

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**MARCH 14, 15, 2011  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to call of the President and lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, March 14, 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., Secretary-Treasurer  
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.  
John Michael Burdine, M.D.  
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D.  
Cynthia Gail Montgomery, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

Robert Earl Dawson, M.D., Vice-President

The following members of the Board's staff were present:

Robert L. Marier, M.D., Executive Director  
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

**First Session**  
**Monday, March 14, 2011**

1. **Minutes of February 14, 15, 2011 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of February 14, 15, 2011. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery 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: - **Clinical Laboratory Personnel** – The Clinical Laboratory Advisory Committee recommended 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 educational, clinical, employment or experience requirements requisite to licensure. The Board previously reviewed, discussed and decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt items (i) and (ii) in the *Louisiana Register* and further requested and received clarification on item (iii) from the Committee. Representatives of the Board’s CLP staff and CLP Advisory Committee appeared at the March 2010 meeting to discuss the recommendations to item (iii). Following discussion, the Board authorized publication of *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the November edition of the *Louisiana Register*. During its December 2010 meeting, the Board was advised of the current status of the effort and authorized further proceedings pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. Inasmuch as neither a request for a public hearing nor public comments received, the rules became final upon promulgation in the February 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent: **Medical Psychologists** – The Board decided to undertake a rule making effort pursuant to Act 251 of the 2009 session of the Louisiana Legislature that transferred medical psychologists from the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to the Board. Following consideration at its August 2010 meeting, the Board approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the November edition of the *Louisiana Register*. During the ensuing comment period, comments were received from

one commenter suggesting revision of the proposed definitions of *Medical Psychologist* and *Medical Psychology*. The comments, along with the definitions from the proposed rules and the law (Act 251) were considered by the Board during the January 2011 meeting. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to accept the commenter's suggestions, in part, by tracking the language of Act 251 in the proposed definitions except as to the term "*bona fide* medication samples as defined in this Section" in the definition of *Medical Psychologist* which the Board elected to maintain. In addition, the Board adopted a technical amendment to include the use of the same term in the definition of *Medical Psychology*. The Board voted to adopt and promulgate the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. The final rules will appear in the March 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **Physician and Surgeons – Collaboration with Medical Psychologists** – As part of the rule effort to adopt rules governing medical psychologists, technical amendments are being made to the Board's existing rules that regulate physicians who collaborate with medical psychologists. *Notice of Intent* appeared in the November 2010 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. During its December 2010 meeting, the Board reviewed the current status of the effort and authorized further proceedings pursuant to the Administrator Procedures Act. During its January 2011 meeting, the Board was advised that neither a request for a hearing nor public comments had been received. Following discussion, the Board decided to adopt the rules in the identical form as that previously published as final rules, save a technical modification to the definition of *Medical Psychologist*, to substitute the word "psychological practitioner" for "psychologist practitioner," for ease of reference to Act 251 and for conformity with rules simultaneously promulgated by the Board respecting Medical Psychologists. It is anticipated that the final rule will be published at the same time as the rule for Medical Psychologists in the March 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. It is anticipated that a final draft will be presented to the Board for review and consideration at its April meeting. **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. 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. 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 certain 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.

**Midwifery** - The Board directed staff to prepare an amendment to its rules to address certification of midwifery training by a national accrediting entity. The matter is on hold pending a request for rulemaking.

**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 given during its December 2010 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. Following review, it was the consensus of the Board to invite Dr. Colon to clarify his proposed rule amendment suggestions.

**[4.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc 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). As no further action was required or taken on this matter, the Board resumed in open session.

**[6.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc, 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., 10-I-210  
Docket No., 11-A-004<sup>1</sup>

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

Jeffery Carroll McElveen, CRT, Docket No., 09-I-257  
Lynn Simon, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-640  
Divini Luis Perez-Luccioni, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-562

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<sup>1</sup> The Board Members, Drs. Amusa, Bourgeois, Burdine, Dawson, LeBlanc and Montgomery, recused themselves from participation in this matter.

