

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**JANUARY 12, 13, 14, 2009
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, January 12, 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.
Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.
Robert Earl Dawson, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

Keith C. Ferdinand, 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

First Session
Monday, January 12, 2009

1. **Minutes of December 15, 16, 2008.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of December 15, 16, 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. **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:** None published since the last meeting of the Board.
 - b. **Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent - Athletic Trainers** - The rule-making effort commenced by *Notice of Intent* in the January 20, 2008 edition of the *Louisiana Register* will expire this month by operation of law. **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 20th 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*. **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 Board noted that the public hearing had been scheduled for January 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. **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 - 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 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.

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 meeting. 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.

4. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Physician Assistants Advisory Committee Jennifer Angelo, President, Louisiana Physician Assistant Association, Peter Stevens, Chairman, Physician Assistant Advisory Committee and Charles Walker Lynn, PA, appeared before the Board to discuss their nominations to the Physician Assistants Advisory Committee replacing Carl Sidney Luikart, M.D. Following review and discussion, upon motion made duly seconded and

unanimously passed, the Board approved the list of nominees for submission to the Governor for selection of an appointee to the Physician Assistants Advisory Committee.

[5.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, 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 report 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. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
- b. Consent Orders: The following Consent Orders were accepted:

Curtis Dwayne Palmer, RT, Docket No., 07-I-337
Chandrakant Marutirao Joshi, M.D., Docket No., 08-I-010
- c. Withdrawn. The following matter was withdrawn:

Docket No. 08-I-636
- d. Cease and Desist Order – To approve the motion to issue a Cease and Desist Order in the matter of Paul Eli Nathan, M.D., and in the event of non-compliance to authorize an Injunction to be filed against him.
- e. Suspension Order – The following Suspension Order was presented for information only:

Joseph Peter Orsulak, M.D., Docket No., 08-I-980

[8.] 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.

[9.] Report on Adjudication; Robert Alan Woodward, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Mark Dawson, the Board convened in executive session as a matter involving a prior Board decision, La. Rev. Stat. §

42;6.1A(4) and (10). The Board reviewed the request of Robert Alan Woodward, M.D., that he be allowed to see a Board-certified psychiatrist in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, for an extension to obtain the evaluation and to be granted permission to pay the administrative fine and cost of the proceeding once he returned to the practice of medicine. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board denied all the requests of Robert Alan Woodward, M.D.

[10.] Report on Adjudication; Joseph Peter Pastorek II, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, the Board convened in executive session as a matter involving a prior Board decision, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42;6.1A(4) and (10). The Board reviewed the judgment rendered in the matter of Joseph Peter Pastorek, II, M.D vs. LSBME affirming the Board's decision of November 25, 2007. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[11.] 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. Vajnar, David Charles, M.D. - To deny the request of David Charles Vajnar, M.D. to be allowed to open his own clinic and be allowed to write prescriptions for Schedule IV and V controlled substances.
- e. Rath, Siddhartha, M.D. – To deny the request of Siddhartha Rath, M.D. for early relief of probation and reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status.
- f. Glover, Geoffrey Jerrome, M.D. – To deny the request of Geoffrey Jerrome Glover, M.D., to rescind the Board's decision rendered in the matter of Geoffrey Jerrome Glover, M.D., 08-A-006.

12. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.

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

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also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of November 30, 2008.

b. Travel Expenses. Motion was made by Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote authorizing the Executive Director to approve routine and special travel for Board Members, Board staff, Board consultants and legal counsel for 2009, including but not limited to the following:

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

13. 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 software used for the Board's agenda, follow-up information on the leasing of space at Dominion Towers, renovation of the Board offices, Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc. were accepting comments on the draft report on the telemedicine policy and the development of web applications for the Board's website regarding renewals.

14. General Administrative Matters; Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee. The Board noted receipt of a list of physician nominees to the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society. They also noted the resignation of Cheraine B. Melancon, MLT, (ASCP) from the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee. Following review and discussion, the Board, upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimous voice vote, voted to appoint James Taylor, M.D. to the Clinical Laboratory Personal Committee and accepted the resignation of Cheraine B. Melancon, MLT, and (ASCP).

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[15.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Curtis Dwayne Palmer, RT. On the motion of Dr. Mark Dawson, the Board convened in executive session for the personal appearance of Cutis Dwayne Palmer, RT, 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). Mr. Palmer accompanied by his attorney, Anthony S. Taomina, appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. Mr. Palmer acknowledged he understood the terms of the order.

[16.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Kenneth Boyd Sumner, M.D. On motion of Dr. Bourgeois, 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 Kenneth Boyd Sumner, M.D. in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status. 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 Kenneth Boyd Sumner, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status.

