

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**DECEMBER 5, 2011
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, December 5, 2011, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members were present as follows:

Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., President
Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D., Vice-President
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
John Michael Burdine, M.D.
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.
Cynthia Gail Montgomery, M.D.
Lehrue Stevens, 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 Supervisor
Christine Holder, Program Compliance Officer III
Leslie Rye, 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

1. Minutes of October 17, 2011 Meeting. The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of October 17, 2011. On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by

unanimous voice vote, the Board approved 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 since the last meeting of the Board.

b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent. **Physician Assistants** – A draft of proposed amendments concerning scope of practice issues relating to physician assistants 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. At that time, 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 met with 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 draft further. A revised draft was presented for consideration at its October 2010 meeting. Following review and discussion, suggested modifications were sent to the PA Advisory Committee for review and during its December 2010 meeting, the Advisory Committee and other interested parties expressed concerns about the revised draft. Following discussion, the Board suggested additional modifications and at the suggestion of the PA Advisory Committee authorized a meeting with members of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants and the PA Advisory Committee to discuss final modifications. The Board noted receipt of various comments regarding the proposed rule modifications. Modified drafts were considered at the February and March 2011 meetings along with the input from the PA Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants. Following further consideration at its April 2011 meeting, the Board voted to publish *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed amendments to its PA rules. The *Notice of Intent* with respect to the rule amendments appeared in the July 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register* with a public hearing held August 29, 2011. The Board reviewed a sampling of the comments to the sections with the most objections and accepted the offer of assistance from Jennifer Angelo, President, Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants and Jennifer Marusak, Director, Governmental Affairs, Louisiana State Medical Society. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved substantive changes to the proposed rule amendments and directed that a revised draft be prepared for consideration. Following review and discussion of the revised rule amendments, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc,

duly seconded by Dr. Burdine, the Board approved publication of *Notice of Intent* to adopt the revised rules with notification to all commenters of the substantive changes and notice of a public hearing scheduled for January 24, 2012. **Respiratory Therapy** - The Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee 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. Modifications to the Committee's draft were presented to the Advisory Committee during its December 13th meeting, after which additional suggestions were received from staff and the Committee. A clean and annotated draft of the rules containing the recommended modifications was presented to the Board for initial review and discussion during its April 2011 meeting. After consideration at its May 2011 meeting, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the September 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. During the comment period, no written comments were received nor a request for a public hearing. Upon the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board voted to publish the rules as final in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*.

c. **Rules/Amendments Under Development –Perfusionist** - The Perfusion Advisory Committee prepared an initial draft of rules for this 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. **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. **Polysomnography** - The Board received a proposed draft of new rules for polysomnographers from its Advisory Committee on Polysomnography. A revised draft was presented to the Advisory Committee for review and comment, and was approved, with suggested modifications during the Committee's meeting on September 16, 2011. During its October 2011 meeting, the proposed rules were presented to the Board along with the Committee's suggestions for initial review and discussion. Following discussion the Board proposed modifications to the draft and asked that a revised draft be presented at its next meeting. Following the meeting, the Board received from two national organizations nearly the identical suggestions as those of the Committee's. The Board reviewed the revised draft of proposed rule amendments along with the suggestions from the organizations. Following review and discussion, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*. **Midwifery** - The Board is undertaking a review of the status of its midwifery rules. A draft of the proposed midwifery rules has been forwarded to Sherri Daigle, Louisiana Midwives' Advisory Council for their consideration. **Physicians and Surgeons – Demonstration of Clinical Competency:** The Board

