into the matter.
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39.  **Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Occupational Therapy; Waiver of Examination Attempt.** The Board reviewed the request of Amanda Pierce, OT, requesting a waiver of an examination attempt citing extenuating circumstances. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on her request pending additional information.

40.  **Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Ability of International Medical Graduates in Postgraduate Training to Moonlight.** The Board reviewed a request from Leela Lakshmiprasad, M.D., FACP, Program Director, Internal Medicine, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, University Medical Center, Lafayette, asking approval of international medical graduates in PGY2 and PGY3 year of training to work in the walk in clinic at University Medical Center, Lafayette. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to approve IMGs to staff the walk in clinic at University Medical Center, Lafayette provided that (I) written approval of the program director is maintained in the personnel file of each resident permitted to engage in such activities; (ii) participating residents remain employees of LSUHSC, with or without outside contract support for their services; and (iii) only residents who have passed Part 3 of the USMLE examination will be eligible to participate. It was also noted that because a Physician’s Emergency Certificate (PEC) entails both a medical diagnosis and a recommendation for treatment, IMGs working in this arrangement could not issue PECs.

41.  **Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension.** The Board reviewed the list of licensees who had failed to renew their licenses for the quarter ending December 31, 2007. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board authorized suspension of the license due to non-renewal upon proper notification.

42. **Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 21, 22, 2008.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m., on Monday, March 17, 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 March 17, 2008 as approved by the Board on the 21st day of April 2008.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 21st day of April 2008.

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Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer
Attest: _______________________________

Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.
President