

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**MARCH 16, 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, March 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
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.
Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.
Robert Earl Dawson, M.D.
Cynthia Gail Montgomery, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., Vice-President

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 February 16, 2009.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of February 16, 2009. Motion was made by Dr. Amusa, seconded by Dr. LeBlanc, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the meetings together with the executive sessions conducted during such meeting with all necessary corrections.

2. **Rules and Regulations.**

a. Final Rules/Amendments: 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 20, 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*. The rules became final upon promulgation in the February edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent - 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 at the February meeting of the Board following which, the Board directed that certain modifications be made and the proposed rules be returned to the agenda for consideration.

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 reinstatement/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 considered 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. In the interim, legislation was adopted by the Louisiana legislature relative to telemedicine (Acts, 850 (2008)) that required additional consideration. Thus, a revised, annotated draft was presented for discussion at its December 2008 meeting. Further revisions were suggested and incorporated into a revised draft and reviewed by the Board at its March 2009 meeting. Following review and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to include certain modifications and upon revision to publish a *Notice of Intent* in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

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 during its February 2009 meeting, the Board elected 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. It is anticipated that the *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments will appear in the March 2009 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

3. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Physician Assistants Advisory Committee. Jennifer Angelo, PA-C, President, Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants along

with Peter B. Stevens, PA-C, Chairman, and members of the Physician Assistants Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board to give an interim report on the Physician Assistant Workgroup that had met and discussed physician assistant supervision. The group presented the Board with a memorandum outlining their development plans and pointed out 3 major concerns. During their appearance, Dr. Marier pointed out that the Board had received three advisory opinion requests seeking clarification on scope of practice issues which he felt were very pertinent to the need for rules relative to this issue. Prior to their dismissal, the workgroup stated they would gather information on how other states handled scope of practice issues and demonstration of competency and forward it to the Board.

[4.] 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.

[5.] 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.

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

Docket No. 08-I-387
Docket No. 08-I-613
Docket No. 08-I-803

- b. Administrative Complaint. The following administrative complaint was withdrawn:

Docket No. 08-A-014

- c. Consent Orders: The following Consent Orders were accepted:

Kenneth Michael Kippels, M.D., Docket No., 08-I-097
Randall Craig Moore, RRT, Docket No., 07-I-812
Cindy Marie Malbrough, CRT, Docket No., 07-I-812
Louis Chad Bergeron PA, Docket No., 08-I-897
Kevin Govan Work., Docket No., 08-I-774
Denise Gay Burns, CLP, Docket No., 08-I-311

- d. Closed. The following matter was closed:

Docket No., 08-I-816

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

Docket No., 08-I-813

- f. Orders. The following orders were presented for information only:

Joseph James Trahan, M.D., Docket No. 08-I-613
Natalie Renae Needham, M.D., Docket No. 08-I-418
James Whitton Lowe, M.D., Docket No. 08-I-803

- g. Cease and Desist: The following Cease and Desist Order was approved in the following matter and in the event of non-compliance, the filing of an injunction or other appropriate action:

Docket No., 08-I-958

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

[7.] 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.

[8.] General Disciplinary Matters. On the motion of Dr. Robert 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. Nguyen, Manhhai Hoang, M.D. - To review the follow-up information presented regarding Manhhai Hoang Nguyen, M.D.

[9.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Louis Chad Bergeron, PA. 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 Louis Chad Bergeron, PA. Mr. Bergeron appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. He acknowledged he understood the terms of the order and was aware it was a public record.

[10.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Kevin Govan Work, 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), Kevin Govan Work, M.D., appeared before the Board, accompanied by his attorney, William P. Gibbens, Esq., in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. Dr. Work acknowledged he understood the terms of the order and was aware it was a public record.

[11.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Robert Michael Anderson, 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), Robert Michael Anderson, 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 Robert Michael Anderson, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

[12.] General Disciplinary Matters. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, 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. Schuth, Claudia Rita, M.D. – To approve reinstatement of the license of Claudia Rita Schuth, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off probation. ¹
- b. Nicholson, Robert Joseph, M.D. - To consider the reinstatement of the suspended license of Robert Joseph Nicholson, M.D., provided he executed a Consent Order for indefinite probation with certain terms and conditions.
- c. Woodward, Robert Alan, M.D. – To re-affirm the Board's decision to deny the request of Robert Alan Woodward, M.D. to be allotted more time to be evaluated by a psychiatrist as ordered by the Board.
- d. McCann, Jay Carroll, RRT - To advise Jay Carroll, RRT, that upon receipt of additional information, the Board was rescinding its approval of reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status pending further investigation.

¹ Dr. Gage-White opposed reinstating her prescribing privileges and Dr. Montgomery abstained.

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- e. Glover, Geoffrey Jerrome, M.D. – To inform Geoffrey Jerrome Glover, M.D., that he had satisfied the terms of the Opinion and Ruling in responding to the inquiries of the Board and that his one year period of suspension commenced effective March 16, 2009.

13. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physicians Working in Extensive Outpatient Psychiatric Hospital Programs. The Board reviewed a request for an advisory opinion on whether physicians who are not psychiatrists can supervise and direct treatment for patients in intensive, outpatient psychiatric settings. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that inasmuch as physicians are licensed through their education and training in Louisiana and not according to a particular specialty, there would be no prohibition in the law that would prevent a duly licensed physician in Louisiana from supervising and directing patient care in an intensive outpatient psychiatric setting provided the physician had the proper education and training which could be verified through the credentialing process.

14. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Licensure Portability; Military Hospital Affiliating with State Institutions. The Board reviewed a request from Capt. Jacob S. Simpson, USAF, AETC, asking whether military physicians are required to hold a Louisiana license while receiving training at civilian institutions. The Board noted that previous opinions rendered stated that military physicians would be required to hold a Louisiana license in order to receive training at civilian institutions. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to authorize the issuance of a permit that would allow military physician to receive training at civilian institution limiting the military physician's authority to practice at the institution and any affiliated institution where training is being conducted and limited to those duties performed in connection with the training.

15. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice; Performance of Neonatal Intubation. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Bruce Waller, BS, RRT, Director of Pulmonary Services, Touro Infirmary seeking an advisory opinion on whether respiratory therapist are permitted to perform neonatal intubations. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to seek input from its advisory committee.

16. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Assistants; Scope of Practice; Performance of Obstetrical Services. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Denise Noel, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, Abbeville General Hospital, seeking an advisory opinion on whether it is permissible for a physician assistant to deliver newborns without on-site supervision by the supervising physician if the services are delegated by the supervising physician. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that even though services may be delegated by the supervising physician, the Board had legal authority to interpret the scope of practice for physician assistant, and in the Board's view, the skills necessary to perform deliveries and respond to complications that may arise were beyond the scope of practice for a physician assistant without the on-site supervision of the physician who is trained, experienced and preferably board certified in obstetrics.

17. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Assistants; Scope of Practice. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Sam F. Burke, Jr., M.D., Physician Advisor for Medical Staff Services, Willis-Knighton Health Systems asking the Board to set minimum standards and training as well as demonstration of competency for physician assistants. Following review and discussion, it was

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the consensus of the Board to inform Dr. Burke that the Board was in the process of reviewing its rules and regulations with respect to physician assistants to provide guidelines and documentation for their scope of practice.

18. Communication and Information; Vincent R. Forte, M.D.; Board of Nursing. The Board reviewed communication written by Vincent R. Forte, M.D., to Barbara L. Morvant, Executive Director, regarding their proposed rules on the ability of registered nurses to perform peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) insertion, radiographic verification of placement and removal. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

19. Communication and Information; Nursing Board Proposed Rules. The Board reviewed correspondence from 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 which had been scheduled for March 27, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Board of Nursing in Baton Rouge. The Board noted that Dr. Marier and Mr. Bergeron planned to attend the meeting.

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

21. General Administrative Matters; Budget. The Board reviewed a copy of the projected five year budget showing the projections of revenue for the Board. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

22. General Administrative Matters; President's Report. The Board noted the activities of the President since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Gage-White reported on the Learning Summit for Personalized Education for Physicians held on February 26-27, 2009 which she indicated was a good resource for the Board to utilize for physician competency assessment.

23. 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 the bid process for an architect starts April 1; the development of 2009 proposed volunteer legislation; and the meeting with the Medical Psychology Board. All of these items he stated he would provide follow-up information.

[24.] General Administrative Matters; Unclassified Employee; Merit Increase. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, the Board convened in executive session, to consider the request for approval of the annual merit increase for Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant. Following review and discussion, upon motion made and unanimously carried, the Board approved a 4% merit increase for Ms. Arceneaux.

[25.] General Administrative Matters; Unclassified Employee; Merit Increase. Continuing in executive session, the Board considered the request for approval of the annual merit increase for Robert L. Marier, M.D., Executive Director. Following review and discussion, upon motion made and unanimously carried, the Board approved a 6% merit increase for Dr. Marier.

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[26.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel. 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:

Generalist

Hoefler, Carla Michelle

Young, Jessica Ann

Laboratory Assistants

Babb, Cindy Lynn
O'Donnell, LaDonna Kay

Sims, Shanna Michelle

[27.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy. On motion of Dr. Robert 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 deferred action pending receipt of additional information:

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[28.] 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 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) Alexander-Sallier, Juanita, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Tilak Mallik, 3856 Lake Lynn Drive, Gretna.
 - 2) Altazan, James Doyle, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Stephen Gick, 7443 Picardy Avenue, Baton Rouge.
 - 3) Becnel, Steven Michael, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. George Smith and Sushant Sharma, 901 Gause Boulevard, 2nd Floor, Slidell.
 - 4) Carruth, Tyler Nicholas, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Jimmy Guidry, 121 E.

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5) Carter, Dustin Richard, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Edward Calvert, Gary Lowe, Melissa Smith and Hoa Nguyen, Glenwood Regional Medical Center, 503 McMillan Road, West Monroe.