Benjamin Scott McCurdy, PA, Docket No., 10-I-212  
Brian Wayne Sparks, PA, Docket No., 10-I-930  
Lisa Smith Hodges, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-887  
Matthew E. Britt, CLP, Docket No., 10-I-988  
Donald Rochon Parker, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-331  
Mark Anthony Schneider, M.D., Docket No., 06-I-263

- c. Cease and Desist: The following was approved for handling with a Cease and Desist Order:

UPM/Colonics, Docket No., 11-I-003

- d. Information Only: The following matters were presented for information only:

Docket No., 10-I-363  
Docket No., 10-I-385

- e. Closed Complaint Cases: The Board reviewed the report of closed cases. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[7.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery 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. § 42:6.1 A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

**[8.] General Disciplinary Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, 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, and those with collaborative practice agreements and discussed compliance with the rules relative to supervision of physician assistants by primary and locum tenens physicians.

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c. Legend Drugs – To following were denied prescriptive authority for legend drugs inasmuch as they were ineligible in accordance with the §1521 of the Board's rules:

Butler, Christopher, PA  
Callender, Mark, PA

Johnston, Miranda, PA

**9. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Supervision by Other Disciplines.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Ben Shuler, RRT, Respiratory Care Manager, Pinecrest Supports and Services Center, requesting an opinion as to whether respiratory therapists are allowed to function under the supervision of other disciplines rather a licensed physician. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Mr. Shuler that based upon the wording of the Respiratory Therapy Act it would be unlawful for a respiratory therapist to practice under the supervision and direction of a health care provider who is not a licensed physician in this state.

**10. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Therapeutic Substitution vs. Therapeutic Interchange.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Robert Lynch, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, Tulane Medical Center regarding the use of therapeutic interchange in its formulary management in accordance with AMA guidelines. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending research into the AMA guidelines.

**11. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Tramadol Prescriptions.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from J.H. Fairbanks, M.D., regarding information he received on the use of Tramadol as a non-scheduled pain reliever. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Dr. Fairbanks that the Board had no such information on the use of Tramadol and, furthermore, any directive regarding its usage would not be an issue for the Board to address.

**12. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Automated Dispensing Systems.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Anne M. O'Brien, Esq., Krieg|Devault, Law Firm, seeking an advisory opinion on whether an automated dispensing system ("ADS") could be used by a physician to assist with medication dispensation. Following review and discussion it was the consensus of the Board to advise Ms. O'Brien that inasmuch there were concerns in addition to the those addressed by the Board of Pharmacy, such as whether the ADS complied with the laws governing wholesale drug distributors, potential for error and counseling provided by out-of-state providers, it was the position of the Board that ADS could not be utilized to assist with physician dispensing in this state.

**13. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Podiatry; Performance of Histories and Physicals.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from George E. Barnes, M.D., Medical Director, Lakeview Regional Medical Center asking whether the performance of histories and physical

examinations fall within the scope of practice of podiatry. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Barnes that because complete history and physical examination extend beyond the anatomical field made explicit by the law for podiatry, the performance of history and physical examinations is not within the scope of practice of podiatry.

**14. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Social Media.** The Board reviewed the draft response relative to the electronic correspondence received from Jane Santucci, Communications Director, Sacopulos Johnson & Sacopulos on the use of the world wide web by physicians to provide medical advice, testimonials and individual credentials for public consumption. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending receipt of additional information.

**15. Communication and Information.** The Board noted receipt of a communication from Clement C. Eiswirth, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.S.E. regarding his prescription of Coumadin to a patient. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**16. Communication and Information. Midwifery Advisory Council; Request for Ruling Making Effort.** The Board reviewed the request of the Midwifery Advisory Council for amendment to the midwifery rules. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise the Midwifery Advisory Council that because most of the suggesting amendments were beyond the scope of that allowed by the law, it would be inappropriate for the Board to amend the midwifery rules in line with their suggestions.

**17. Communication and Information. Louisiana State Board of Nursing; Performance of Moderate Complexity Testing by RNs.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Barbara Morvant, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Nursing regarding the performance of moderate complexity testing by registered nurses. Following brief discussion, it was noted that a report on this matter will be forthcoming.

