

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**FEBRUARY 16, 2009  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to call of the President and lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, February 16, 2009, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members were present as follows:

Linda Gage-White, M.D., Ph.D., President  
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., Vice-President  
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary-Treasurer  
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.  
Robert Earl Dawson, M.D.  
Keith C. Ferdinand, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

Melvin G. Bourgeois, 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  
Thania Elliott, RN, Investigator  
Grace Hammons, Program Compliance Officer Manager  
Merian Glasper, Director of Licensure  
Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis  
Philip O. Bergeron

**1. Minutes of January 12, 13, 14, 2009.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of January 12, 13, 14, 2009. Motion was made by Dr. Amusa, seconded by Dr. Dawson, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings together with the executive sessions conducted during such meeting with all necessary corrections.

**[2.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session, to review 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.

**[3.] Investigative Reports.** Continuing in executive session, the Board considered the investigative report 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). Following the review the Board resumed in open session. Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

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

Edward F. Pitard, M.D., Docket No., 08-A-009<sup>1</sup>  
Lorri Elizabeth Malagarie, OTT, Docket No., 08-I-448  
Jonathan Howard Stein, M.D., Docket No., 07-I-1570  
Robert D. Hoeldtke, M.D., Docket No., 08-I-696  
Donald Auzine, M.D., Docket No., 08- I-351  
Maria Carmen Palazzo, M.D., Docket No., 05-I-506

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

Docket No. 08-I-697

c. Administrative Complaint. The following administrative complaint was withdrawn:

Docket No. 05-A-506

**4. Physicians Health Program; Personal Appearance; Gregory E. Skipper, M.D, Medical Director, Alabama Physician Health Program.** Gregory E. Skipper, M.D., appeared before the Board to give a brief presentation on physician health programs throughout the country. He presented statistics on the results of a national survey with 42 of the 48 states participating. Dr. Skipper reported on the handling of DEA restrictions in Alabama. Alabama does not report

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Gage-White opposed approval of the Consent Order.

prescribing restrictions to the drug enforcement administration. Julie Alleman, M.Ed, LPC, LMFT, LAC, Administrative Director, Physicians' Health Foundation of Louisiana presented statistics on Louisiana's program.

**[5.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Walter Borg, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Mark Dawson, the Board convened in executive session for review and discussion of the formal hearing in the matter of Walter Borg, M.D., as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct in an administrative hearing as provided by the legislature in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(4) and (10) and La.Rev. Stat. 49:951, *et. Seq.* Following the discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, rendered a decision in the matter of Walter Borg, M.D., and instructed Judge Ellis to prepare a written order to reflect the ruling.

## 6. Rules and Regulations.

- a. Final Rules/Amendments: None published since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent - 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. A draft of proposed rules was presented to the Board for consideration during the July 2008 meeting and following unanimous voice vote, 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 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Following publication of *Notice of Intent*, the Board did not receive a request for a public hearing, it did, however, receive written comments submitted by the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons, the American College of Surgeons, and the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association. A copy of the *Notice of Intent* along with a copy of the joint written comments from the AAOS, ACS, and LOA dated October 2008 were reviewed by the Board at its meeting of December 15, 2008. Following review and discussion, the Board decided to respond to those who had submitted written comments based on its discussion at the meeting and to adopt the rules in the same form as had been previously noticed in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that the rules will be promulgated in the February edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **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 for 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 preview the draft with the State Board of Psychology Examiners of Louisiana, which licenses medical psychologists. A communication was sent to the State Board of Psychology Examiners of

