

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**AUGUST 20, 21, 2012
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, August 20, 2012, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members were present as follows:

Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D., President
Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D., Vice-President
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
John Michael Burdine, M.D.
Cynthia Gail Montgomery, M.D.
Lehrue Stevens, M.D.

Board Members absent as follows:

Mark Henry Dawson, 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 Gласper, Director of Licensure
Jo-Ann Brisco, Executive Staff Officer

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis
Philip O. Bergeron

First Session
Monday, August 20, 2012

1. **Minutes of July 16, 17, 2012 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held July 16, 17, 2012. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc 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. **General Administrative Matters; Financial Report; 2011 Audit.** Michael Caparotta, CPA, Heinz & Macaluso, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, accompanied by the Board's CPA, David W. Aucoin, CPA, presented the 2012 Audit of the Board's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2011. Mr. Caparotta reviewed highlights from the audit concerning major aspects of the financial records performed in accordance with accounting procedures. Mr. Caparotta concluded his presentation stating that the Board received a clean audit for period ending December 31, 2011 with no deficiencies.
3. **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.
4. **Rules and Regulations.**
 - a. Final Rules/Amendments: - None published since the last meeting of the Board.
 - b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent. **Physicians and Surgeons – Demonstration of Clinical Competency:** The Board developed a set of rules for the demonstration of physician clinical competency for licensure reinstatement/renewal and decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules in the *Louisiana Register*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the July 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
 - 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. This rule effort is being deferred pending clarification of statutory issues. **Physicians and Surgeons - Supervision of Unlicensed Providers** - The Board directed staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for supervision of unlicensed providers. As soon as a draft is

finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. It is believed that this item has been adequately addressed by the Board's adoption of rules on unprofessional conduct. As a result, this topic will be removed. **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 at its December 2011 meeting, the Board approved a response to the committee and organizations, along with a revised draft of the rules that incorporate the suggestions of its staff as well as the committee and organizations to the extent the Board found them acceptable and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments. Given changes to the law during the 2012 session of the Legislature, a revised version of the rules will be presented for the Board's consideration. **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 – 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 physician late 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. During the March 2012 meeting, the Board discussed the impact of penalty charge for late physician renewal and decided to enforce the late penalty fee after thirty (30) days and to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. Prior to filing such notice, further information is needed relative to the percentage of licensees who renew after thirty (30) days. **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. At its December 2011 meeting, the Board reviewed the revised draft and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that such notice

will appear in the September 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians and Surgeons – Suspension/Termination/Non-Renewal of Training; Notification to the Board:** During its June 2012 meeting, the Board considered a suggestion for amendment to its physician rules in order to facilitate the reporting by postgraduate training programs of the suspension, termination or non-renewal of a resident from training. Following discussion, the Board elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the suggested rule amendment. It is anticipated that the *Notice of Intent* will appear in the September 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **Athletic Trainers:** Representative of the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee met with Board staff as requested. One item discussed was a rule to change the number of members from seven to eight to facilitate establishing a meeting quorum. The Board reviewed the draft amendment incorporating the said rule change, and upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, voted to provide *Notice of Intent* in the *Louisiana Register* to adopt the amendments. **Midwifery:** Given changes to the Louisiana Midwifery Practice Act during the 2012 session of the Legislature, staff anticipates presenting revisions to its existing rules in due course for the Board's consideration and discussion. **Physicians and Surgeons- Collaborative Drug Therapy Management ("CDTM"):** The Board discussed the concept of certain potential amendments to the existing rules which were jointly promulgated with the Board of Pharmacy in 2007. Following review and discussion, the Board expressed a willingness to consider a draft of the proposed suggestions in due course.

[5.] Report on Pending Litigation. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery 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.