instructed 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 consideration and discussion at its April 2009 meeting. During its January 11, 2010 meeting, the Board reviewed, discussed and decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons – Board Certification:** By virtue of Act 337 of the 2011 session of the Louisiana legislature addressing this issue, the current rule effort is being deferred. **Physicians and Surgeons – Office-Based Surgery:** The Board considered suggestions for amendment to its office-based surgery rules and instructed staff/counsel to prepare proposed modifications of its rules to address the issues. The initial draft of the proposed rule amendments were presented during its March meeting for consideration. Further discussion was given to the matter during the April, May and June 2011 meetings. A revised draft incorporating the suggested changes was considered by the Board during its August 2011 meeting, following which the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons – Credit Card Fees:** During its July 2011 meeting, the Board requested that proposed amendments to its physician rules be prepared aimed at capturing the loss in revenue resulting from the fees associated with the use of credit card payments for initial licensure and renewal. The Board considered an initial set of amendments at its August 2011 meeting. Upon further consideration during the October 2011 meeting, the Board expressed concern over the disincentive to electronic filing that may result from a rule aimed at capturing credit card fees. After review and discussion, and upon considering the benefits versus the costs associated with applicants filing and renewing their licenses online, the Board concluded not to proceed with this rule-making effort. **Physicians and Surgeons – Late Renewal:** During its July 2011 meeting, the Board requested that proposed amendments to its physician rules be prepared to reduce the penalty charged for late physician renewal during the first ninety (90) days. An initial set of a draft amendments were presented for the Board's consideration at its August 2011 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physician Assistants – Legend and Controlled Substance Authority:** The Board requested that amendments to Section 1521A.2 and C.5 of its PA rules be prepared for its consideration to: remove the exclusion of legend drug authority for a PA whose license had been restricted; and to revise the controlled substance exclusion of a PA whose license was placed on probation or restriction. The Board reviewed the draft set of amendments at its October 2011 meeting and suggested additional modifications to be incorporated and presented in a subsequent draft. The Board reviewed the revised draft including the suggested modifications, and upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, seconded by Dr. Amusa, approved the revised draft and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*. **Clinical Laboratory Personnel** – By rule amendments promulgated in February 2011, but effective June 30, 2012 (*LR, Vol. 37, No. 2, pp. 597-598*) the Board, amended the CLP rules to revise the list of certifying organizations for new applicants for CLP scientist-generalists and technicians

(3509A and 3509C) by deleting several organizations. The effect of the amendments is that the certifying examination accepted for licensure as a CLP generalist or technician after June 30, 2011, is the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP). During its April 2011 meeting, the Board considered petitions to repeal the rule and decided to delay implementation of the amendments to Section 3509A and 3509B for one-year (until June 30, 2012) in order to further confer with stake holders and consider the issues. In the interim, the certifying organizations accepted under the Board's current rules will continue to be recognized. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the May 20, 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register* and they became final upon promulgation in the August 20, 2011 edition. Following extensive study of the CLIA regulations, it is now believed that legislative intervention is necessary to address several concerns with the CLP Practice Act which cannot be effectively addressed by a rulemaking effort. The Board and Advisory Committee Members reviewed an amendment from last session of the Louisiana legislature on this matter. In the meantime, it was suggested that Section 3509 be amended by withdrawing the rule that was promulgated in February/August 2011 editions of the *Louisiana Register*. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to withdraw the rule amendment.

[4.] Report on Pending Litigation. On the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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. § 42:17A(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 the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. 42:17 A(1), (4). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[6.] Investigative Reports. On the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board convened in executive session to consider the investigative reports as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee, and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion 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., 11-I-245

Docket No., 10-I-596

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

Matthew Eugene Britt, CLP, Docket No., 10-I-988
Duane Dalante Brooks, ATH, Docket No., 11-I-467
Chevies Wayne Newman, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-429
Charles Edward Baxter, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-211
Laura Crump Fairbanks, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-718
Kashmir Kaur Rai, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-470
Frances Kathryn Crochet, PA, Docket No., 11-I-574
Melissa Lynn Hay White, RRT, Docket No., 10-I-414
James Buell Denney, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-546
John Robert Tucker III, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-688
Paul Marion Toce, Jr., M.D., Docket No., 10-I-519

- c. Rejected: The following Consent Order was rejected:

Docket No., 11-I-447

- d. Closed: The following matters were closed/discontinued:

Docket No., 07-I-603

Docket No., 11-I-717

- e. Closed: The following matters were closed/discontinued with a Letter of Concern:

Docket No., 11-I-727

Docket No., 11-I-747

Docket No., 11-I-128

- f. Closed Complaint Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[7.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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 the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

[8.] General Disciplinary Matters. Continuing in executive session, the considered the 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.

