

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**OCTOBER 20, 2008
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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, October 20, 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 Diane Eisenhauer, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations
Grace Hammons, Program Compliance Officer Manager
Christine Holder, Program Compliance Officer III
Merian Glasper, Director of Licensure
Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis
Philip O. Bergeron

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1. **Minutes of September 15, 2008.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of September 15, 2008. Motion was made by Dr. Gage-White, 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. **Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted that action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings had been completed. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
3. **Rules and Regulations.**
 - a. **Final Rules/Amendments: 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. The rules were noticed and appeared in the December 20, 2007 edition of the Louisiana Register. Written comments were accepted until 4:00 p.m., January 14, 2008. During its meeting of July 21, 2008, the Board voted to adopt the amendments upon promulgation in the *Louisiana Register*. The amendments to the adjudication rules were adopted upon publication in the September 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons; Registered Dispensing Physicians; Licensure and Practice:** The Board determined that certain modifications to 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 which appeared in the December 20, 2007 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Written comments were accepted until 4:00 p.m., January 14, 2008. During its meeting of July 21, 2008, the Board voted to adopt the amendments upon promulgation in the *Louisiana Register*. The amendments to the dispensing rules were adopted upon publication in the September 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

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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. They 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. A summary of the comments were presented for consideration at its meeting of April 21, 2008. The Board voted to take no further action with respect to the current rule-making effort at this time. 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* which appeared in the January 20, 2008 edition. 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.

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 expanded 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. Further refinements were made to the draft and considered by the Board at its meeting of June 21, 2008. At its July meeting, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules in the Louisiana Register. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the September 20th edition of the *Louisiana Register*, a copy of which was provided to the Board.

Licensure and Certification – Application Approval – During its July 2008 meeting, the Board approved an amendment to its rules that would authorize it to act through its President or designee to approve the issuance and renewal of licenses, permits, certificates, registrations and other necessary authority for physicians and allied health care practitioners who satisfy all the requirements prescribed by law or Board rule. The Board elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments. Such notice appeared in the August 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. No comments were received during the comment period. Further activity on the

rule-making effort will be in accord with the provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. **Licensure – Adjudication –Evaluation/Summary Suspension** – During its July 2008 meeting, the Board approved an amendment to its rules that would authorize it to act through its President, or other Board member designated by the President, to order an evaluation or, in the event that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action, to order summary suspension. The Board elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments. Such notice appeared in the August 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. No comments were received during the comment period. 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 reviewed the current rules to ascertain what modifications may be needed in light of the legislative changes to the Louisiana Respiratory Therapy Act in 2007 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 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.

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 clarification on item (iii) for military personnel, approved the Committee's recommendations, and decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. At its March 2008 meeting, the Committee approved a recommendation concerning U.S. military trained CLS-G or CLS-T applicants. The Committee also considered other modifications to the draft. A final draft will be available for consideration by the Board.

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.

Physicians and Surgeons - Demonstration of Clinical Competency - The Board directed staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for demonstration of

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physician clinical competency for licensure/renewal. A draft was circulated to staff for review and comments. An initial draft was presented to the Board for review and discussion. Following review and discussion of the initial draft, several changes were suggested and will be incorporated into a second draft for the Board's consideration. **Polysomnography** - The Board received a proposed draft of new rules for polysomnographers from its Advisory Committee on Polysomnography. 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 scope of practice issues relating to physician assistants was referred to the PA Advisory Committee for input. A draft was presented to the Board for consideration at its July 2008 meeting. Suggested modifications, along with additional revisions from the Committee and staff were incorporated into a draft and presented to the Board for consideration at its August 2008 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* of the proposed rule amendment in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons – Telemedicine** – Due to the lack of sufficient number of psychiatrists and facilities available to provide mental health services to the citizens of this state, combined with advancement in technology in recent years, the Board will consider the issuance of permits that would allow board certified psychiatrists to conduct examinations by telemedicine (in lieu of in person) for the purpose of treating mental health and addiction disorders in facilities approved by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) for this purpose. A draft of the proposed rules was considered by the Board at its April 2008 meeting, and a revised draft was considered at its July 2008. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to approve the draft with suggested modifications and provide *Notice of Intent* of the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. By virtue of the necessary modification, revised drafts (both annotated and clean) were provided to the Board for review and discussion. Several changes were suggested, and will be incorporated into a revised annotated draft for the Board consideration. **Physicians and Surgeons – Consultation with Medical Psychologists** – Pursuant to Act 11 of the 2004 session of the Louisiana Legislature, medical psychologists were authorized to prescribe certain medications to their patients with prior consultation and concurrence of the patient's primary or attending physician. The Board directed staff to develop rules that would address various physician concerns bearing on the issue since implementation of the law. A draft was presented was review and discussion at its June 2008 meeting and suggested modifications were incorporated. Following review and discussion at its July 2008 meeting, the Board approved the draft; however, prior to advancing the rules, the Board elected to solicit the input of the State Board of Psychology Examiners of Louisiana, which licenses medical psychologists. The Board acknowledged receipt of communication from the State Board of Psychology Examiners of Louisiana that they had received a copy of the Board's proposed rules. A reply with recommendations was considered by the Board, and upon motion made, duly seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to approve certain modifications and provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons – Short Term Training Permits for International Graduates** - The Board discussed the concept of a short term permit that would allow international medical graduates to train in this state, at institutions with ACGME approved training programs, and directed staff to prepare a draft for consideration and further discussion. A draft was presented for initial review and discussion by the Board. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*.

