

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**JULY 18, 2011  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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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, July 18, 2011, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 1515 Poydras Street, Suite 2700, 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.

Board Member absent as follows:

Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.  
Cynthia Gail Montgomery, 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 Gasper, 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 June 20, 2011 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of June 20, 2011. On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois duly seconded by Dr. Burdine 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 published since the last meeting of the Board.
  - b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent. **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, on the recommendation of the Clinical Laboratory Advisory Committee, 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*. The Board noted receipt of a comment from the American Medical Technologists supporting the delay in implementation of the rules amendments. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc, the Board voted to publish the rules as final in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated the rules will appear in the August 20, 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.
  - c. Rules/Amendments Under Development – **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. A revised draft was received from the Committee. Modifications to the Committee's draft were presented to the Advisory Committee during its December 13<sup>th</sup> 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*. It is anticipated the *Notice of Intent* will appear in the August 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **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. It is anticipated that a draft of the proposed rules will be sent to the Advisory Committee by the end of June and presented to the Board at its August 2011 meeting. **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. 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 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 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 will appear in the July 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register* with a public hearing scheduled for August 29, 2011. **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*. **Private Radiologic Technologists:** - The Board reviewed the proposed rule amendments that move the fee schedule for private radiologist technologists from Chapter 81 to Chapter 1 and revise the training requirements needed for certification. The Board approved providing a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendment in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons – Board Certification:** The Board directed staff/counsel to work on establishing and identifying criteria for Board Certification to be employed by the Board. Pursuant to this request, a draft was presented and discussed by the Board during its December 2009 and January 2010 meetings. A revised draft, incorporated suggested modifications was presented for further consideration during its March 2010 meeting. At its June 2010, the Board received presentations from representatives of the American Board of Physician Specialties, the American Board of Medical Specialties and others on the proposed draft. A report on the current status of the rule making effort was presented during its December 2010 meeting and a follow-up report was given at its April 2011 meeting. **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. The Board again considered the initial draft of proposed modifications and offered a number of suggestions. A revised draft was presented incorporating the suggested changes.

**[4.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, 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. Report on Pending Legislation.** The Board received the report on legislation, particularly, House and Senate Resolutions passed during the 2011 legislative session that required action by the Board. Following review and discussion, Dr. Burdine agreed to assist Dr. Marier with Resolutions regarding ePrescribing and Dr. Marier stated he would follow-up with information concerning the Resolutions regarding immunizations and the study relative to the best agency to handle the licensure and certification of lay midwives.

**[6.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine, the Board convened in executive session, to review 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). As no further action was required or taken on this matter, the Board resumed in open session.

**[7.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois, 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 Complaint: The following administrative complaint was approved for filing and scheduling of a formal hearing:

Docket No., 10-I-985

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

Kathleen Kay Majors, M.D., Docket No., 09-I-590  
Kerrin Elizabeth Sitman, Ath, Docket No., 11-I-502  
Robert Victor Cadogan, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-594  
Vincent Tomasino, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-1068  
Sammy Motia Okole, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-210  
James K. Jacobs, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-125  
Charles David Finch, Jr., M.D., Docket No., 11-I-058  
Benji Joseph Juneau, PA, Docket No., 07-I-040  
John David McCain, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-293  
Amanda Aaron Hataway, OTT, Docket No., 11-I-176  
Erik Anthony Strahan, Ath, Docket No., 11-I-422  
Robert Lyle Cleveland, M.D., Docket No., 09-I-256

- c. Closed: The following matter was approved for discontinuance with a Letter of Concern:

Docket No., 09-I-745

- d. Closed: The following matters were approved for discontinuance/closing:

Docket No., 11-I-323  
Docket No., 11-I-397

- e. Cease and Desist: The following matter was approved for handling with a Cease and Desist Order issued by the Board:

Docket No., 11-I-209

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

g. Follow-Up Information: The Board approved the follow-up action in the following matter:

Docket No., 11-I-492

**[8.] 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. Eisenhauer, 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.

**[9.] General Disciplinary Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider 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. Site Visits – The Board noted the report on site visits for physician assistants, supervising physicians, including those with more than 20, collaborative practice agreements and discussed compliance with the rules relative to supervision of physician assistants by primary and locum tenens physicians.

