

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**MARCH 19, 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, March 19, 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.
Cynthia Gail Montgomery, M.D.
Lehrue Stevens, M.D.

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

Robert L. Marier, M.D., Executive Director
Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Director of Investigations
Emily Diane Eisenhauer, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations
Thania Elliott, RN, Investigator
Grace Hammons, Program Compliance Officer Supervisor
Leslie Rye, Program Compliance Officer III
Merian Glasper, Director of Licensure
Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis
Philip O. Bergeron

1. **Minutes of February 13, 14, 2012 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held February 13, 14, 2012. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc 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.] **Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa 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.

4. **Rules and Regulations.**

- a. Final Rules/Amendments: - None published 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 and upon motion made and unanimously carried, 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 to obtain comments. In accordance with R.S. 49:968(H)(2), notice of proposed changes appeared in the December 2011 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A public hearing was held on January 24, 2012. Representatives of the Board's Physician Assistant Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants appeared at the hearing and expressed support for the proposed amendments, as modified by the proposed substantive changes. No one appeared to voice concerns or express opposition. At its February 2012 meeting, the Board considered the comments and decided to promulgate the amendments with the changes previously noticed for final adoption in 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. *Notice of Intent* to withdraw the prior rule change appeared in the January 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Further proceedings will be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. 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.

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. **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. During the meeting, the Board discussed the impact of penalty charge for late physician renewal and upon motion of Dr. Steven, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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*. **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*.

5. Legislative Matters. Dr. Marier gave a report on the following legislative matters impacting the Board: HB 515, Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law; HB 947, Midwifery Practice Act, HB, 951, Advanced Practice Registered Nursing; HB 966, LSBME Composition; HB 1025, Allied Health Program; SB 83, Polysomnographic Practice Act; SB 124, Disciplinary Hearings; SB 216, Mental Health Counselors Licensing Act; SB 220, Transfer Pain Clinics to Board; SB 320, Limitations on the Use of the title “Dr”; SR 122, Administration of Immunizations in Louisiana.

[6.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar. On the motion of Dr. Stevens, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine, the Board convened in executive session to review the calendar of personal appearances and docketed hearings, as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. 42:17 A(1), (4). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[7.] 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 Complaint:** The following administrative complaint was approved for filing and scheduling of a formal hearing:

Docket No., 09-I-280

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

Kathryn Kay Kennedy, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-102

Mark Edward Foy, LRT, Docket No., 11-I-944

Tlaloc S. Alferez, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-130

Bruce Joseph Iteld, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-062
Erich Karl Lang, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-548

c. Closed: The following matters were closed/discontinued:

Docket No., 12-I-046
Docket No., 12-I-070
Docket No., 10-I-469
Docket No., 12-I-047

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

Docket No., 11-I-486¹
Docket No., 11-I-875

e. Follow-Up: The following matter was reviewed as follow-up information:

Docket No., 11-I-1016

f. Administrative Hearing: The following matter was scheduled for an administrative hearing:

Docket No., 09-I-703

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., 08-I-128
Docket No., 11-I-197
Docket No., 12-I-186

[8.] General Disciplinary Matters. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, 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). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made and passed by unanimous voice vote, took the following actions:

1 The Board approved filing a complaint regarding this matter with the Board of Nursing.

- a. Collaborative Practice Report – To approve the requests of the following for additional supervising physicians

Daigle, Laurie, PA

Gaudin, Bonnie, PA

- b. Feinberg, Jill Jane, M.D. – To deny the request of Jill Jane Feinberg, M.D., for early reinstatement of her license, off probation.

- c. Foss, Jeffrey Frank, M.D. – To deny the Motion to Withdraw Acknowledgement and Consent Order filed by Jeffrey Frank Foss, M.D.

- d. Penzo-Grullon, Alejandro L., M.D. – To approve reinstatement of the license of Alejandro L. Penzo-Grullon, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, thereby removing the prohibition on his ability to prescribe, dispense or administer obesity drugs.

- e. Beason, Michael Britton, M.D. – To approve reinstatement of the license of Michael Britton Beason, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off indefinite probation.

[9.] Physicians Health Committee. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of Julie Alleman, M.Ed., LPC, LMFT, LAC ,Administrative Director, Physicians' Health Foundation ("PHP") 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).

[10.] Investigative Matter; Personal Appearance; Kathryn Kay Kennedy, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Kathryn Kay Kennedy, 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. Kennedy appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of her Superseding Consent Order. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[11.] Investigative Matter; Personal Appearance; Tlaloc S. Alferez, 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 Tlaloc S. Alferez, 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. Alferez appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of her Consent Order. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[12.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Richard Edward Sabatier, M.D. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice

vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Richard Edward Sabatier, 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. Sabatier, accompanied by his attorney, Monica Frois, Esq., appeared before the Board in connection with the 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. Dawson, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, decided to defer action on his request pending receipt of additional information.

[13.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; William Paul Hudson, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of William Paul Hudson, 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. Hudson 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 upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstating the license of William Paul Hudson, M.D. to a full, unrestricted status.

