

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**JANUARY 17, 2012  
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., Tuesday, January 17, 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.  
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.  
Lehrue Stevens, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

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 December 5, 2011 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting of December 5, 2011. On the motion of Dr. Dawson duly seconded by Dr. Stevens and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings together with the executive sessions conducted during such meeting with all necessary corrections.
2. **Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted that action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings had been completed. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
3. **Rules and Regulations.**
  - a. Final Rules/Amendments: - None since the last meeting of the Board.
  - b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent. **Physician Assistants** – A draft of proposed amendments concerning scope of practice issues relating to physician assistants was presented to the Board for consideration at its July 2008 meeting. Suggested modifications, along with additional revisions from the Committee and staff were incorporated into a draft and considered by the Board at its August 2008 meeting. At that time, the Board approved the draft and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Prior to publication, the Board met with the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Association of Physician Assistants to discuss the proposed rules at its December 15, 2008 meeting. Following discussion among these parties and the Board at that time, the Board decided to withhold publication of the *Notice of Intent* and study the draft further. A revised draft was presented for consideration at its October 2010 meeting. Following review and discussion, suggested modifications were sent to the PA Advisory Committee for review and during its December 2010 meeting, the Advisory Committee and other interested parties expressed concerns about the revised draft. Following discussion, the Board suggested additional modifications and at the suggestion of the PA Advisory Committee authorized a meeting with members of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants and the PA Advisory Committee to discuss final modifications. The Board noted receipt of various comments regarding the proposed rule modifications. Modified drafts were considered at the February and March 2011 meetings along with the input from the PA Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants. Following further consideration at its April 2011 meeting, the Board voted to publish *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed amendments to its PA rules. The *Notice of Intent* with respect to the rule amendments appeared in the July 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register* with a public hearing held August 29, 2011. The Board reviewed a sampling of the comments to the sections with the most objections and accepted the offer of assistance from Jennifer Angelo, President, Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants and Jennifer Marusak, Director, Governmental Affairs, Louisiana State Medical Society. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved substantive changes to the proposed rule

amendments and directed that a revised draft be prepared for consideration. Following review and discussion of the revised rule amendments, the Board approved publication of *Notice of Intent* to adopt the revised rules and notice of a public hearing scheduled for January 24, 2012. **Respiratory Therapy** - The Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee reviewed the current rules to ascertain what modifications may be needed in light of the legislative changes to the Louisiana Respiratory Therapy Act in 2007 and provided its recommendations for review. Modifications to the Committee's draft were presented to the Advisory Committee during its December 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*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the September 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. During the comment period, no written comments were received nor a request for a public hearing. The Board approved notice of final adoption in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that the rule amendments will be promulgated by and upon publication in the January 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

c. **Rules/Amendments Under Development –Perfusionist** - The Perfusion Advisory Committee prepared an initial draft of rules for this category of allied health care professionals. A revised draft was received and is being studied. As soon as it has been refined, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. **Physicians and Surgeons - Mid-Level Providers** - The Board appointed a Committee to work on the development of rules for supervision, collaboration and consultation with mid-level providers. As soon as such draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. 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 of cosmetic and other medical services. As soon as a draft is finalized, it will be presented to the Board for consideration. **Polysomnography** - The Board received a proposed draft of new rules for polysomnographers from its Advisory Committee on Polysomnography. A revised draft was presented to the Advisory Committee for review and comment, and was approved, with suggested modifications during the Committee's meeting on September 16, 2011. During its October 2011 meeting, the proposed rules were presented to the Board along with the Committee's suggestions for initial review and discussion. Following discussion, the Board proposed modifications to the draft and asked that a revised draft be presented at its next meeting. Following the meeting, the Board received from two national organizations nearly the identical suggestions as those of the Committee's. The Board reviewed the revised draft of proposed rule amendments along with the suggestions from the organizations. Following review and discussion 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 in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*. **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 and decided to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules in the *Louisiana Register*. **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. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physician Assistants – Legend and Controlled Substance Authority:** The Board requested that amendments to Section 1521A.2 and C.5 of its PA rules be prepared for its consideration to: remove the exclusion of legend drug authority for a PA whose license had been restricted; and to revise the controlled substance exclusion of a PA whose license was placed on probation or restriction. The Board reviewed the draft set of amendments at its October 2011 meeting and suggested additional modifications to be incorporated and presented in a subsequent draft. 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*. **Clinical Laboratory Personnel** – By rule amendments promulgated in February 2011, but effective June 30, 2012 (*LR, Vol. 37, No. 2, pp. 597-598*) the Board, amended the CLP rules to revise the list of certifying organizations for new applicants for CLP scientist-generalists and technicians (3509A and 3509C) by deleting several organizations. The effect of the amendments is that the certifying examination accepted for licensure as a CLP generalist or technician after June 30, 2011, is the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP). During its April 2011 meeting, the Board considered petitions to repeal the rule and decided to delay implementation of the amendments to Section 3509A and 3509B for one-year (until June 30, 2012) in order to further confer with stake holders and consider the issues. In the interim, the certifying organizations accepted under the Board's current rules will continue to be recognized. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the May 20, 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register* and they became final upon promulgation in the August 20, 2011 edition. At its December 2011 meeting, the Board decided to withdraw the prior amendments to Subsection 3509 A and 3509C that were promulgated in February 2011 and to reform the list of currently recognized certifying organizations to reflect those which