6) Chappel, Rachel Naomi, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Sammy Khatib, Onajefe Nelson-Twakor, Daniel Morin and Patrick Delaney, Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.

7) Delcambre, Michael-Ann Bryant, PA, - Supervising physicians: Drs. Louis Benjamin and Edmund Nagem, Jr., Glenwood Regional Medical Center, 503 McMillan Road, West Monroe.

8) Ellis, Alencia Clayton, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Donnie Batie, Vasanthi Vanayagam, Darakhshan Wahid and Greta Monroe-Wilkes, 3849 North Boulevard, Baton Rouge.

9) Ferrington, Lindsay Stafford, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Alexander Gomelsky, John Mata, Donald Elmajian, Rowena DeSouza and Dennis Venable, LSU Health Sciences Center, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

10) Frederick, Barry Lane, PA- Supervising physician: Dr. James Runnels, St. Tammany ER, 1202 S. Tyler Street, Covington.

11) Gillum, Melissa Aron, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Michael Durei, Lane Rosen and Sanford Katz, LSU Health Sciences Center, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

12) Hebert, Kristin Marie, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Sammy Khatib, Onajefe Nelson-Twakor, Daniel Morin and Patrick Delaney, Jr., Ochsner Clinic Foundation, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.

13) Honeycutt, Stephen Ryan, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Elisa Arrillaga, Michael Isabelle, Ingrid Labat, Jamie Moore, Daniel Wilson Jones, Wayne Berkowitz, Amita Adhvaryu, Richard Robert III, Philip Allen Paulk, Mace Scott and Daniel Gallagher, 4633 Wichers Drive, Marrero.

14) Hyatt, James Bradley, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Stephen Lim, Pamela Capik and James Parker, James Stephenson MD & South Louisiana Medical Associates, 1978 Industrial Boulevard, Houma.

15) Melerine, Misty Santitta, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Paul Marquis, Chequita Williams, Craig Ehrensing, Amanda Fontenot, Rachana Sus, Wanda Robinson, Edward Waitt, Jr., Laurentia Winkeler, Michele Lagarde-May, Jarelle Scott, Sadda Reddy, Omodele Masha, Elie Lao and Phillip Canfield, Primary Care

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Specialists, LLC, 3802 Prescott Road, Alexandria.

16) Mixon, Keely Nicole, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Rohit Khanolkar and Nagaratna Reddy, Reddy Family Medical, 32985 Bowie Street, White Castle.

17) Patterson, Mary Eloise, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Mehdi Mosadegh, Kenner Dermatology Clinic, 3705 Florida, Kenner.

18) Sherlock, Randy Charles, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Dennis Mello and Shaun Setty, 1916 North Woodlawn Avenue, Metairie.

19) Washburn, Deborah Jean, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. Alexander Gomelsky, John Mata, Donald Elmajian, Rowena DeSouza and Dennis Venable, LSU Health Sciences Center, Department of Urology, 1500 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

20) Wilbon, Miriam Jyonne, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. John Caulfield, Sankapho Medical Center, 8030 Crowder Boulevard, Suite A, New Orleans.

b. Non-Routine – To approved the following non-routine applications provided all requirements had been met:

Castaneda, Daisy Tahere
Nguyen, Jessica Minh

Hebert, Joshua Paul

[29.] 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 approved the following for licensure provided all requirements:

Trainee

Jones, Kimberly La Van

Technician

Moore, Quintella Melonda
Richardson, Angela T.

Sanders, Shari Dianne

[30.] Licensure and Certification; Perfusionist. 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:

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Stichka, Leon Joseph

[31.] 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. Guerra, Vitor Coimbra, Sr.M.D. – To grant the waiver of licensure requirements in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules inasmuch as he had been appointed Associate Professor of Pediatric Cardiology on the clinical track Tulane University Medical Center
- b. Non-Routine applicants - To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Hoegsberg, Bente Yael

Khan, Liaqat

[32.] 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:

Banerjee, Amitabha
Kim, David Keesu

Som, Santanu, DO
Yarbrough, Lee Cappel

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

Occupational Therapist

Slaughter, Elizabeth A.

Respiratory Therapists

Marino, Michael Patrick, Jr.

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Ashby, Sharon
Burkhalter, Catherine T.
Haynes, Kela T.

Lutes, Emily Lindsey
Wright, Andrea Monique

[34.] 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 approved the following for intern registration provided all requirements had been met:

Moradian, Maxim

Toliver, Herman, Jr.

[35.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Relicensure/Reinstatement. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, 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:

Hebel, Gail, M.D.

[36.] Licensure and Certification; Dispensation Registration. The Board reviewed the request of the following for a waiver of the requirement for dispensation registration. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to deny the request for a waiver of the three years of active practice following graduation:

Warner, Naysha Mya, M.D.

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

38. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Board Orientation. The Board reviewed the evaluations submitted on the Board Orientation Program held February 6, 2009 in Baton Rouge. No further action was taken or required on this matter.

39. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 20, 21, 2009.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 16, 2009

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 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 March 16, 2009 as approved by the Board on the 20th day of April 2009.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 20th day of April 2009.

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

Attest:

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