[14.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Theodore Wensel Huntington DeBlanc, 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 Theodore Wensel Huntington DeBlanc, 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. DeBlanc 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 upon the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Theodore Wensel Huntington DeBlanc, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status in accordance with the terms of his order.

[15.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Matthew Eugene Britt, CLP. On the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Matthew Eugene Britt, CLP, 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. Britt appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his suspended license on indefinite probation. 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 reinstatement of the suspended license of Matthew Eugene Britt, CLP, on probation.

[16.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Aimee Sheree Pritchard, OTA. 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 Aimee Sheree Pritchard, OTA, 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). Ms. Pritchard appeared before the Board in connection with her request for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status off probation. Following her dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Stevens, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Aimee Sheree Pritchard, OTA, to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

[17.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine 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. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Clinical Laboratory Personnel; Requirements Licensure; Testing of Specimens by Out-of State Laboratory. The Board reviewed electronic correspondence received from Deanna M. Perry, American Pathology Partners, Inc., requesting information on the licensure requirements for clinical laboratory personnel engaged in the testing of human specimens in out-of-state laboratories. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Ms. Perry that inasmuch as the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law extends only to the practice of clinical laboratory science in a clinical laboratory located in this state, clinical laboratory personnel engaged in the practice of clinical laboratory science in out-of-state laboratories would not be subject to our state's licensure requirement.

19. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Coroner's Access to the Prescription Monitoring Program; Follow-up. The Board reviewed the request from Joseph Fontenot, Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy, asking whether coroners acting in their official capacity to examine and investigate the cause and manner of death, may have access to the prescription monitoring program having established a physician-patient relationship with the decedent. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Mr. Fontenot that it is the opinion of the Board that a coroner cannot establish a physician-patient relationship with one who is deceased and should he desire a legal opinion he may consult the Attorney General's Office.

20. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Examination of Specimens by Out-of-State Pathologists. The Board reviewed facsimile correspondence received from Stephen G. Ruby, M.D., MBA, FCAP, President, Medical Director, 4path, Ltd., regarding the licensure requirements for out-of-state pathologists to examine specimens from Louisiana patients. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Doctor Ruby that pathologist examining specimen from Louisiana patients would be required to hold a license to practice medicine in Louisiana.

21. Communication and Information; Co-Signature of Supervising Physician. The Board reviewed correspondence received in follow-up to the Board's response from Peter B. Stevens, PA, Past Chair, Physician Assistants Advisory Committee, regarding §4511A(4) of the Physician Assistant's rule which state "...that with respect to each direct patient encounter, all

activities, functions, services, treatment measures, medical devices or medication prescribed or delivered to the patient by the physician assistant are properly documented in written form in the patient's record by the physician assistant and that each such entry is countersigned by the supervising physician within 24 hours with respect to inpatients in an acute care setting and patients in a hospital emergency department; within 48 hours with respect to patients of nursing homes and other sub-acute settings and within 72 hours in an office, clinic and all other practice settings." Following review and discussion it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on the matter.

22. Communication and Information; Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. The Board reviewed the communication received from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates regarding the launching of electronic verification of medical credentials. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

23. Communication and Information; Federation of State Medical Boards; Essentials of a State Medical and Osteopathic Practice Act. The Board reviewed a memorandum received from Kelly C. Alfred, M.S., Director, Education Services, Federation of State Medical Boards, regarding the proposed revisions to the FSMB's policy document, the *Essentials of a State Medical and Osteopathic Practice Act*. It was noted that Dr. Marier had provided input on this matter.

24. Communication and Information; Coroner Complaints. The Board reviewed a memorandum from Dr. Marier regarding two complaints referred to the Board from the Office of the Attorney General involving the failure of coroners to obtain a toxicology examination and/or autopsy. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise the Attorney General's Office that the Board did not believe it has authority to investigate or take action against the physician-coroners for failing to perform their official duty in these particular cases.

25. Communication and Information; Alliance for Continuing Education in Health Professions. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Damon K. Marquis, MA, MS, President and George C. Mejicano, M.D., MS, Past- President, announcing that the Alliance for CME has a new name, The Alliance for Continuing Education in Health Professions. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

26. Communication and Information; *The New York Times: Health*. The Board reviewed a copy of an article appearing in *The New York Times: Health*, entitled "Ear Doctors Performing Face-Lifts? It Happens." No further action was required or taken on this matter.

27. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.

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

28. 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.