have merged or no longer exist. The effect of the proposed amendments is that each of the certifying organizations that were accepted by the Board for CLP generalist and technician applicants for licensure prior to adoption of the previous rule change in February 2011 i.e., the ASCP, the American Medical Technologists (AMT) and the American Association of Bioanalysts (AA) will continue to be recognized by the Board. In addition, the Board decided to point out several concerns to its legislative oversight committees with the CLP Act in its current form. These include the requirement for supervision of technicians when such is no longer required by CLIA, clarification of the intent of the act with respect to certain educational requirements, changing the terms used for both categories of licensure in favor of terms that are widely used in the profession – “MLS” and “MLT” for CLS-G and CLS-T, respectively – and requiring that all certifying examinations be psychometrically validated. It is anticipated that the *Notice of Intent* to withdraw the prior rule change will appear in the January 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

**[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. Legislative Matters.** The Board received follow-up information provided by Dr. Marier on various legislative matters. The Board reviewed correspondence sent to Representative Chris Hazel regarding polysomnography trainees and the affect of the Polysomnographic Practice Act enacted in 2005. They also reviewed the Report provided in response to SR 81/HR 108 (2011) Legislative Workgroup on Electronic Prescribing (eRX) and Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA). Dr. Marier also provided a copy of the *Working Group Report Draft* on Senate Resolution 122, Immunizations by Pharmacists. He concluded his report on legislative matters with a copy of draft amendments, prepared with the assistance of counsel and Dr. Montgomery, to the Midwifery Practice Act in anticipation of introduction in upcoming session of the Legislature by E. Edward Braham, former State Senator. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine, the Board approved the midwifery rule amendments. The Board also noted the newly elected leadership of the Senate and House.

**6. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Assistant; Scope of Practice; Insertion of Femoral Catheters.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Kathleen M. Degeyter, RHIA, CPMSM, Director/Medical Staff Services, Lafayette General Medical Center, seeking clarification as to whether the insertion of femoral catheters within the scope of practice of a physician assistant. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Ms. Degeyter that it has been the opinion of the Board that the PA has to possess the required education and training to perform this procedure and inasmuch as this particular PA

does not, as indicated in the correspondence, she would not be allowed to insert femoral catheters.

**7. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Louisiana Quick Care; On-Line Medical Service.**

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Jeff Andry, M.D., on the establishment of a service to patients of a free standing clinic to receive treatment for minor illnesses after normal operating hours. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Dr. Andry that inasmuch as it appears that the determination of a minor illness is based on an online questionnaire completed by the patient, the Board's Telemedicine rules would not be applicable.

**8. Communications and Information; Robert V. Carida, Sr., M.D.**

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Robert V. Carida, Sr., M.D., concerning an entity known as Healthfair. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to refer this matter to the Director of Investigations for handling.

**9. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapists; Scope of Practice; Administration of Nebulized Morphine.**

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Terrie Cavalier, Respiratory Manager, Baton Rouge General Medical Center, seeking an advisory opinion as to whether the administration of nebulized morphine is within the scope of practice for respiratory therapists. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reaffirm its previous opinion that the administration of nebulized morphine is not generally within the proper scope of respiratory therapy practice.

**10. General Administrative Matters; Physician Assistants; Requirement of Co-Signature.**

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Peter B. Stevens, PA-C, Past Chair, Physician Assistants Advisory Committee, asking the Board to reconsider the requirement of the supervising physician's signature thereby acknowledging he has reviewed the notes of the physician assistant in the medical record. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to deny the request for a change in this requirement.

**11. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Exception to Qualification for Supervising Physician and Physician Assistant.**

The Board reviewed correspondence received from J. Barrett Benton, Esq., Benton, Benton & Associates, LLC and Leslie Greco, DO, requesting an exception to the Board's qualification and registration requirements for supervising physicians when engaged in an employment or other financial relationship with a physician assistant. The exception would allow Leslie Greco, DO, to enter into a contractual relationship with an urgent care clinic, owned and operated by physician assistants whom she would supervise on a part-time basis. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Mr. Benton, who was present for the discussion, that in accordance with the rules, the supervising physician cannot be employed by or contracted with a physician assistant, and therefore, the request for an exception was denied.