Louisiana and its response was reviewed by the Board at its October 2008 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board approved modifications and decided to provide *Notice of Intent* in the *Louisiana Register*. They appeared in the December 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The Board noted receipt of a request for a public hearing from Jaime T. Monic, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists and Gail R. Lowe, Executive Director, Louisiana Psychological Association. The public hearing was held on January 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. A copy of the transcript along with the written comments was available for the Board's review. Following due consideration, the Board directed that certain modifications be made and that the proposed rules be presented at a subsequent meeting. **Licensure and Certification – 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 Louisiana medical schools and major teaching hospitals with ACGME approved training programs and directed staff to prepare a draft for consideration. A draft was presented for initial review and discussion by the Board at its October 2008 meeting. Following discussion, the Board decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. They appeared in the December 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

c. **Rules/Amendments Under Development - Athletic Trainers** - The rule-making effort commenced by *Notice of Intent* in the January 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register* expired by operation of law. A revised draft of the proposed rules will be placed on the agenda in due course. **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 Perfusion Advisory Committee prepared an initial draft of rules for this newly regulated category of allied health care professionals. 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, but otherwise approved the draft amendments incorporating the Committee's recommendations. At its March 2008 meeting, the Committee approved the recommendation concerning U.S. military trained CLS-G or CLS-T applicants. The Committee also considered other

modifications to the draft. A final draft of the rules that included the military exception and other modifications was considered by the Board at its December 15, 2008 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons - Supervision of Unlicensed Providers** - The Board directed staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for supervision of unlicensed providers of cosmetic and other medical services. As soon as a draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. **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 was presented to the Board for initial review and discussion at its October 2008 meeting. Suggested modifications will be incorporated into a subsequent draft and presented to the Board for 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 considered by the Board at its August 2008 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board approved the draft and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Prior to publication, the Board granted the request of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Association of Physician Assistants to discuss the proposed rules at its December 15, 2008 meeting. Following discussion among these parties and the Board at that time, the Board decided to withhold publication of the *Notice of Intent* and study the proposed draft further. **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. By virtue of the necessary modifications, a revised draft was provided for discussion during its October 2008 meeting and an annotated draft was presented for discussion at its December 2008 meeting. Further revisions were suggested and will be incorporated into a revised draft and presented for consideration. **Midwifery**: The Board directed staff to prepare an amendment to its rules to address certification of midwifery training by a national accredited entity. As soon as a draft is prepared, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. **Physicians and Surgeons – Waiver of Qualifications**: Pursuant to its current rules, the Board may waive certain qualifications for licensure with respect to a physician who is appointed by an approved medical school or college in this state to a tenured track position as full professor or associate professor or to a clinic full professor or clinical associate professor on a full-time clinical track (46XLV.315, 327). Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimously passed, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to expand its rules to include an applicant who has been offered a rank of assistant professor or above and

to make clear that the practice of any individual issued on such basis is limited to the medical school or college for which such person has been approved by the Board, and to hospitals and clinics affiliated with the medical school or college.

**[ 7.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Ferdinand, the Board convened in executive session to consider 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. Discontinued. The following matters were discontinued:

Docket No., 08-I-953

Docket No., 08-I-747

b. Closed Complaint Cases. The Closed Complaint Cases Report was reviewed. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[ 8.] General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Antonio Dessell Edwards, 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), Antonio Dessell Edwards, M.D., appeared before the Board in connection with the compliance of his Consent Order and reinstatement of his license off probation. Following his appearance, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried approved reinstatement of the license of Antonio D. Edwards, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

**[ 9.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Lorri Elizabeth Malagarie, OTT** On the motion of Dr. Robert Dawson, 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), for the personal appearance of Lorri Elizabeth Malagarie, OTT. Ms. Malagarie appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of her Consent Order. She acknowledged she understood the terms of the order and was aware it was a public record.

**[ 10.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Jonathan Howard Stein, 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.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4), Jonathan Howard Stein, M.D., appeared before the Board, accompanied by his wife. Dr. Stein acknowledged he understood the terms of the order and was aware it was a public record.

**[ 11.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Edward F. Pitard, 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.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4), Edward F. Pitard, M.D., appeared before the Board, accompanied by his attorney and sister. Dr. Pitard acknowledged he understood the terms of the order and was aware it was a public record.