29. 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 provided the Board with a copy of a report from the Department of State Civil Service stating that records submitted by Cindy Knecht, Human Resource Officer, on payroll data contained no errors and thanked her for her commitment to excellence. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following Board Resolution:

AWARDED BY

THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

WHEREAS, CYNTHIA KNECHT, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER HAS FAITHFULLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY SERVED THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AS HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER, SINCE MAY 7, 1990; AND

WHEREAS, CYNTHIA KNECHT, HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER HAS DILIGENTLY DISCHARGED HER DUTIES TO THE GREAT BENEFIT OF THE BOARD AND THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND

WHEREAS, DURING HER YEARS OF SERVICE CYNTHIA KNECHT HAS CONTINUALLY AND GRACIOUSLY GIVEN HER EFFORTS, TIME AND ABILITIES TOWARD MAINTAINING THE HIGH STANDARD OF PROFESSIONALISM IN HER DUTIES AS HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICER FOR BENEFIT OF THE BOARD AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA IT IS NOTED, AND, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BY MEANS OF THIS RESOLUTION EXPRESS TO CYNTHIA KNECHT ITS GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR HER EXCELLENT SERVICE DURING THE YEARS SHE HAS DEVOTED TO THE BOARD AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PUBLISHED IN THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD AND THAT A PLAQUE BE STRICKEN CONTAINING THIS RESOLUTION AND GIVEN TO CYNTHIA KNECHT EXPRESSING TO HER THE HIGHEST ESTEEM OF THE BOARD.

APRIL 16, 2012

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Mark Henry Dawson, MD, Immediate Past President

Dr. Marier also noted the work of the Accounting Department in obtaining a clean audit for the past three years. Following brief discussion, on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote the Board approved the following resolution to be given to the Accounting Department of the Board:

AWARDED BY

THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

WHEREAS, THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, CONSISTING OF DAVID AUCOIN, CPA, GAYLE JONES, ACCOUNTANT ADMINISTRATOR, MICHELL PARKER, ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR, STEPHANIE KING, ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, ROBERT REMPEL, PAYROLL, GLENDA RATCLIFF, ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, LAUREAL ROBERTSON, TIME AND ATTENDANCE, SAMANTHA KELLY, PURCHASING AND ROBERT ZERINGUE, COURIER, COLLECTIVELY KNOWN AS THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT, HAVE FAITHFULLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY SERVED THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS; AND

WHEREAS, THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT HAS DILIGENTLY DISCHARGED THEIR DUTIES TO THE GREAT BENEFIT OF THE BOARD AND THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND

WHEREAS, DURING THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A CLEAN AUDIT WITH NO DEFICIENCIES FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS MAINTAINING THE HIGH STANDARD OF ACCOUNTING STANDARDS FOR THE AGENCY IN THEIR DUTIES FOR BENEFIT OF THE BOARD AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA IT IS SO NOTED, AND, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BY MEANS OF THIS RESOLUTION EXPRESS TO THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT ITS GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EXCELLENT SERVICE; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PUBLISHED IN THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD AND THAT A PLAQUE BE STRICKEN CONTAINING THIS RESOLUTION AND GIVEN TO THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT EXPRESSING THE HIGHEST ESTEEM OF THE BOARD.

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[30.] 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:

Phlebotomists

Murray, Remona

Pugh, Demetria Cher

Generalist

Robertson, Katie Lyn

Technician

Turner, Alencia Latrice

[31.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational 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, made the following decisions:

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

Biddle, Lorna

- b. Approved – To approve an extension of the occupational therapy temporary permit pending passage of the NCOT examination for the following:

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Evans, Theron D.

[32.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy. On motion of Dr. Montgomery, 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:

Anderson, Sasha L.

Cappell, Ilona Kesel

[33.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistant. 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, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Physician Assistant

Nguyen, An Kieu Thi

[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. Morava-Kozicz, Tamasne L., M.D. – To approve a waiver of the licensure requirements for Tamasne L. Morava-Kozicz, M.D., in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules inasmuch as she had been appointed Professor of Pediatrics on the tenure track at Tulane University.
- b. Non-Routine Applicant – To approve the following non-routine application for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Duplantis, Keith Paul

[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, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Baruti, Timur A.
Benson, David A.

Hoffman, David J.
Kubek, Carl J.

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

On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson 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

Bastian, Stacey M.
Braden, Felicia A.

Vinson, Rhonda R.

Respiratory Therapist

Buhler, Lesley D.
Latham, Connie E.

Territo, Lynnette M.
Turner, Alleshaundra A.

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Efferson, Brian N.

Physician and Surgeon

Daigle, Robert D.

[37.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Relicensure/Reinstatement. 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 reinstatement/relicensure provided all requirements had been met:

Physician and Surgeons

Heneghan, James M.

Pace, Paul D.

[38.] 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, made the following decisions:

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

Advanced Practice – Conservative Treatment of the Ankle

Hodges, Eunice V.
Mathews, Erin Elizabeth

Saucier, Maria Noel

b. Denied – To deny the application for advanced practice of the following:

Watkins, Thomas Leon

[39.] 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, deferred action on the application for medical psychology-advanced practice of the following:

Sesta, Joseph J., PhD

[40.] Licensure and Certification; Intern/Examination Registration. 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 intern/examination registration as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved issuance of an intern training permit, PGY2 for three months only, pending receipt of additional information:

U.S. Medical Graduate

Kleinpeter, Laura Clayton

41. 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 29, 2012. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

42. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Board Orientation. The Board reviewed the evaluations submitted on the Board Orientation Program held February 3, 2012 in New Orleans. No further action was taken or required on this matter.

43. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 16, 17, 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 March 19, 2012 as approved by the Board on the 16th day of April, 2012.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 16th day of April 2012.

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

Attest:

Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.
President