**10. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice; Moderate Complexity Testing.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Jeremy Kenyon, Supervisor, Respiratory Therapy, Slidell Memorial Hospital, asking for clarification regarding moderate complexity testing by respiratory therapists. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Mr. Kenyon that the practice of respiratory therapy includes blood gases analyses performed on blood gas instrumentation at the point of care when conducted upon the written prescription or verbal order of a physician and under his supervision and would not encompass the performance of blood gas analyses for any non-respiratory therapy patients and would not extend to moderate complexity testing generally.

**11. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice; Respiratory Therapy Protocols.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Tara Foto, Attorney, Breazale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., seeking an advisory opinion as to whether it is within the scope of practice for a respiratory therapist to practice respiratory therapy in an acute inpatient hospital setting in accordance with written protocol for respiratory therapy treatments approved by the hospital's medical staff. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending input from its advisory committee.

**12. Communication and Information; South Louisiana Community College.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Phyllis A. Dupuis, Chancellor, South Louisiana Community College ("SLCC"), outlining SLCC development of a midwifery program and informing the Board that she is in agreement that further dialogue on the subject is necessary. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to set up a meeting to discuss the approval of the midwifery program.

**13. Communication and Information; Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Joseph E. Comaty, Ph.D., MP, Chair, Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists ("LSBEP") regarding internet advertisement of health professions on websites listing a variety of health professionals licensed in Louisiana with inaccurate credentials. The LSBEP felt that a proactive approach to correct this problem was in order and asked the Board to join the effort. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action this matter to gather additional information.

**14. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physicians and Surgeons; Scope of Practice; Doctors of Osteopathy.** The Board reviewed electronic correspondence Connie Cook, RN, SURS Analyst, Molina Medicaid Solutions, inquiring as to whether doctors of osteopathy are able to perform and interpret echocardiograms, nerve conduction studies, pulmonary function tests, bone density tests, scans, Doppler's and ultra sounds in their office. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to concur with the opinion expressed that inasmuch as doctors of osteopathy are considered physicians as defined by the Medical Practice Act they are not limited in their scope of practice but are expected, as are all physicians, to practice within the scope of their training and experience and to do otherwise would be considered unprofessional conduct.

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

- a. Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending May 31, 2011 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of May 31, 2011. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending May 31, 2011 and approved all expenditures as noted therein.

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- b. Credit Card Fees - The Board discussed the credit card fees assessed for the online renewal process. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine, passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved adding the credit card assessment fee to the licensee renewal process allowing the licensee to avoid this assessment by mailing in the payment.

**16. General Administrative Matters; President's Report.** The President reported on his activities since the last meeting of the Board.

**17. 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 progress of the renovation to 630 Camp Street and the move back in August. As part of his report, Dr. Marier asked the Board to delegate the review of applicants with prescriptive authority to staff and to reconsider the late fee assessment for physician renewals. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved reducing the late penalty fee to \$100 for physicians renewing their licenses within 90 days of their expiration date and assessing the full renewal penalty after 90 days. The Board also approved allowing staff to approve routine applicants for prescriptive authority as well as the applicants for medical psychology licensure. Dr. Marier concluded his report with a review of the report on hospitals who failed to report adverse actions relative to clinical privileges to the Board.

**18. General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Affiliated Monitors, Inc.; Vincent L. DiCianni, Attorney, President.** Vincent L. DiCianni, Attorney, President, Affiliated Monitors, Inc., appeared before the Board to provide follow-up information regarding the services offered by Affiliated Monitors, Inc., concerning physicians monitored with respect to Orders of the Board. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[19.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Barrett James Day, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine, the Board convened in executive session for the personal appearance of Barrett James Day, 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 his dismissal the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board denied his request and directed staff to prepare a response.

**[20.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Thomas Leo Morris, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board convened in executive session for the personal appearance of Thomas Leo Morris, M.D., in accordance with the terms



of the Consent Order dated July 17, 2006, 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. Morris appeared, accompanied by Ed Middleton, Case Manager, Physicians Health Foundation, to present his request for reinstatement of his license to a full status, off probation. Following his dismissal the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Bourgeois, approved reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

**[21.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Purnachandra Rao Yerneni, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board convened in executive session for the personal appearance of Purnachandra Rao Yerneni, M.D., in accordance with the terms of the Consent Order dated July 19, 2010, 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. Yerneni, accompanied by his attorney, L. Eades Hogue, Esq., appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license, off probation. Following his dismissal the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, approved reinstatement of the license of Purnachandra Rao Yerneni, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

**22. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee.** Gary Lewis and Ed Evans, members of the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee appeared before the Board to discuss the nominations of Alex Dibbley, MA, ATC, LAT, Marcella F. Babcock, MA, ATC, LAT and John Daniel Boudreaux, PT, ATC, LAT to the Advisory Committee. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois, the Board approved the appointment of Alex Dibbley, MA, ATC, LAT to the Committee. Mr. Lewis and Evans also asked if the Committee could offer modification to the rules to which the Board stated they would be willing to consider.