[6.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens, 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). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[7.] Investigative Reports. Continuing in executive session, the Board considered 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-388

Docket No., 11-I-776

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

Daniel Randolph Bourque, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-1001
Amber Nichole Neville, CLP, Docket No., 12-I-564
Jodi Allen Parks, M.D., Docket No., 12-I-253
Stacy Evan Bertrand, POLY, Docket No., 12-I-230
Sara Ann Campbell, CLP, Docket No., 06-I-684

- c. The following matters were closed/dismissed:

Docket No., 12-I-441
Docket No., 12-I-456
Docket No., 10-I-280

- d. The following matters were closed/dismissed with a Letter of Concern:

Docket No., 12-I-475
Docket No., 11-I-923

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

- f. Interim Actions: The Board approved the Interim Actions that had been handled by the President:

Docket No., 12-I-498
Docket No., 12-I-686
Docket No., 12-I-499
Docket No., 10-I-597

[8.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens 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.] Licensure and Certification; Intern/Examination Registration; Personal Appearance; Laura Clayton Kleinpeter, M.D. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for consideration of the application of Laura Clayton Kleinpeter, M.D., 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). Laura Clayton Kleinpeter, M.D., accompanied by her attorney, R. Loren Kleinpeter, Esq., appeared before the Board to discuss the evaluations performed as requested by the Board for extension of her PGY2 Permit. Following her dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the extension of the PGY2 Permit for Laura Clayton Kleinpeter, M.D., through June 30, 2013, provided she remained in good standing with her residency program and all other requirements had been met.

[10.] General Disciplinary Matters. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery, the Board convened in executive session to consider the report on site visits and 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) and (4). 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. Collaborative Practice Reports – To approve the request of Paulla Tassin, PA for prescriptive authority and additional supervising physicians.
- b. Beauregard, Curtis Lee, M.D. – To approve the request of Curtis Lee Beauregard, M.D., for reinstatement of his suspended license, on probation.
- c. Crear-Perry Joia, M.D. – To review the follow-up information in the matter of Joia Crear-Perry, M.D.

[11.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Mark Mitchell Cotter, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Mark Mitchell Cotter, 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. Cotter, who had voluntarily surrendered his license to practice medicine in Louisiana, appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license in order to work at Angola State Penitentiary. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, denied his request at this time pending completion of a residency program. However, the Board did indicate that it may consider allowing him to train under a permit.

[12.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Kirt Joseph Talamo, PA. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Kirt Joseph Talamo, 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. Talamo appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr.

LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, approved the request of Kirt Joseph Talamo, PA, for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

13. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Abandonment of a Patient. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Henry Klein, Esq., asking for an opinion with respect to violations of state law or rules if a physician were to initiate treatment of a patient knowing that he or she would not be able to provide the required follow-up and without so informing the patient. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to confirm the response provided by Dr. Marier that as contained in the American Medical Associations' Code of Ethics, a physician may not discontinue treatment of a patient as long as further treatment is medically indicated, without giving the patient reasonable assistance and sufficient opportunity to make alternative arrangements for care which rests on the ethical principal that the relationship between patient and physician is based on trust and gives rise to physicians' ethical obligations to place patients' welfare above their own self-interest which to do otherwise would be a violation of state law and the rules of the Board.

14. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Telemedicine in Psychiatry. The Board reviewed the correspondence received from John H. Wells, M.D., seeking advice as to whether a licensed health care professional with respect to psychiatry has to be in the examination room with the patient at all times that the patient is receiving telemedicine services. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to confirm Dr. Marier's response that with respect to psychiatry, the rule may be contrary to accepted practice and the intent of the rule, and therefore, would not be required by the Board.

15. Communication and Information; Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc.; Liaison Program. The Board noted the follow-up information relative to the visit by its former Board member, Linda Gage-White, M.D., Ph.D., Liaison Director, to the Board scheduled for September 17, 2012. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

16. Communication and Information; Electronic Death Registration. The Board noted receipt of correspondence that the state is asking physicians to use a new online system (LEERS) for reporting deaths stating it will ultimately require all physicians to utilize the system. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

17. Communication and Information; Times Picayune Article, "Doctors Treating State Prisoners". The Board noted the article appearing July 29, 2012 in the Times Picayune entitled "Doctors Treating State Prisoners Having Disciplinary Records Themselves". No further action was required or taken on this matter.

