

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**MAY 21, 22, 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., Monday, May 21, 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  
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer  
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.  
Cynthia Gail Montgomery, M.D.  
Lehrue Stevens, M.D.

Board Members absent as follows:

Kim Edward LeBlanc, M.D., Ph.D., Vice-President  
John Michael Burdine, 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

***First Session***  
***Monday, May 21, 2012***

1. **Minutes of April 16, 2012 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held April 16, 2012. On the motion of Dr. Stevens duly seconded by Dr. Dawson 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: - **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. Following a review of all comments, the Board determined at its October 2011 meeting to make certain substantive changes to the proposed rule amendments and directed that a revised draft be prepared for consideration. A revised draft incorporating the Board's suggestions was considered by the Board at its December 2011 meeting. 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*. At its April 2012 meeting, the Board reviewed the Report to the Legislature on the proposed rule amendments and upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved submission of the Report to the Legislative Oversight Committees and promulgation of the rules for final adoption in the *Louisiana Register*. The amendments were published in, and became final effective upon, publication in the May 20, 2012 edition 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. *Notice of Intent* to withdraw the prior rule change appeared in the January 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Following review of the comment received with respect to this rule effort during its March 2012 meeting, the Board directed that a response be sent to the commenter and decided to promulgate the amendment previously noticed. The amendments were published in, and became effective upon publication in the April 20, 2012 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent. None published since the last meeting of the Board.

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. **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. This matter is deferred pending the outcome of the relevant legislation currently under consideration. **Physicians and Surgeons – Demonstration of Clinical Competency:** The Board instructed staff/counsel to work on the development of rules for demonstration of physician clinical competency for licensure reinstatement/renewal 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 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*. **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*.

**[4.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of 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.** Dr. Marier gave a status report on pending legislative matters currently pending the 2012 Legislative Session impacting the Board. He also called attention to HB 1143 introduced by Representative Landry regarding Public Meetings and meeting agendas which requires (1) that the agenda for meetings may not be changed less than 24 hours prior to the meeting, (2) that specificity be provided for each agenda item and (3) that before a public body may take any action on an item, the presiding officer or his designee shall read aloud the description of the item. It was noted that this will require all changes/ additions to be posted as supplemental agenda items by the end of the week preceding the meeting of the Board and that agenda items be read aloud in advance of taking action. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[6.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery, 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. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens, 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-951

- b. Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License: The following Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License was accepted:

Feaster Fay Fitzpatrick, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-332

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

Mikell Lyn Paugh, Poly, Docket No., 12-I-281  
Miguel Campos Rosales, PA, Docket No., 11-I-795  
Eric Allen Smith, Poly, Docket No., 12-I-250  
Jon Raphael Ishop, Ath, Docket No., 12-I-1930  
Gabriel Perez Lasala, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-126  
Ifeyanyi Charles Okpalobi, M.D., Docket No., 10-I-033  
Ward F. Pitard, M.D., Docket No., 12-I-084  
Stephanie Celeste Cobb, CRT, Docket

- d. Closed: The following matter was closed/discontinued:

Docket No., 11-I-915

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

Docket No., 11-I-343  
Docket No., 12-I-239  
Docket No., 12-I-240  
Docket No., 10-I-679  
Docket No., 11-I-994

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

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

Docket No., 12-I-338

Docket No., 12-I-407

Docket No., 11-I-245

Docket No., 12-I-299

Docket No., 12-I-432

Docket No., 12-I-270

**[8.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. Stevens, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the report of Dr. Eisenhauer, on professional liability cases reviewed since the last meeting of the Board as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

**[9.] General Disciplinary Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, 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:

a. 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.

b. Head, Randy Wayne, M.D. – To approve scheduling a Show Cause Hearing in the matter of Randy Wayne Head, M.D.

c. Raina, Sanjay, M.D. – To approve reinstatement of the license of Sanjay Raina, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

d. Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council – The Board noted the report of the quarterly meeting of Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council held in Baton Rouge on April, 11, 2012.

**10. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice; Performance of Bloodsugars.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Pamela Oxendine, RRT, Respiratory Coordinator, Christus Healthcare, asking whether the performance

of blood sugars is within the scope of practice of respiratory therapists. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Ms. Oxendine that even though the performance of blood sugars would not otherwise fall within the scope of practice of respiratory therapy that as long as it is incidental to the panel of blood gases being performed, the Board would not find the testing of blood sugars by a respiratory therapist on a physician' order to be in violation of the Respiratory Therapy Act.

**11. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Collaboration between Physician and Chiropractor.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Amanda C. Foster, Attorney, Sullivan Stoler Kovata Knight LC, requesting an advisory opinion on whether collaboration between a physician and a chiropractor would be in violation of Louisiana statutes, rules/regulation or Statement of Positions of the Board. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Ms. Foster that as long as the collaboration between the physician and chiropractor is in accordance with the Board's Statement of Position entitled "Employment of Physician by Corporation Other Than a Medical Corporation", i.e., does not interfere with the independent judgment of the physician and maintains appropriate medical records, such collaboration would not be in any violation of the Board's rules.