**18. Communication and Information. Louisiana State Board of Dentistry; Notice of Intent; Administration of Botox and Dermal Fillers.** The Board reviewed the *Notice of Intent* provided by Louisiana State Board of Dentistry regarding the administration of Botox and Dermal Fillers. The Board was noted that the deadline to submit comments was April 19, 2011 and asked that the matter be deferred pending further consideration.

**[19.] Physicians Health Committee.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery 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. Ms. Alleman reported on the participates 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 mis-



conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:17A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[20.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Brian Edward Zganjar, M.D.** Continuing in executive session, Brian Edward Zganjar, M.D., accompanied by his attorney, Herbert Lawson, Esq., appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his prescribing privileges, as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4). Following his dismissal the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois, denied the request of Dr. Zganjar for reinstatement of his prescribing privileges.

**[21.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Benjamin Scott McCurdy, PA.** On the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Benjamin Scott McCurdy, PA, 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). Mr. McCurdy appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[22.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Mark Allen Sands, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board reconvened in executive session for conclusion of the formal hearing in the matter of Mark Allen Sands, M.D., as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:17A(4) and (10) and conduct an administrative hearing as provided by the legislature in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act., La.Rev.Stat.49:951, et.Seq. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery, the Board rendered a decision in the matter of Mark Allen Sands, M.D., and instructed Judge Ellis to prepare a written opinion and order to reflect the ruling.

**[23.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, 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 competency, or physical or mental health of an applicant pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17.A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

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

Laboratory Assistant

Deshotel, Gina Nicole

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

Technician

Huynh, Jeannie Hao Ngoc

**[24.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy Assistants.** On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, 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. 42:17.A(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:

Fitzgerald, Tiffany

**[25.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistants.** On the motion of Dr. Bourgeois, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc 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) Bagaley, Danielle Rene, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. John Wallis, Diana McDermott, Catherine Spiller, Cathi Fontenot, David Borne and Eirinn Erny, LSU Healthcare Network Multi-Specialty Clinic, 2820 Napoleon Avenue, Suite 890, New Orleans.
  - 2) Bender, Troy Kenneth, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. James Butler, 1570 Lindberg Drive, Suite R, Slidell.
  - 3) Caruso, Danielle Renee, PA - Supervising physicians: Drs. James Newcomb, Jr., Jose Lefran, Mark Babo, Robert Taylor and James Tebbe, Jr.,

2750 Gause Blvd, Slidell.

4) Coleman, Thomas William, PA - Supervising physician: Dr. Srinivasa Tadikonda, Natchitoches Regional Medical Center, Natchitoches.

5) Crawford, Heather Nichole, PA – Supervising physicians: Drs. James Newcomb, Raymond Baez, Jose Lefran, Robert Taylor and Mark Babo, 2750 Gause Blvd, Slidell.

6) Daigle, Shelly Marie, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Robert Albrecht, 16777 Medical Center Drive, Baton Rouge.

7) Doty, Shiva, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Steven Holt, LSU Health Sciences Center, Emergency Medicine Department, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

8) Fatheree, Kelli Elaine, PA – Supervising physician: Dr. Steven Holt, LSU Health Sciences Center, Emergency Medicine Department, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

9) Fifer, Nicole Elaine, PA – Supervising Physicians: Drs. Richard Vinroot, Jr., Jeffery Baker, Brian Porche, Matthew LeBoeuf, Patrick Dennis, Jeffrey Kuo and Robert Link, Ochsner Emergency Department, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.

10) Freeman, Nathan Carl, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. David Daigle, Jr., 64040 Highway 434, Suite 200, Lacombe.

11) Gillum, Melissa Aron, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Steven Holt, Willis Knighton Cancer Center, 2600 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

12) Hebert, Kristin Marie, PA – Supervising Physicians Drs. Freddy Abi-Samra, Jose Bernal-ramirez, Robert Bober, Patrick B Reaux, Tyrone Collins, Patrick Delaney, Jr., Homeyar Dinshaw, David Elizardi, Yvonne Gilliland, Mark Grise, James Jenkins, Carl Lavie, Jr., Michael Lecce, Paul McMullan, Jr., Richard Milani, Stephen Ramee, John Reilly, Gary Rich, Sangeeta Shah, Christopher White, Stanley Thornton, Sammy Khatib, Onajefe Nelson-Twakor, Daniel Morin, Rajan Patel, Hector Venture, Hamang Patel, Sapna Desai, Stacy Mandras, Patrick Fisher, Ramy Dadawi, James Schipper, Jonathan Rapp and Paul Lessig, Ochsner Hospital/Clinic, 1514 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans.