**[23.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, 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 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:

Laboratory Assistant

Sotelo, Eric

Technician

Whitaker, Latoshia

**[24.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistants.** On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, 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 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) Altazan, James Doyle, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Michael Peebles, David McManus, Christopher Lawrence, Foster Kordisch III, Philip Ralidis, Rochelle Duplechin and Robert Lecky, Jr., 1214 Coolidge, Lafayette.
  - 2) Armentor, Ryan Paul, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Maximo Lamarche and Daniel Wiltz, Family Healthcare Clinic, APMC, 1117 N. Main Street, Suite B, St. Martinville.
  - 3) Beninato, Michael Anthony, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Gregory Fautheree, 29301 North Dixie Ranch Road, Lacombe.
  - 4) Benson, Kimberly Christine, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Mitchell Montelaro, 3333 Drusilla Lane, Baton Rouge.
  - 5) Brasuell, Aaron Scott, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Shannon Pickens, Northshore Dermatology of Slidell, 2780 Gause Boulevard E, #A, Slidell.
  - 6) Crow, Katherine Smith, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Destin Black and Robin Lacour, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Department of Radiology, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.
  - 7) Duke, Stephanie Jones, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Sammy Khatib, Freddy Abi-Samra, Daniel Morin and Onajefe Nelson-Twakor, Medicine Department/Cardiology, 510 E. Stoner Avenue, Shreveport.
  - 8) Felder, Kathryn Mary, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. Richard Frisch, Jr., Olawale Sulaiman, Joseph Zavatsk and Cuong Bui, Alexandria Neurosurgical Clinic, 3407 North Boulevard, Suite C, Alexandria.

- 9) Fillman, Robert Louis, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Joseph Mass, 3333 Drusilla Lane, Suite B, Baton Rouge.
- 10) Gorio, Karla Danielle, PA - Supervising Physicians: Drs. Timothy Carle, Norman Neal and Cheryl Ballard, 721 Avenue G, Kentwood.
- 11) Green, Kristin Loup, PA - Supervising Physicians: Drs. Ira Thorla, Jr., and Franklin Johnson, Jr., 10154 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge.
- 12) Halphen, Joseph Lawrence, PA - Supervising Physicians: Drs. Timothy Carle, Dominick Scimeca, Jr., and Graham Tujague, Lake After Hours, 8751 Sullivan Road, Baton Rouge.
- 13) Howland, Angela Dale, PA - Supervising Physicians: Drs. William Freeman and Dan Godbee, Lane Regional Medical Center, 6300 Main Street, Zachary.
- 14) Hulin, Clayt Walter, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Leone Elliott, 17000 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.
- 15) Johnson, Michelle Akin, PA - Supervising Physicians: Drs. John Mata, Donald Elmajian, Alexander Gomelsky, Rowena DeSouza, The Comprehensive Neurosurgery Network 8001 Youree Drive, Suite 970, Shreveport.
- 16) Latiolais, Matthew Stephen, PA – Supervising Physicians: Drs. Kevin Diebenedetto, Toan Hau and Alan Perego, Lake After Hours, 3333 Drusilla Lane, Baton Rouge.
- 17) Leger, Frances Lynn, PA – Supervising Physicians: Drs. Destin Black and Robin Lacour, GYN Oncology Associates, 2600 Kings Highway, Shreveport.
- 18) Merrit, Mellanie Slavich, PA – Supervising Physicians: Drs. Meyer Mark, Fred Warren, John Lockwood Ochsner, Jr., Jefferson Kyle, George Chimento, Robert Treuting and Leslie Sisco-Wise, 1201 South Clearview Parkway, Jefferson.
- 19) Nguyen, Lily Diep Ngoc, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Cristina Zeretzke, Women's and Children Hospital, 4600 Ambassador Caffery, Lafayette.
- 20) Nida, Kenneth Edward, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Timothy Carle, Total Occupational Medicine, 3333 Drusilla Lane, Baton Rouge.