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4. General Administrative Matters; Dispensing Rules; Personal Appearance, Steve Dupuis, President, Owner, Aspen Clinic. Steven Dupuis, President and Owner, Aspen Medical Weight Loss Clinic ("AMWLC") appeared before the Board and offered data on the benefits of weight loss medications offered to patients at his clinic. Mr. Dupuis informed the Board he would provide further information to support his premise that patients who received medications at AMWLC did better than those who had their medication filled at the pharmacy. He remained present during the discussion of the rules relative to dispensing of medications which became final upon promulgation in the September 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The rules limit the dispensing of controlled substances and drugs of concerns to a 48 hour supply. The Board voted prior to the meeting to delay implementation of the rules until December 1, 2008. The Board also reviewed correspondence received from Automated Health Care Solutions, the Bone and Joint Clinic, Mignonne Mary, M.D., Representative Kay Kellog Katz and Senator Willie Mount regarding this matter. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter until the next meeting of the Board to gather additional information and to delay implementation of the rules until January 1, 2009.

[5.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board convened in executive session to consider 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 a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

[6.] 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(1), (4). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[7.] 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(1) and (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. Closed Complaint Cases. The Closed Complaint Cases Report was reviewed.
- b. Consent Orders. The following Consent Orders were accepted:

Thomas James Worgul, M.D., Docket No., 07-I-620
Mark Evan Freeman, M.D., Docket No., 06-I-038
Joia Crear-Perry, M.D., Docket No., 07-I-170
- c. Consent Orders. The following Interim Consent Orders were presented for information only:

Brian Allan Heise, M.D., Docket No., 05-I-623

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Thomas Christopher Butler, PA, Docket No., 08-I-038

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

Docket No., 07-I-077

- e. Discontinued. The following matter was discontinued with a Letter of Concern:

Docket No., 08-I-725

[8.] Investigative Reports; Personal Appearance; Thomas James Worgul, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, the Board convened in executive session to consider an investigative report as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). Thomas James Worgul, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. No further action was required or taken in this matter.

[9.] Investigative Reports; Personal Appearance; Mark Evan Freeman, M.D. Continuing in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1) and (4), Mark Evan Freeman, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. No further action was required or taken in this matter.

[10.] Investigative Reports, Personal Appearance; Joia Crear-Perry, M.D. Continuing in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1) and (4), Joia Crear-Perry, M.D., accompanied by her attorney, Bill Bradley, appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of her Consent Order. No further action was required or taken in this matter.

[11.] Report on Pending Litigation. On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board convened in executive session to receive 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.

[12.] General Disciplinary Matters. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session to consider 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. ' 42:6.1A(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 report for the probation department submitted for this month.
- b. Site Visits – The Board noted the report on site visits for physician assistants, supervising physicians, and those with collaborative practice agreements.

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- c. Dispensing Physicians= Site Visits - The Board noted there were no site visits for dispensing physicians submitted for this month.
- d. Zweig, Mark Alan, M.D. – To refer the file to Dr. Bourgeois for his review and recommendations in accordance with the Board’s policy relative to reinstatement following revocation.
- e. Armstrong, Dion Lynn, M.D. – To deny the request of Dion Lynn Armstrong, M.D., for modification of the terms of the Opinion and Ruling dated January 8, 2008 to assist him in completing a residency training program.