**12. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Assistants; Scope of Practice; Insertion and Explanting Loop Recorders.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Jason Hebert, RN, PAC, inquiring on the ability of physician assistants to be trained to perform insertion and explanting of loop recorders. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Mr. Hebert that as long as it is within the scope of practice and expertise of the supervising physician, properly credentialed by the hospital staff, performed in a hospital setting, following the guidelines and procedures of the hospital, a physician assistant would be allowed to be trained to perform loop recorders.

**13. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice; Administration of Surfactant; Setting and Flushing Arterial Line Fluids.** The Board reviewed an electronic correspondence received from Diana Niddrie, RRT, seeking an advisory opinion on the ability of respiratory therapist to administer surfactant and set up and flush arterial line fluids. Following review and discussion, the Board confirmed its previous opinion that the delivery of surfactant under the direction and supervision of a physician is within the scope of practice of respiratory. It was also the consensus of the Board that as long as the respiratory therapist is properly trained in and credentialed by the hospital, the administration of arterial line fluids is permissible.

**14. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Relationship between Supervising Physician and Nurse Practitioner with Regards to Laser and IPL Treatments.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Michael J. Haas, M.D., regarding the use of aesthetic lasers and intense pulsed light treatments and the relationship between the supervising physician and nurse practitioner with respect to this matter. The Board of Nursing, under whose jurisdiction fall the nurse practitioner, issued a declaratory statement that is in conflict with the Board. Following review and discussion it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Haas that inasmuch as he



is under the jurisdiction of the Board, he must follow the rules of the Board and to inform the Board of Nursing of the conflict with respect to their declaratory statement.

**15. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Assistants; Scope of Practice Documentation Required to Demonstrate Supervision.** The Board reviewed an electronic communication received from William Davis, M.D., President, Staff Executive Committee, Ochsner Health System, asking for clarification on the documentation required by the supervising physician of a physician assistant to demonstrate supervision. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Davis that all physician assistants would be required to sign all orders and other entries in the medical record.

**d16. Communication and Information; Collaborative Drug Therapy Management; Request for Rule Change.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Philip Oravetz, M.D., MPH, MBA, Medical Director, Accountable Care, Ochsner Health System requesting a change in the Board's rules to expand collaborative drug therapy management to include oncology/hematology, multiple sclerosis, hepatitis C, bone marrow, organ transplant and other areas where high complex medical therapy is utilized. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to ask Dr. Oravetz for a more detailed request outlining specific drugs to be dispensed under the proposed Board's rule expansion.

**17. Communication and Information; Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") and Physician Reporting of Patients Doctor Shopping.** The Board reviewed information on whether HIPAA permits a Louisiana licensed physician to notify law enforcement authorities when an individual/patient seeks a controlled dangerous drug prescription from one physician without disclosing an existing prescription from another provider ("doctor shopping"). The Board noted the response which stated that HIPAA regulations does permit a physician who in good faith believes a crime is occurring or has occurred on the premises (e.g., office, clinic, etc.), to notify and provide protected information to law enforcement authorities.

**18. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Midwifery; VBAC Approval.** The Board reviewed the request of Tram Khong for approval of a VBAC delivery in accordance with the Board's rules. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Mrs. Khong that upon receipt of verification from Jennifer Lapeyrolerie, M.D., that she is not at risk, the Board would approve her VBAC delivery.

**19. Communication and Information; Palmetto Addiction Recovery Center.** The Board noted the Policy Statement issued by Palmetto Addiction Recovery Center ("PARC") stating that PARC does not recommend the use of controlled medications in a professional population. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

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

Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending February 29, 2012 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The

Board also reviewed the status of investments as of February 29, 2012. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending February 29, 2012 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of February 29, 2012.

**21. General Administrative Matters; President's Report.** The President reported on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Bourgeois reported on the annual meeting of the Federation of State Medical Boards, held April 26-28, 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas celebrating its 100 year anniversary. He presented the plaque and doubloons which had been given to the Board as a charter member of the FSMB. He reported that Linda Gage-White, M.D., Ph.D., past Board member has been elected to the Board of Directors of the FSMB. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to extend to Dr. Gage-White a letter of congratulation on her achievement.

**22. 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 discussed his recommendation on handling several issues and updated the Board of the renovation project.

**[23.] Physicians Health Program.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens 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).

**[24.] Licensure and Certification; Personal Appearance; Medical Psychology; Advanced Practice; Craig Waggoner, PhD, MP.** 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 Craig Waggoner, PhD, MP, 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. Waggoner appeared before the Board as requested in connection with his request for approval of medical psychology advanced practice application. 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 the application of Craig Waggoner, PhD, MP for medical psychology advanced practice.