**12. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Pain Management.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from David M. Vaughn, JD, CPC, Vaughn & Associates, L.L.C., requesting clarification as to the extent to which a nurse practitioner may be utilized with respect to pain management patients. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to obtain additional information for review at the next meeting of the Board.

**13. Communications and Information; Bio-Identical Hormone Replacement.** The Board reviewed a communication received from Cheryl M. Short providing a testimonial on the effectiveness of bio-identical hormone replacement. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to thank Ms. Short for her testimony and wish her continued success in her recovery.

**[14.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report; Personal Appearance; Jessica Taylor Wilke.** On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa 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). Jessica Taylor Wilke, CLP, appeared before the Board in connection with her fingerprint discrepancy. Following her dismissal, the Board resumed in open session, and the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Wilke, Jessica Taylor

**[15.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** On the motion of Dr. Stevens, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, 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.

**[16.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board convened in executive session to consider the investigative reports as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee, and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion the Board resumed in open session. Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

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

Docket No., 08-I-351  
Docket No., 10-I-597  
Docket No., 11-I-866  
Docket No., 11-I-481

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

Kathie Marie Womack OTA, Docket No., 11-I-979  
Nicholas Cefalu, Jr., M.D., Docket No., 10-I-495  
Thomas George LaTour, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-319  
Curtis Lee Beauregard, M.D., Docket No., 08-I-778  
Venisha Devon Battiste, CLP, Docket No., 11-I-586  
Lawrence Francis Chenier III, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-799

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

Docket No., 10-I-895

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

Docket No., 11-I-836  
Docket No., 11-I-836  
Docket No., 11-I-685  
Docket No., 11-I-995  
Docket No., 11-I-783  
Docket No., 11-I-498

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

Docket No., 11-I-785

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

Docket No., 11-I-1016

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

h. Interim Actions: The Board noted the Interim Actions that had been handled by the President:

Docket No., 11-I-481  
Docket No., 11-I-796  
Docket No., 11-I-1059

**[17.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc 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.

**[18.] General Disciplinary Matters.** Continuing in executive session, the Board considered probation reports, site visits and 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 40, and collaborative practice agreements.
- c. Julius, Susan Frances, M.D. – To deny the request of Susan Frances Julius, M.D., for reinstatement of her prescribing privileges.
- d. Cropper, Rosalind Annette, M.D. – To approve the Order For Reinstatement of Medical License in the matter of Rosalind Annette Cropper, M.D.

**[19.] Physicians Health Committee.** On the motion of Dr. Stevens, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of Ed Middleton, Case Manager, Physicians' Health Foundation ("PHP"). Mr. Middleton reported on the participants in the Physicians' Health Program who were either appearing before the Board or had matters before the Board for review and discussion, as matters relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:17A(1) and (4).

**[20.] Investigative Matter; Personal Appearance; Kashmir Kaur Rai, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Kashmir Kaur Rai, M.D., as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:17A(1) and (4). Dr. Rai, accompanied by Adrian Bruneau and Brian Trascher, Legislative Representatives, appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of her Consent Order approved at the December 2011 meeting. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[21.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Robert Lyle Cleveland, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Robert Lyle Cleveland, 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. Cleveland appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his suspended license. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the suspended license of Robert Lyle Cleveland, M.D., on probation.

**[22.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Carlos Ruben Vazquez-Borrero, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Carlos Ruben Vazquez-Borrero, 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. Vazquez-Borrero appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved removal of Paragraph 1 and 2 of the Consent Order with all other terms and conditions in effect.

**[23.] Investigative Matter; Lawrence Francis Chenier III, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Stevens, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Lawrence Francis Chenier III, 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). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

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

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

the period ending October 31, 2011 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of October 31, 2011.

b. Travel Expenses. Motion was made by Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote authorizing the Executive Director to approve routine and special travel for Board Members, Board staff, Board consultants and legal counsel for calendar year 2012, including but not limited to the following:

- 1) Travel expenses in connection with attendance at all Board meetings and Board Committee meetings.
- 2) Travel expenses in connection with appearances at appropriate private or state entities on behalf of or to represent the Board.
- 3) Travel expenses in connection with investigations conducted by the Board, to include travel expenses of witnesses.
- 4) Travel expenses in connection with any court or deposition appearance for the purpose of providing testimony on behalf of the Board.
- 5) Travel expenses for attending the annual meetings of the Louisiana State Medical Society and the Louisiana Medical Association, with payment of per diem for any member giving an annual report to said organizations.
- 6) Travel expenses in connection with meetings of the following national organizations and any committee thereof on which a member of the Board or a member of the Board's staff serves on behalf of the Board, for including, but not limited to the Federation of State Medical Boards, Administrators in Medicine and National Board of Medical Examiners, and authorized meetings for educational purposes.