13) Hill, Erin Fruge, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Charice Hebert, 287

Panther Trail Drive, Kinden.

14) Howell, Dustin Wayne, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Srinivasa Tadikonda, Glenwood Regional Medical Center, 102 Thomas Road, Suite 402, West Monroe.

15) Huddleston, Kelly Lynn, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. John McDonald, Sr., Digestive Health Center of Louisiana, 9103 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge.

16) Oberle, Jefferson Kenneth, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Roopa Patel, PEPA, 5000 Hennessy Blvd, Baton Rouge.

17) Pratt, Anne Elizabeth, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Steven Holt, LSU Health Sciences Center, Emergency Medicine, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

18) Pugo, Irish Faye, PA – Supervising Physicians: Drs. Frank Culicchia, John Steck and Andrea Toomer, 1111 Medical Center Blvd, Suite S750, Marrero.

19) Redmond, James Ray, Sr., PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Peter Vizzi, 601 West St Mary Blvd, Suite 308, Lafayette.

20) Smith, Amy Tycer, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Mark McInnis, Baton Rouge General Hospital, 3600 Florida Blvd, Baton Rouge.

21) Stough, Charyl Cline, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Steven Holt, LSU Health Sciences Center, Emergency Medicine, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

22) Touchstone, Rachel Guedry, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Larry Sasaki, 1512 Doctors Drive, Bossier City.

23) Walker, Amy Nicole, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Sanjeevi Tivakaran, Roy Markham MD Ark La Tex Cardio, 2400 Hospital Drive, Suite 490, Bossier City.

24) Walker, Charles Lynn, PA – Supervising Physician: Dr. Mohammad Alam, Emergency Medicine, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

25) Webb, Tamy Lynn, PA – Supervising Physicians: Drs. Steven Holt and Carmell Lenert, Emergency Medicine, 1501 Kings Highway, Shreveport.

26) Wimberly, Heidi Birdsall, PA - Supervising Physician: Dr. James Welsh, Radiation Oncology Services, 510 East Stoner Ave, Shreveport.

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

On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, 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 decision:

- a. Campbell, Patrick Thomas, M.D. – To defer action on the application of Patrick Thomas Campbell, M.D., pending a receipt of additional information.

**[27.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.**

On motion of Dr. Amusa, 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 approved the non-routine applications of the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Goldberg, Joshua Micah  
Kisswany, Mary Sand

Weil, Eric Joel

**[28.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report.**

On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc 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

Mayeux, Thomas J.

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Thompson, Brandy N.

Dispensation Registration

Scallan, Patricia E.

**[29.] 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 deferred action on the relicensure/reinstatement application of the following pending receipt of additional information:

Physicians and Surgeons

Lang, Erich Karl

**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 February 28, 2011. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**31. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Board Orientation.** The Board reviewed the evaluations submitted on the Board Orientation Program held February 25, 2011 in Baton Rouge. No further action was taken or required on this matter.

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

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

**33. General Administrative Matters; President's Report.** The Board received the report of the President in his activities since the last meeting of the Board.

**34. 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 instructions/procedures developed for the Volunteer License pursuant to Act 298 of the

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2010 session of the Louisiana Legislature and concluded his report with the status of the renovation project stating that a tour of the building will be set up.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., to reconvene at the Board at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

**Second Session**  
**Tuesday, March 15, 2011**

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners was reconvened at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at the offices of the Board with everyone in attendance except for Drs. Mark Dawson, LeBlanc and Bourgeois.

**[35.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Derrick Lee Ames, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for the purposes of a formal hearing in the matter of Derrick Lee Ames, M.D., to discuss the character and professional conduct of a licensee and an administrative hearing as provided by the legislature in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La.Rev.Stat.49:951, et.Seq., pursuant to La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:17A(1) and (10) .

**36. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 18, 19, 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 March 14, 15, 2011 as approved by the Board on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

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Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.  
President