18. General Administrative Matters; Midwifery; VBAC Approval. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Ryan Dickerson, M.D., requesting VBAC approval for Hannah Birchman in accordance with the Board's rules. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Dickerson that VBAC approval for Mrs. Birchman is contingent upon receipt of confirmation from him that the delivery poses no risk to the patient.

19. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.

Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending May 31, 2012 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of May 31, 2012. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending May 31, 2012 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of May 31, 2012.

20. 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.

21. 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. Dr. Marier reported on the approval of the PHP Contract Amendments for Allied Health Professionals. He also reported that the Board had been asked to participate in the Serious Sports Injury Management Program. He discussed the letter from Peter Stevens, PA, who is developing a fellowship program for Physicians Assistants at Ochsner. He further reported on the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee meeting and their request to replace two physicians currently serving and concluded his report with a discussion on amending the Collaborative Drug Therapy Management Advisory Committee rules to nominate an additional member.

[22.] Physicians Health Program. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, 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 ("PHP") 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).

[23.] Physicians Health Program; Personal Appearance; Jay Weiss, M.D., Medical Director, Palmetto Addiction Recovery Center. Continuing in executive session, Jay Weiss, M.D., Medical Director, Palmetto Addiction Recovery Center, appeared before the Board to give a presentation entitled "Substance Addiction Pearls Disease Model". No further action was required or taken on this matter.

24. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Chad L. Prather, M.D., Lisle Soukup, Director Advocacy and Public Policy, American Society for Dermatologic Surgery. Chad L. Prather, M.D., and Lisle Soukup, Director Advocacy and Public Policy, American Society for Dermatologic Surgery gave a presentation on "Protecting Patients:

Establishing the 'Line in the Sand' for Cosmetic Medical Procedures". No action was required or taken on this matter.

25. General Administrative Matters; Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee. The Board noted the agenda of the meeting of the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee held August 7, 2012. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

26. General Administrative Matters; Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee. The Board noted the recommendation of Gregory W. Stewart, M.D., and Michael Joseph Leddy, III, M.D., for appointment to the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee submitted by Gerald White, President, Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association. Following review and discussion, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the appointment of Drs. Stewart and Leddy to the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee replacing the physicians currently serving as physician representatives.

27. General Administrative Matters; Medical Psychology Advisory Committee. The Board noted the agenda of the meeting of the Medical Psychology Advisory Committee held July 27, 2012. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

28. General Administrative Matters; Collaborative Therapy Drug Management ("CDTM") Advisory Committee. The Board noted the agenda of the meeting of the CDTM Advisory Committee held August 8, 2012. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[29.] Licensure and Certification; Athletic Trainers. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, seconded by Dr. LeBlanc 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, seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements has been met:

Harville, Jeremy Keith
Kasper, Luke Michael

Knight, Lauren Ashley

[30.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel. On the motion of Dr. Stevens, 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 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 has been met:

Phlebotomist

Hooper, Naeisha Anitra

Laboratory Assistants

Ezell, Shelly H.
Henderson, April Michelle

Johnson, LaShanda Mary
Lee, Laura-Peterson

Generalists

Kidd, Rhiannon Marie.

Myles-Butler, Tameka Lashawn

Generalist – Temporary Permit

Pickering, Michelle Leigh

[31.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy. On 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 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 licensure provided all requirements has been met:

Occupational Therapist

Shamburger, Cristina

- b. Denied – To deny the request of the following for a waiver of an examination attempt on the NBCOT examination for licensure:

Henrie, Karen L.

[32.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine 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. Approved – To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Eichelberger, Tracy June
Henry, Joseph Nathaniel
Jackson, Louella Marshae
Morgan, Linda Louise

Square, John Earl, Jr.,
Steiner, Joseph Roby
Thompson, Corey Dale

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

Burnham, Jerry David, Jr.

[33.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistant. On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc 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, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Physician Assistants

Guilbeau, Garrett

[34.] Licensure and Certification; Polysomnography. On motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc 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, made the following decisions:

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

Benoist, Carolyn Ann

Chretien, Lisa Ann

- b. Denied – To deny the request for an extension of his temporary permit inasmuch as he had failed the BRPT examination for licensure:

Ladner, Derek M.