[13.] Investigative Reports; Personal Appearance; William David Luckie, M.D. Continuing in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ‘ 42:6.1 A(1) and (4), William David Luckie, M.D., appeared before the Board as required in connection with his application for licensure. No further action was required or taken in this matter.

[14.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Wanda Gail Timpton-Holt, M.D. Continuing in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ‘ 42:6.1 A(1) and (4), Wanda Gail Timpton-Holt, M.D. appeared before the Board in connection with the request for reinstatement of her license, off probation. Following her dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, voted to give Dr. Timpton-Holt credit for 18 months of time served towards her 36 months of probation placed upon her license.

[15.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Gregory Scott Phillips, M.D. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ‘ 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). Gregory Scott Phillips, M.D. appeared before the Board in connection with the request for reinstatement of his license, off probation. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Gregory Scott Phillips, M.D., off probation effective the date of the order of reinstatement.

[16.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Eddie Glen Johnson III, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Ferdinand the Board convened in executive session, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ‘ 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). Eddie Glen Johnson III, M.D. appeared before the Board in connection with the request for reinstatement of his license, off probation. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Eddie Glen Johnson III, M.D., off probation effective the date of the order of reinstatement with the limitation that he cannot practice in the field of anesthesiology remaining.

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[17.] Investigative Reports; Personal Appearance; Vincent Lee Shaw, Jr., M.D. Returning to executive session on the motion of Dr. Ferdinand, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1) and (4), Vincent Lee Shaw, Jr., M.D., appeared before the Board as required in connection with his application for licensure. No further action was required or taken in this matter.

18. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.

a. Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending June 30, 2008 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of July 31, 2008. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending July 31, 2008, and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of July 31, 2008.

19. Communication and Information; Thomas Ferguson, M.D., Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Thomas G. Ferguson, M.D. informing the Board that the Internal Medicine Program had gained full accreditation by ACGME. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

20. General Administrative Matters; President's Report. The Board received the report of Dr. Gage-White on her presentation to the Louisiana State Medical Society on the activities of the Board for the past year, and Dr. LeBlanc reported on the activities of the Federation of State Medical Boards. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

21. 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 reported a satellite office would be opened in Shreveport to facilitate the investigators in their field inspections. He also reported on the following items:

a. HBV-HIV Rules - Information for discussion on the Board's rules Preventing Transmission of HBV and HIV during Exposure-Prone Invasive Procedures was presented. The rules he recommended should be updated to include Hepatitis C and follow current CDC guidelines with respect to HIV, HBV, HCV and other blood borne diseases. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to approve the recommendation.

b. AMA Profiles – He reported that effective October 1, 2008, AMA profiles would be requested for all who applies for licensure in Louisiana with “yes” answers on their applications and explained the rationale for requesting this information.

c. Statement of Position – Maintaining Medical Records - He presented a proposed Statement of Position, Maintaining Medical Records and explained the necessity of such statement. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Statement of Position – Maintaining Medical Records.

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- d. Newsletter - A copy of the next issue of the *Newsletter* was presented for information only.

22. General Administrative Matters; Otis Jones, AT, Waiver of Examination Attempts. The Board noted receipt of correspondence received from Senator Robert "Bob" Kostelka regarding the application of Otis Jones, AT for licensure as an athletic trainer in Louisiana. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Senator Kostelka that Mr. Jones had been given one more attempt to pass the examination due to the circumstances surrounding his application and had never heard from him. Dr. Sheppard agreed to contact Senator Kostelka regarding this matter.

[23.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel. On motion of Dr. Gage-White, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Generalist

Ardoin, Alonna Kate

[24.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy. On motion of Dr. Ferdinand, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Licensed Respiratory Therapist

Fontenot, Jada L.
Lowe, Angel E.
Lumpkins, Natalie R.

Provenzano, Bryan B.
Washington, Frances R.
Yeates, Erin L.

[25.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy. On motion of Dr. Dawson, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

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

Occupational Therapist - Examination

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Ashy, Lauren Elizabeth

Bennett, Lauren Nicole

Occupational Therapist - Reciprocity

Domangue, Kandy Koike

Jackson, Amanda McGee

Occupational Therapy – Temporary Permit– Temporary Permit

Millican, Kelly Leann

b. Deny – To deny the request of the following for issuance of a third temporary permit.