[17.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Brian Allan Heise, M.D. On motion of Dr. Amusa, 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). Brian Allan Heise, M.D. appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried approved the Consent Order in the mater of Brian Allan Heise, M.D., with modification.

[18.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Chandrakant Marutirao Joshi, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Mark Dawson, the Board convened in executive session for the personal appearance of Chandrakant Marutirao Joshi, M.D., as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). Dr. Joshi appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order and acknowledged he understood the terms of the order.

[19.] Investigative Report; Motion For Re-Hearing; Oral Arguments; Edward F. Pitard, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Mark Dawson, the Board convened in executive session for oral arguments on a request for re-hearing on a motion initially denied in the mater of Edward F. Pitard, M.D., as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(1). Following presentations by counsel for the Physicians Health Foundation, the Respondent and the Complainant, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, the Board voted to set aside the judgment and grant the Motion to Quash the subpoena for reasons cited in the Order dated January 13, 2009.

[20.] 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 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:

Occupational Therapist

Barnett, Patty Lynn

[21.] 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 promulgated of the rules effective January 20, 2005 provided all requirements had been met:
 - 1) Goldberg, Cara Rachel, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Ronald Post, Daughters of Charity, 320` Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans.
 - 2) Grant, Emilye Jessica, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Leonardo Orejarena and George Isa, Ochsner Heart and Vascular Institute, 2750 Gause Boulevard, Slidell.
 - 3) Hernandez, Carlos J., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Mark Operario, Winter's Clinic, 421 Main Street, Columbia.
 - 4) Holman, Mickel Andre, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Eldredge Carroll Jr., M.D., 176 Watson Street, Wisner.
 - 5) Lasseigne, Dale Alan, Sr., PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Thomas Gregory Chaisson, 3916 LA Hwy 1, Raceland.
 - 6) Nguyen, Lily Diep, PA, - Supervising physician: Dr. Monique Vallee, Women's and Children Hospital, 4600 Ambassador Caffrey, Lafayette.
 - 7) Oldendorf, Melanie Ross, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Roger Smith, Olawale Sulainman, and Cuong Bui, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.
 - 8) Vu, Hong Thi, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Joseph Gonzales, Andrew King, Stephen Heinrich, Vinitha Shenava and William Accousti, Children's Hospital, 200 Henry Clay Avenue, New Orleans.
 - 9) Webb, Tamy Lynn, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Derrel Graham, Mohammad Alam, Thomas Arnold, Steven Conrad, Sandra Ells, Patrick McGauly, Simon Mahler, Brian Martin, James Small, Jennifer Springhart, Marous Stokes, Thomas Swoboda, Todd Thomas, Hao Wang, Christopher Wolcott, and Laurie Grier, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

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[22.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy. On motion of Dr. Bourgeois, 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:

HakenJos, Christopher Gerard
Mims, Tiffany Nicole

Salley, Susannah Ruth
Simoneaux, John Wesley

[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. Assif, Said, M.D. – To deny the request of Said Assif, M.D., for a waiver of an examination attempt on the USMLE, Step2 examination.
- b. Bhatt, Nayan Kumar, M.D. – To defer action on the application of Nayan Kumar Bhatt, M.D., pending receipt of additional information.
- c. Non-Routine applicants - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Afzal, Syed Mujtiba

[24.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report. On motion of Dr. Mark 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:

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Tillman, Pamela Leigh

Respiratory Therapist

Gibson, Wendell Eric

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Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to reconvene at the Board at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

Second Session
Tuesday, January 13, 2009

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners was reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at the offices of the Board with everyone in attendance except for Drs. Amusa and Ferdinand.

[25.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Walter Borg, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board convened in executive session for the purpose of a formal hearing in the matter of Walter Borg, M.D., as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and conduct an administrative hearing as provided by the legislature in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(1) and (10) and La.Rev. Stat. 49:951, et.Seq.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to reconvene at the Board at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2009.

Third Session
Wednesday, January 14, 2009

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners was reconvened at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at the offices of the Board with everyone in attendance except for Drs. Amusa and Ferdinand.

[26.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Walter Borg, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, the Board re-convened in executive session for the purpose of a formal hearing in the matter of Walter Borg, M.D., as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and conduct an administrative hearing as provided by the legislature in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:6.1 A(1) and (10) and La.Rev. Stat. 49:951, et.Seq.

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

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, January 14, 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 January 12, 13, 14, 2009 as approved by the Board on the 16th day of February 2009.

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Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 16th day of February 2009.

Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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