**[ 12.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, 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.

**[ 13.] 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 a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. ' 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

**[ 14.] General Disciplinary Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Mark Dawson, 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.
- c. Dispensing Physicians= Site Visits - The Board noted the report of the dispensing physicians= site visits submitted for this month.
- d. Berkowitz, Roy Edward, M.D. - To deny the request of Roy Edward Berkowitz, M.D. for reinstatement of his prescribing privileges.
- e. Cotter, Mark Mitchell, M.D. – To defer action on the request of Mark Mitchell Cotter, M.D., for reinstatement of his suspended license pending review of his file by Dr. Mark Dawson.
- f. McCann, Jay Carroll, RRT - To approve reinstatement of the license of Jay Carroll McCann, RRT, to a full, unrestricted license without restrictions.
- g. Sabatier, Richard Edward, M.D. – To approve reinstatement of the license of Richard Edward Sabatier, M.D., to practice medicine at one or more practice settings pre-approved by the Board.
- h. Enforcement Performance Indicators - The Board reviewed the enforcement performance indicators prepared for 2008.

**15. Communication and Information; Nursing Board Proposed Rules.** The Board reviewed a copy of correspondence written to Barbara L. Morvant, MN, RN, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Nursing, relative to their proposed rules on PICC Insertion, Radiographic Verification of Placement and Insertion. It was noted that if a public hearing was requested it would be held in late March or early April. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

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

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

**17. General Administrative Matters; President's Report.** The Board noted the activities of the President since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Gage-White gave a brief report followed by Dr. LeBlanc's report on the activities of the Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**18. 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. He reported on the renovation project stating we were awaiting the bid process to begin for an architect; development of rules regarding eligibility for licensure for international medical graduates who are well trained but do not meet our current requirements for licensure; Uniform Emergency Volunteer legislation; and active physicians in Louisiana.

**19. Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted the action items assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[ 20.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy.** On motion of Dr. Dawson, 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, made the following decisions:

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

Licensed Respiratory Therapist

Mangus, Victoria A.

Smith, Courtney J.

b. Chaisson, Brooke Ann, RT – To grant the request of Brooke Ann Chaisson, RT, for an extension of her temporary permit.

**[ 21.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistants.** On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, 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

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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 decision:

- a. 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) Barbagelott, Keith James, PAC - Supervising physicians: Drs. John Ochsner, Jr., Fredric Warren, Mark Meyer, Robert Treuting, George Chimento, Frederic Wilson, IV, and Jefferson Kaye, Ochsner Foundation Clinic 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
  - 2) Berthiaume, Michael Christopher, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Lim, Pamela Capik and James Parker, Leonard Chabert Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
  - 3) Catalanotto, Anthony Joseph, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Lim, Pamela Capik and James Parker, Leonard Chabert Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
  - 4) Chauvin, Bradley Paul, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Lim, Pamela Capik and James Parker, Leonard Chabert Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
  - 5) Cummins, Paul James, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Lim, Pamela Capik and James Parker, Southern Medical Associates, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
  - 6) Davis, Karen Carpi, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. James R. Bergeron, MPM Trinity Outpatient Clinic, 2102 Trinity Oaks Boulevard, Suite 203, New Port Richey, Florida.
  - 7) Diedrich, Scott Frost, PA, - Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Lim, Pamela Capik and James Parker, South Louisiana Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
  - 8) DuBroc, January R., PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Greg Bizette, Ochsner Foundation Clinic, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
  - 9) Furr, Charles Allen III, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Hoe Nguyen and Gary Lowder, Gastrointestinal Consultants, 102 Thomas Road, Suite 506, West Monroe.
  - 10) Gates, Dwayne Allen, PA- Supervising physicians: Drs. Larry Parker, Kelvin Spears, Stuart Yoas, Anthony Pruett, Marcus Stokes, Ronald Coe, Sara Kelly and Howard Rigg III, Louisiana Army National Guard, 805 F Street, Pineville.