**[25.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, 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 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

Ballard, Kimberlee Denise

Potlongo, Tanga R.

Laboratory Assistant

Castagnetta, Kelli M.

Technician

Doucet, Jessica Mary

Generalist

McMillian, Rachel A.

**[26.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy.** On motion of Dr. Montgomery, 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, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements has been met:

Occupational Therapist

Dannehl, Brittany Dawn

**[27.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy.** 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 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:

Harper, Clayton G.

Rodgers, Leigh A.

**[28.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistant.** 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 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

Guidry, Amy Therese  
Hatch, Keith Michael  
Simon, Linsey Catherine

Sloan, Carlen Schwing  
West, Amy Louise

**[29.] Licensure and Certification; Acupuncture Assistant.** On motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. Stevens 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 has been met:

Thomason, David Dallas

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

Viator, Kahn Zayre

**[31.] 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. Approved – To approve the following non-routine applications for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Greco-Angelopoulos, Gina Luisa

Warke, Amit Ghanashyam

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

Tadimeti, Himabindu

**[32.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson 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:

Aaron, Houston Michael II  
Boyle, Patrick Stephen  
Brown, James Jay  
Fincham, Bryce Matthew  
Johnson, Jason Michael  
Larson, Andrew William

McMorries, Ryan Glenn  
Metts, Brent Alan  
Nachawati, Samer Mohammad  
Vigil, Jacob Patrick  
Worthy, Ray Bonner

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

Duplantis, Richard J., M.D.

**[33.] 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:

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Black, Beverly L.  
Delaney, Crystal A.  
Gomez, Mariano A.

Nelson, Patricia L.  
Satacher, Brushando B.

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Dover, Amanda R.

Polysomnographer

Reiling, Sandra M.

Respiratory Therapists

Slocum, Tommy A.

Spence, Matthew H.

**[34.] Licensure and Certification; Podiatry; Advanced Practice.** On motion of Dr. Dawson, 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

Laskey, James Edgar

Watkins, Leon Thomas

**[35.] Licensure and Certification; Intern/Examination Registration.** On motion of Dr. Montgomery, 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, made the following decisions:

- a. Approved – To approve issuance of an intern/examination registration for the following provided all other requirements had been met:

U.S. Medical Graduate

Bateman, David John  
Breaux, Jacob Lee  
Catt, Jerry Wayne, Jr.  
Crookshank, Joseph William  
Daly, Robert Joseph  
Fogleman, Lance Patrick  
Kahanda. Rahal Yagantha

Khoobehi, Kaveh David  
Lincoln, Clint Nickolas  
Miller, Robert Arrington  
Smith, Michael Patrick  
Torres, Joseph Derek  
Woodall, Anthony Keith

International Medical Graduates (GETP)

Adam, Farhan Jamsheed  
Daray, Ross David  
Morak, Ravinder Singh

Patel, Madhavi  
Pontiff, Kyle Jude  
Ronayne, James Patrick

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

Schoolfield, Clint Sumbera

**[36.] Licensure and Certification; Polysomnography.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the follow-up request of the following for an extension of a temporary permit providing further documentation 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 request of the following for an extension of a temporary permit due to extenuating circumstances:

Perry, Delonsaletta Isabella

**37. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension.** The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by April 30, 2012. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**38. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Board Orientation.** The Board reviewed the evaluations submitted on the Board Orientation Program held May 3, 2012 in Baton Rouge. No further action was taken or required on this matter.

**[39.] General Administrative Matters; Unclassified Employees; Merit Increase.** On the motion of Dr. Stephens, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the request for approval for merit increases for the three unclassified employees, in line with State Civil Service Rules. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon the motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved a 5% merit increase for Drs. Marier and Mouton and the Confidential Executive Assistant, Rita L. Arceneaux.

**40. New Business; Assignment of Cases to Independent Counsels.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to take up an item of new business, assignment of cases to independent counsel. It was noted that the role of the independent counsel is to be independent of Board staff and counsel for respondents in a given case. It was also noted that the intent was to assign cases to both equally in terms of numbers. Following review and discussion, upon motion made, duly

seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board authorized its Executive Director to assign cases to the two independent counsels.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m., to reconvene at the Board at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012.

***Second Session***  
***Tuesday, May 22, 2012***

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners was reconvened at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the offices of the Board with Drs. Bourgeois, Montgomery, Dawson, Stevens and Burdine in attendance.

**[41.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Roderick Antoin Hart, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for the formal hearing in the Roderick Antoin Hart, 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.

**42. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for June 18, 19, 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 May 21, 22, 2012 as approved by the Board on the 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2012.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012.

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



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

MINUTES OF MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2012

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Attest:

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Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.  
President