[35.] 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 decisions:

- a. Abhishek, Ray, M.D. – To deny the request of Ray Abhishek, M.D., for a waiver of one year of postgraduate training in an ACGME accredited program.
- b. Fletcher, Lauren Marie, M.D. – To grant the request of Lauren Marie Fletcher, M.D., for a waiver of the three year rule in the same specialty¹, thereby making her eligible for licensure.
- c. Quevedo Diaz, Henry Christian, M.D. – To approve the request of Henry Christian Quevedo Diaz, M.D., for a waiver of postgraduate training inasmuch as he is Board certified in Internal medicine.
- d. Polanco, Pedro, M.D. – To deny the request of Pedro Polanco, M.D., to be allowed to take USMLE, Part III only for licensure.
- e. Approved – To approve the following provided all requirements had been met:

Aufman, Jeffrey Joseph
Kapoor, Vibhu

Mutombo, Mistie Anne

[36.] 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 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 made the following decisions:

- a. Rothchild, Mark, M.D. – To deny the request of Mark Rothchild, M.D., for a waiver of the SPEX examination required for licensure.
- b. Approved – To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Ashar, Tom

Johnson, Aaron P.

¹ Dr. LeBlanc abstained from participation in discussion and approval of this matter.

Barnett, Vernie T. III
Collins, Clinton Wood
Fish, Michelle An
Frierson, Sabrina Debra
Gann, Thomas H., Jr.

Orangio, Guy Robert
Schutt, Robert Clark
Tice, Paul
Woodson, Benjamin W.

[37.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report. On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens 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:

Graduate Education Temporary Permit

Blanchard, Matthew Bryant

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Bonneau, Katelyn T.

Boudreaux, Gretchen Miller

Intern Registration

Blaisar, Bradley Joseph

Athletic Trainer

Nigrini, Cullen Michael

Physicians and Surgeons

Novakovich, Paul M.

Shute, Creighton E., DO

[38.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Intern/Examination Registration. 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 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/examination registration for the following provided all other requirements had been met:

U.S. Medical Graduate

Orgeron, Thomas John

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

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 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 for reinstatement/relicensure pending receipt of additional information:

Physician and Surgeon

Opelka, Frank George

[40.] Licensure and Certification; Podiatry; Advanced Practice. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens 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 podiatry, advanced practice, provided all requirements had been met:

Advanced Practice – Conservative Treatment of the Ankle

Elliott, Denise Lea

[41.] Licensure and Certification; Medical Psychologist. On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the application for advanced-practice 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 application of the following for medical psychology-advanced practice:

Ray, Kelly Paulk, PhD, MP

42. Licensure and Certification; Short Term Residency Program. The Board reviewed the request received from John T. Cole, M.D., Ochsner Hematology/Oncology Program for approval of a short term residency program for hematology/oncology residents doing a monthly rotation. Following review and discussion, the Board, upon motion made, duly seconded and

passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the short-term residency program for the Ochsner Hematology/Oncology Program.

43. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension. The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by July 31, 2012. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[44.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Daniel Joseph Mompont, M.D. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board reconvened in executive session for conclusion of the formal hearing in the matter of Daniel Joseph Mompont, 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. Stevens, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc, the Board rendered a decision in the matter of Daniel Joseph Mompont, M.D., and instructed Judge Ellis to prepare a written opinion and order to reflect the ruling.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m., to reconvene at the Board at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2012.

***Second Session
Tuesday, August 21, 2012***

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners reconvened at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 21, 2012 at the offices of the Board with everyone in attendance except for Drs. Dawson and Burdine.

[45.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Chidiadi Alozie Dike, M.D. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for the formal hearing in the matter of Chidiadi Alozie Dike, 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.

46. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for September 17, 18, 2012, with a dinner on September 16, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., with representatives from the Federation of State Medical Boards.

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 August 20, 21, 2012 as approved by the Board on the 17th day of September, 2012.

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

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

Attest:

Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.
President