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- 11) Glennon, Timothy Christopher III, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Richard Barton, James Bicknell, Harold Bicknell, Jr., Karl Bilderback, Cambize Shahrdat, Jr., and Milan Mody, The Orthopedic Clinic, 7925 Youree Drive, Suite 200, Shreveport.
- 12) Grant, Emilyn Jessica, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Ghiath Mikdadi and Douglas Mendoza, Ochsner Heart and Vascular Institute, 2750 Gause Boulevard, Slidell.
- 13) Landry, Travis James, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Lim, Pamela Capik and James Parker, Thibodaux Regional Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
- 14) Logan, Mark J., PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Lim, Pamela Capik and James Parker, Thibodaux Regional Medical Center, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
- 15) Moss, Walter Olin, Jr., PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Bradley Loewer, Eno Congtang, Ricardo Samudia, Jude Agendia, Eulogio Tan, Dalmacio Paraguya, Harpal Benipal, and Mohammad Sarwar, 247 E. Jim Pickens Road, Sulphur.
- 16) Nguyen, Lily Diep Ngoc, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Joseph Awotwi, Women's and Children Hospital, 4600 Ambassador Caffrey, Layette.
- 17) Powell, Christopher Wayne, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Lim, Pamela Capik and James Parker, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.
- 18) Reid, John Floyd, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. John Ochsner, Jr., Fredric Warren, Mark Meyer, Robert Treuting, George Chimento, Frederic Wilson, IV, and Jefferson Kaye, Ochsner Foundation Clinic 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
- 19) Scheuermann, Jennifer Barrett, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Shobba Joshi, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
- 20) Stanga, Daryl Floyd, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. John Ochsner, Jr., Fredric Warren, Mark Meyer, Robert Treuting, George Chimento, Frederic Wilson, IV, and Jefferson Kaye, Ochsner Foundation Clinic 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
- 21) Stevens, Peter Boyd, PAC – Supervising physicians: Drs. John Ochsner, Jr., Fredric Warren, Mark Meyer, Robert Treuting, George Chimento, Frederic Wilson, IV, and Jefferson Kaye, Ochsner Foundation Clinic 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.

**[ 22.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, 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

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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 decision:

Occupational Therapist

David, Katrina Logan, - To defer action on the application of Katrina Logan Davis, OT, pending receipt of additional information.

**[ 23.] 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. Singh, Satnam, M.D. – To grant the request of Satnam Singh, M.D. to be allowed to use her Institutional Permit to work at Office of Mental Health, Region IV inasmuch as it is under the umbrella of her current work location.
- a. Walvekar, Rohan, R., M.D. – To take no action on the application of Rohan R. Walvekar, M.D., pending proposed rule changes.
- b. Non-Routine applicants - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Handy, Jeremy Armien  
Joseph, Alex  
Mungara, Mahija

Syed, Khazi Rashad  
Upendram, Saldendra

**[ 24.] 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:

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

Lipsky, Caren Lee

Stegelman, Mark Frederick

**[ 25.] 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:

Podiatrist

Grizzaffi, Jeffery Ryan

Respiratory Therapists

Diaz-Craige, Lillian Eunice

Lee, Lynette D.

**[ 26.] Licensure and Certification; Polysomnography.** On motion of Dr. Robert Dawson, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter pertaining to 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. Approved – To approve the application of the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Technologist

Jones, Kimberly La Van

- b. Deferred – To defer action on the application of the following pending receipt of additional information:

Technologist

Richardson, Angela T.

**[ 27.] Licensure and Certification; Intern/Examination Registration.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, 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, made the following decisions:

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

Bennett, William Lee  
Durick, Paul Gregory  
Prowell, Curtis Dwayne

Rodgers, Shari Jenee  
Wilt, Paula Mcyre

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b. Deferred – To defer action on the application for intern registration for the following pending receipt of additional information:

Bass, Stephen Ashley

**[28.] 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 approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

McClung-Toups, Brittany Lynn

**[29.] Licensure and Certification; Collaborative Drug Therapy Management.** On motion of Dr. Robert 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 approved for collaborative drug therapy management registration.

Kossover, Melvyn F.

Yount, Beverly B.

**30. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension.** The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by January 31, 2009. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**31. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for March 16, 17, 2009.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, February 16, 2009.

**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 February 16, 2009 as approved by the Board on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009.

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Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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Linda Gage-White, M.D., Ph.D.  
President