§42:17A(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 there was no activity report for the probation department submitted for this month.
- b. Supervising Physician Requests – To approve the request of staff to discontinue the referral to the investigative department for approval of more than twenty supervising physicians and allow the licensure department to refer request of more than forty to Joe Bonck for handling.
- c. Wallo, Phyllis Bryan, M.D. – To approve the request of Phyllis Bryan Wallo, M.D., to increase her work hours per week from twenty to forty hours.
- d. Ross, Theresa Jones, M.D. – To deny the request of Theresa Jones Ross, M.D., for reinstatement of her prescribing privileges.

9. Communication and Information; Physician Advertising. The Board noted that a communication had been mailed to all hospitals regarding enforcement of Act 337 of the 2011 session of the Louisiana legislature regarding physician advertisement of Board certification.

10. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.

- a. Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending September 30, 2011 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of September 30, 2011. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending September 30, 2011 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of September 30, 2011.
- b. 2011 Amended Budget. The Board reviewed the proposed amended budget for 2011 which had been prepared in compliance with the Louisiana Licensing Agency Budget Act of 1989, for submission to the Office of the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare. Following review and discussion, upon the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the amended budget as proposed. The Executive Director was instructed to send copies of the budget and notice of the approval to the aforementioned offices and committees as required by law.

c. 2012 Board Budget. The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2012 which had been prepared in compliance with the Louisiana Licensing Agency Budget Act of 1989, for submission to the Office of the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare. Following review and discussion, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the budget as proposed. The Executive Director was instructed to send copies of the budget and notice of the approval to the aforementioned offices and committees as required by law.

d. 2012 Clinical Laboratory Personnel Budget. The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2012 which had been prepared in compliance with the Louisiana Licensing Agency Budget Act of 1989, for submission to the Office of the Legislative Auditor, the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare. Following review and discussion, upon the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the budget as proposed. The Executive Director was instructed to send copies of the budget and notice of the approval to the aforementioned offices and committees as required by law.

11. General Administrative Matters; President's Report. The President reported on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

12. General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report. The Board received the report of its Executive Director on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. He reported on the development of proposed legislation regarding pain clinics, completion of training programs and the licensure and training of midwives. He ended his report stating that a follow-up communication concerning the proposed rule on the Administration of Botox and Dermal Fillers by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry would be mailed.

13. General Administrative Matters; Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee; Cindy Murray, OTD, LOTR, OTAC. The Board reviewed the communication regarding the expiration of the term of Cindy Murray, OTD, LOTR, on the Occupational Advisory Committee. Following review and discussion on the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois, the Board approved the re-appointment of Cindy Murray, OTD, LOTR to the Committee.

[14.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competency, or physical or mental health of an applicant pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(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:

Generalists

Pugao, Irish Faye R.
Rockett, Jessica A.

Wheller, Amanda M.

Phlebotomists

Albert, Tonya Faye
Gilbreath, Chad Everett

Sisk, Stanley P.

[15.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy. On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, reaffirmed the decision to require the following to retake the NBCOT examination as prerequisite to re-licensure:

Kirby, AnnaJoyce

[16.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates. On motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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. 42:17A(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. Gill, Farrukh Iqbal, M.D. – To deny the request of Farrukh Iqbal Gill, M.D., for a waiver of an examination attempt on the USMLE examination.
- b. Non-Routine Applicant – To approve the following non-routine application for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Berz, David

[17.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates. On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous

voice vote, 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. 42:17A(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. Gosselin Chase, Linda Marie, M.D. – To accept the one year of internship completed by Linda Marie Gosselin Chase, M.D., at the University of Montreal and approved by the College of Family Physicians of Canada.
- b. Non-routine – To approve the non-routine applications of the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Colbert, Christie Denise
Dupree, Aaron Layne
Flood, Mark Andrus
Grieb, Roland Albert
Hull, David Jason

Olisia, Charles Onwumere
Posey, Douglas Harris, Jr.
Ross, April Michelle
Sohal, Ravinder Singh

[18.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report. On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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. 42:17A(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

Branch, Selena M.
Boudreaux, Gina U.
Cole, Shirlen Chermain
Hoover, Candyce N.
Lockett, Rockele C.