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- 21) Raetzsch, Michelle Fisher, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Dan Godbee, Lane Regional Medical Center, 6300 Main Street, Zachary.
- 22) Schooley, Jarrod Lesley, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Charles Simmons, American Stat Care Center, 206 Bell Lane, Suite C&D, West Monroe.
- 23) Stovall, Mathew Wayne, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Iqbal Singh, 1455 East Bert Kouns , 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Shreveport.
- 24) Tilmon, John Banks, PA - Supervising Physician: Dr. Allen Spires, 712 Settoon Oak Grove.
- 25) Walker, Amy Nicole, PA – Supervising Physicians: Drs. Benjamin Nguyen and Roy Markham MD, Ark La Tex Cardio, 2400 Hospital Drive, Suite 400, Bossier City.
- 26) Williams, Janice Patricia, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Kanak Naidu, Thomas Community Health Center/Dr. Cain, 51704 Hwy 438, Franklinton.
- 27) Wittenmyer, Elizabeth Renee, PA – Supervising Physicians: Drs. Foster Kordisch III, David McMamus, Philip Ralidis, Rochelle Duplechin, Christopher Lawrence, Robert Lecky, Jr., Scott Domingue and Michael Peebles, 809 –A West Summers Drive, Abbeville.
- 28) Wright, Leon Bernard, PA – Supervising Physicians: Drs. Gary Brandt, Norman Neal and Graham Tujague, 900 Summa Avenue, Baton Rouge.

- b. Non-Routine - To approve the application for licensure as a physician assistant of the following provided all requirements had been met:

Bryan, Lacey Renee

**[25.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates.**

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 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. 42:17A(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 applications of the following provided all requirements had been met:

Ghoniem, Ayman Ali  
Koo, Winston Wun Kwong

Lotfizadeh, Syed Hossein  
Singh, Manpreet

Linden, Victor Anthony

**[26.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** 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 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. Ladner, Christopher Joseph, M.D. – To approve the request of Christopher Joseph Ladner, M.D., for acceptance of USMLE Step1 and 3 examinations taken twelve (12) years apart.
- b. Heymsfield, Steven Bruce, M.D. – To approve the request of Steven Heymsfield, M.D., for a waiver of the licensure requirements in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules inasmuch as he has been appointed a professor at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Pennington Biomedical Research Center on the tenure track.
- c. Non-routine – To approve the non-routine applications of the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Beil, Jennifer Rae  
Conley, Thomas Eugene

Gustavan, Andrew  
Wilson, Marshelya Denise

**[27.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report.** On motion of Dr. Burdine, 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:

Respiratory Therapist

Woods, Malelisha R.

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Jones, Aleshia A.  
Keal, Lakeisha V.

Molton, Melissa L.

Physicians and Surgeons

Foster, Mark Raymond  
Mughal, Tanveer Haider (GETP)

Sidransky, Moises A. (Intern)  
Patel, Vijay

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

On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc 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, made the following decisions:

Physician and Surgeon

Dawson, Peter Edward, M.D. – To inform Peter Edward Dawson, M.D., that in accordance with the Board's rules, he will be required to take SPEX examination to be eligible for reinstatement of his expired license.

Occupational Therapist

Nelson, Grace Ann – To approve the relicensure/reinstatement application of Grace Ann Nelson provided all requirements had been met.

**[29.] 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 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. 42:17A(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:

U.S. Medical Graduate

Non-Routine – To approve issuance of intern training permits to the following provided all requirements had been met:

Boyd, Bryant R.  
Dennison, Charlton Paige  
Fulton, Stacy Maxine  
Hanisee, Mary Kathryn

Jordan, Matthew Douglas  
McGuire, Peter James  
Spears, Rachel Shelea

International Medical Graduates – GETPs

Adams, John Scott  
Lacombe, Jessica Jarreau

Price, Roger Stanley

**30. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension.** The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by June 30, 2011. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**31. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for August 15, 16, 2011 at the temporary offices of the Board, 1515 Poydras Street, Suite 2700.

**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 July 18, 2011 as approved by the Board on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 2011.

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

Attest:

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Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.  
President