Le, Michelle Ngoc

[26.] Licensure and Certification; Athletic Trainer. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and deferred action on the applications of the following pending receipt of additional information.

Girard, Jason Robert

McClung, Brittany Lynn

[27.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistants. On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded, and carried by majority voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Prescriptive Authority. To approve the applicants for prescriptive authority in accordance with promulgation of the rules effective January 20, 2005 provided all requirements had been met:
 - 1) Becnel, Steven Michael, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Frank Arena, 901 Gause Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Slidell.
 - 2) Bolbolan, Shiva, PA - Supervising physicians: Dr. Hao Wang, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.
 - 3) Bowes, Celeste Michele, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Richard McConnell, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, 1514 Jefferson, New Orleans.
 - 4) Carruth, James William, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Verne Thibodeaux and Myrian Hutchinson, 214 S. Burnside Avenue, Gonzales.

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- 5) Chavez, Manuel Estrada, PAC- Supervising physicians: Drs. James Butler, James Gosey, Simon Finger, and Brian Fong, 1409 Persimmon Avenue, Metairie.
- 6) Edmondson, Ellen Frances, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Kenneth Adatto, 3715 Prytania Street, Suite 501, New Orleans.
- 7) Furr, Charles Allen III, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Edward Calvert and Melissa Smith, Gastrointestinal Consultants, 102 Thomas Road, Suite 506, West Monroe.
- 8) Gauthreaux, Dana Boudreaux, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Luke Lee, Prime Medical, 3515 Highway 1 South, Port Allen.
- 9) Hebert, Linzie Laurice Leford, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Wayne Barksdale, Marion Cash, Ricky Jones, Ann Landry, Timothy Mathis, Sherin Mercer, Charles S. Paton, 8383 Millicent Way, Shreveport.
- 10) Henderson, Christa Rhodes, PA - Supervising physician: Venkat Surakanti, 5231 Brittany Drive, Baton Rouge.
- 11) Holtzchaw, Carson, Sheltley, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Mohammed Alan, Thomas Arnold, Steven Conrad, Sandra Ellis, Derrel Graham, Laurie Grier, Simon Mahler, Brian Martin, Patrick McGauly, James Small, Jennifer Springhart, Marcus Stokes, Thomas Swoboda, Todd Thomas, Hao Wang, and Christopher Wolcott, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.
- 12) Latiolais, Matthew Stephen, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Kevin DiBenedetto, Lake After Hours, 7777 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 1004-154, Baton Rouge.
- 13) Navarrete-Hayes, Cassandra, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Lawrence Rottenberg, 501 S. Ryan Street, Lake Charles.
- 14) Parks, James M., PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Kimberly Smith, 500 N. Lewis Avenue, New Iberia.
- 15) Schooley, Jarrod Lesley, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Enaka Yembe, 102 Thomas Road, Suite 400, West Monroe.
- 16) Stockton, Lacey Christine, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Rufus Hixon, Pediatric Cardiology Associates of LA, 7777 Hennessy Boulevard, Suite 103, Baton Rouge.
- 17) Vaughan, Susan Carol, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Mohammed Alan, Thomas Arnold, Steven Conrad, Sandra Ellis, Derrel Graham, Laurie Grier, Simon Mahler, Brian Martin, Patrick McGauly, James Small, Jennifer Springhart, Marcus

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Stokes, Thomas Swoboda, Todd Thomas, Hao Wang, and Christopher Wolcott, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

18) Wilbon, Miriam Jyvonne, PAC – Supervising physician: Dr. Rosalind Cropper, Sankapho Medical Center, 8030 Crowder Boulevard, Suite A, New Orleans.

b. New Applicant - To approve the non-routine application for the following whose supervising physician had not yet been determined:

Brasuell, Aaron Scott

[28.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

- a. Bui, Phong Francois, M.D. – To defer action on the application of Francois Phong Bui, M.D. pending receipt of additional information.
- b. Fazili, Tajammul N., M.D. - To inform Tajammul N. Fazili, M.D., that he is ineligible for licensure in Louisiana because he does not possess the required three years of ACGME postgraduate training in the United States or Canada.
- c. Jalaluddin, Muhammad, M.D. – To deny the application of Muhammad Jalaluddin, M.D. for licensure in Louisiana because he does not possess the three years of ACGME approved training in the U.S. or Canada.
- d. Lilje, Christian Georg, M.D. – To approve Christian Georg Lilje, M.D., for licensure in Louisiana in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules inasmuch as he had been appointed Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans.
- e. Mishra, Abha, M.D. – To reaffirm the Board's decision to deny the request of Mishra Abha, M.D. because of the number of times he had failed the USMLE, Step 2 examination.
- f. Prieto, Juan Carlos, M.D. – To reaffirm the Board's decision to deny the application of Juan Carlos Prieto, M.D. for licensure inasmuch as he did not possess the required three years of ACGME postgraduate training in the U.S or Canada for licensure.
- g. Sachs, Benjamin Paul, M.D. – To approve Benjamin Paul Sachs, M.D., for licensure in Louisiana in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules inasmuch as he was appointed Dean of Tulane University School of Medicine.

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- h. Schwarm, Ted L., M.D. – To reaffirm the Board's decision to deny the request of Ted L. Schwarm, M.D., to obtain full licensure in Louisiana inasmuch as he was informed and allowed to obtain the training but was ineligible for licensure because he failed the USMLE examination, Step 2 four times.
- i. Shah, Basil, M.D. – To approve Basil Shah, M.D., for licensure in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules inasmuch as he had been appointed associate professor of interventional neuroradiology at Tulane University.
- j. Strangi, Janet E., M.D. - To inform Janet E. Strangi, M.D., that she is ineligible for licensure inasmuch as she failed the USMLE, Step 3 licensing examination more than the allotted number of times.
- k. Ustunsoz, Bahri, M.D. – To approve Bahri Ustunsoz, M.D., for licensure in Louisiana in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules inasmuch as he was appointed Associate Professor of Clinical Radiology on the tenure tract at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans.
- l. Warner, Larry Wedell, M.D. – To deny the request of Larry Wedell Warner, M.D., for an extension of his temporary permit in accordance with the Board's rules that do not allow for an extension beyond 24 months.
- m. Non-Routine applicants - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Hinds, Trenton Andrew
McIntyre, Brenda Lenez
Patel, Alpesh Ishverial

Stewart, Christopher Manley
Tran, Mai Thi

[29.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.

On motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

- a. Morrison, John Albert III, M.D. – To approve issuance of a temporary training permit only to John Albert Morrison III, M.D. to train in a general surgery at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans.
- b. Non-Routine - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Chermansky, Christopher
Dang, David N.
Diaz-Horsley, Jannell F.

Levatter, Ross E.
Ryan, Sherry Lynn

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Schwager, Keith T.
Vargo, Christopher J.

Walker, Penny S.

[30.] Licensure and Certification; Intern/Examination Registration. On motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for intern/examination registration as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for intern registration provided all requirements had been met:

Brocato, Robert Adam

Burnikel, David James

[31.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Relicensure/Reinstatement. On motion of Dr. Gage-White, the Board convened in executive session to consider the application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following for reinstatement/relicensure provided all requirements had been met:

Physicians and Surgeons – To approve the following for relicensure/reinstatement provided all requirements had been met:

Collier, James Curtis
David, Randall Ivan

Moore, Robert Gene

[32.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report. On motion of Dr. Dawson, the Board convened in executive session to review the report of Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Investigating Officer, on the applicants for licensure with fingerprint discrepancies as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:6.1A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Physicians and Surgeons

Collier, William E., Jr.
Ventre, Jeffrey M. (GETP)

Zoldhelyi, Pierre

Respiratory Therapists

Houston, Nikki S.

Vega, Robert F.

Occupational Therapist

Buford, Marjorie Zeh

Physician Assistants

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LeDoux, Shea Murette

Oresman, Thomas Perry

Polysomnographer

Thompson, Patrick Sean

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Bruner, Leslie Noel
Harris, Lindsay Nicole
Manuel, Sherry Elaine

Rodrigue, Marigny Elise
Stith, Kendrick Dewayne
Williams, Angelia Y.

- 33. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension.** The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by August, 2008. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
- 34. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for December 15, 16, 2008.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, October 20, 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 October 20, 2008 as approved by the Board on the 15th day of December 2008.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 15th day of December 2008.

Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.
President