Mesa, Melissa W.
Powell, Crystal L.
Smith, Katrina L.
Taylor, Dionnka

Physicians and Surgeons

Brown, Jonathan D. (PGY)
Ruiz-Bermudez, Oscar L.
Sabramanian, Navin

Trihoulis, Jennifer G.
Williamson, Blake K. (PGY)

Respiratory TherapistsBerry, James E.
Lambas, Courtney Smith

Newland, Bonnie Rose

Polysomnography

Lodice, Patricia Yvonne

Ulm, Eric Michael

[19.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Relicensure/Reinstatement.

On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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. 42:17A(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 reinstatement/relicensure provided all requirements had been met:

Physicians and Surgeons

Bradford, William Randolph

Clinical Laboratory Scientist (Specialist)

Kim, Steven John

- b. Denied – To deny the request of the following for a waiver of the SPEX examination:

Jackson, Allen Thomas, M.D.

[20.] Licensure and Certification; Intern/Examination Registration. On motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the application 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. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved issuance of an intern training permit to the following provided all requirements had been met:

U.S. Medical Graduate

Schreeder, Martin Fleming

[21.] Licensure and Certification; Podiatry. On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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. 42:17A(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 on the application of the following, pending receipt of additional information as to training:

Advanced Practice – Surgical Treatment of the Ankle

Watkins, Leon

[22.] Licensure and Certification; Acupuncture Detoxification Specialist. On motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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. 42:17A(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:

Cook, Steven Wayne

23. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension. The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by October 31, 2011. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[24.] Physicians Health Committee. On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of Julie Alleman, M.Ed., LPC, LMFT, LAC, Administrative Director, Physicians' Health Foundation ("PHP"). Ms. Alleman reported on the participants in the Physicians' Health Program who were either appearing before the Board or had matters before the Board for review and discussion, as matters relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4).

[25.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Douglas Wayne Cook, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Douglas Wayne Cook, M.D., as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of

misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). Douglas Wayne Cook, M.D., appeared before the Board 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 the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Douglas Wayne Cook, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

[26.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Rosalind Annette Cropper, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Rosalind Annette Cropper, M.D., as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). Dr. Cropper appeared before the Board in connection with her request for reinstatement of her suspended license. Following her dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, deferred action on the request pending receipt of additional information.

[27.] Investigative Matter; Personal Appearance; Chevies Wayne Newman, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Chevies Wayne Newman, M.D., as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). Dr. Newman appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[28.] Investigative Matter; Kashmir Kaur Rai, M.D.; Motion For Continuance. On the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, to consider the motion to continue the personal appearance submitted by Kashmir Kaur Rai, M.D., as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board deferred the personal appearance of Kashmir Kaur Rai, M.D., until the next meeting of the Board as requested.

29. General Administrative Matters; President's Report; Election of Officers. The President called for the election of officers. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, seconded by Dr. Amusa, Dr. Dawson nominated Dr. Bourgeois for the office of President. There being no further nominations and the nominations duly closed, Dr. Bourgeois was elected President of the Board by acclamation. Upon opening the nominations for the office of Vice-President, Dr. Amusa moved, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Amusa nominated Dr. LeBlanc for the office of Vice-President. There being no further nominations and the nominations duly closed, Dr.

LeBlanc was elected Vice-President by acclamation. Upon opening the nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens, Dr. LeBlanc nominated Dr. Amusa for the office of Secretary-Treasurer. There being no further nominations, and the nominations duly closed, Dr. Amusa was elected Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation. Following a brief discussion, upon the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, it was decided that the newly elected officers would take office at the conclusion of the December 2011 meeting.

30. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for January 17, 2012, with an administrative hearing scheduled for January 10-11, 2012.

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 December 5, 2011 as approved by the Board on the 17th day of January, 2012.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 17th day of January 2012.

Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.
President