**25. 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.

**26. 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 that in addition to legislative matter he had met with the Department of Health and Hospitals regarding problems faced by physicians whose licenses have been placed on probation and the statement developed regarding this matter. He also reported on the Special Committees of the

Federation of State Medical Boards, Inc., relative to Reentry to Medical Practice and Essentials of a Modern Medical Practice Act. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**27. General Administrative Matters; Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee.** The Board reviewed the communication received from Raymond Pisani, Chairman, Respiratory Therapy Advisory Committee regarding concerns raised by the Committee. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to authorize the Executive Director to respond to their various issues as he deemed appropriate.

**[28.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competency, or physical or mental health of an applicant pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Laboratory Assistant

Aucoin, Shelia Diane

Phlebotomist

Ellis, Christopher Todd

**[29.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy.** 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 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:

Occupational Therapist

Atkins, Adria Lashan

Occupational Therapy Assistants

Bray, Charles Justin

Jones, Sheila Louise

**[30.] Licensure and Certification; Acupuncture Assistant.** On motion of Dr. Dawson, 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, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Gallman, Trudy Mack

**[31.] Licensure and Certification; Athletic Trainer.** On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Melancon, Stephen George

**[32.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy.** On motion of Dr. Stevens, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Cabellero, Abby Nicole

**[33.] Licensure and Certification; Midwifery.** 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 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:

Solomito Pugh, Angela Nickole

**[34.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates.** On motion of Dr. Dawson, 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. Alekseeva, Nadejda, M.D. – To deny the request of Nadejda Alekseeva, M.D., for a waiver of an examination attempt on the USMLE examination.
- b. Non-Routine Applicant – To approve the following non-routine application for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Le, Chuong Minh

Ma, Khin Hnin Aye

**[35.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Hixson, Rosetta D.,M.D. – To approve issuance of a residency training permit to Rosetta D. Hixson, M.D., restricted to Earl K. Long Medical Center, Department of Internal Medicine.
- b. Non-routine – To approve the non-routine applications of the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Eppley, Kurt Christian  
Hannan, Stephen Robert  
McDonald, Kathleen Louise  
Nevelidine, Thomas J., DO

Reich, Sarah Caroline  
Robinson, Nancy Michelle  
Sikka, Sanjay Kumar

**[36.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Bourgeois and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to review the report of Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Investigating Officer, on the applicants for licensure with fingerprint discrepancies as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Anderson, Tina M.  
Caldwell, Chanda T.  
Colopy, Rachel V.  
Dixon, Neil T.  
Lacey, Kathy Ann

Palmer, Shevondolyn T.  
Roberson, Erica M.  
Tobin, Kim N.  
Turner, Angela F.  
Woods, Tommie

Physicians and Surgeons

Asevedo, Marie Regina

Occupational Therapist

Young, Lindsay

**[37.] Licensure and Certification; Podiatry.** On motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, deferred action on this matter pending receipt of additional information as to training:

Advanced Practice – Surgical Treatment of the Ankle

Watkins, Leon

**38. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Short-Term Residency Training Program; Ochsner Health System.** The Board reviewed the request for approval of a short-term residency training program from Robert J. Quinet, M.D., Chief, Program Director, Rheumatology Fellowship Program. The purpose of the program is to train specialists in evaluation and management of diagnosing and treating musculoskeletal and rheumatic disorders. Following review and discussion, upon motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the short-term residency training program in rheumatology.

**39. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Short-Term Residency Training Program; LSU Health Sciences Center** The Board reviewed the request for approval of a short-term residency training program from Andrew L. Chesson, Jr., M.D., Dean, School of Medicine, Professor of Neurology, LSU Health Sciences Center, Shreveport. The purpose of the program is to train specialists in the field of sleep medicine. Following review and discussion,

upon motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the short-term residency training program in sleep medicine.

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

**41. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Board Orientation.** The Board reviewed the evaluations submitted on the Board Orientation Program held November 4, 2011 in New Orleans. No further action was taken or required on this matter.

**42. General Administrative Matters; New Business.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the discussion of new business. The Board discussed its Integrative and Complementary Medicine Advisory Committee. Following review and discussion, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board voted to replace all members with new appointees to the Integrative and Complementary Medicine Advisory Committee.

**43. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for February 13, 14, 2012.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a full, true and correct account of the proceedings of the meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, save for executive session of the Board conducted therein, held on January 17, 2012 as approved by the Board on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012.

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

Attest:

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Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.  
President