

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**MARCH 18, 2013
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 18, 2013, 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.

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
Lilly Rodgers, Administrative Program Specialist A
Merian Gasper, Director of Licensure
Rita L. Arceneaux, Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis
Philip O. Bergeron

1. **Minutes of February 18, 19, 2013 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held February 18, 19, 2013. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings together with the executive sessions conducted during such meeting with all necessary corrections.
2. **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.
3. **Rules and Regulations.**
 - a. Final Rules/Amendments: - None published since the last meeting of the Board.
 - b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent: **Physicians and Surgeons – Dispensation of Medications:** The Board considered a request to amend its dispensing rules to allow an exception to permit a registrant to dispense up to a single seven (7) day supply of a non-narcotic Schedule V controlled substance sample for the purpose of assessing a therapeutic response when prescribed according to indications approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration. After voting to proceed with a rule-making effort, the Board reviewed a draft of the proposed amendment, a list of all Schedule V controlled substances, and a revised draft excluding non-anorectic medication at its December 2012 meeting, and voted to proceed with *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendment. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the January 2013 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Neither a request for a public hearing nor written comments were received by the Board during the comment period. Thereafter, a final legislative report was sent to the Legislature. It is anticipated that the amendment will be promulgated by and upon publication in the April 20, 2013 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. **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 certain 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 incorporated the suggestions of its staff as well as the committee and organizations to the extent the Board found them acceptable and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments. Given changes to the law during the 2012 session of the Legislature, staff anticipates presenting a revised version of the rules for the Board's consideration.

Physicians and Surgeons – Office-Based Surgery: The Board considered suggestions for amendment to its office-based surgery rules. A revised draft incorporating the suggested changes was considered by the Board, and following review, discussion and further suggestions, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules in the *Louisiana Register*.

Athletic Trainers: At the request of the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee, the Board considered a rule change to facilitate meeting quorums at its August 2012 meeting and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* in the *Louisiana Register* to adopt the amendment. Following review and discussion at its February 2013 meeting, the Board decided to discontinue this rule making effort in light of the appointment of new physician members to the Committee.

Midwifery: Given changes to the Louisiana Midwifery Practice Act during the 2012 session of the Legislature, staff anticipates presenting revisions to its existing rules in due course for the Board's consideration and discussion.

Physicians and Surgeons- Collaborative Drug Therapy Management ("CDTM"): During the August 2012 meeting, the Board discussed the concept of certain potential amendments to the existing rules which were jointly promulgated with the Board of Pharmacy in 2007. Following review and discussion, the Board expressed a willingness to consider a draft of the proposed suggestions in due course.

Physicians and Surgeons – Licensure: The Board expressed a desire to consider alternatives to the requirement for passage of the SPEX/CONVEX-USA for those who had taken and passed a written medical competence examination more than 10 years prior to the date of application. A draft was considered by the Board at its December 2012 meeting. Following review and discussion of various options at its January and February 2013 meetings, the Board made additional recommendations. Following review and discussion of a revised draft incorporating the suggested changes, on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed amendments in the *Louisiana Register*.

Physicians and Surgeons – Out of State Physician Orders: Pursuant to Act 44 of the 2011 session of the Louisiana Legislature, rules are being developed to accommodate out-of-state physicians (those licensed in any state other than Louisiana) who order routine diagnostic testing for established patients in this state provided: the physician-patient relationship was initiated through an in-person, face-to-face visit with the physician in another state; the order can be verified; and the results of all testing are provided directly to the ordering out-of-state physician. The Board considered and discussed an initial draft of the proposed rules at its December 2012 meeting. Following review, several modifications were made and incorporated in a subsequent draft reviewed by the Board at its January 2013 meeting. Further changes were suggested and reviewed by the Board and upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule

amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. **Occupational Therapy:** The Board received a request to consider alternatives to the limit on the number of examination attempts currently permitted by its rules for licensure as an occupational therapist. Following discussion, the Board requested that a draft be prepared for its review. A draft was presented for initial Board consideration at the December 2012 meeting. The Board further considered the issue at its January and February 2013 meetings and requested a revised draft be returned to the March 2013 meeting. Following further review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments. **Physicians and Surgeons – Dispensing:** During its February 2013 meeting, the Board gave further consideration to a request to provide for a dispensing registration for non-controlled substances following a physician’s successful completion of a graduate medical education training program and passage of an online or other Board offered course on its dispensing rules. Following review and discussion of a draft amendment to Section .6513 of its dispensing rules, upon the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendment.

4. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Research Panel; Out-of-State Physician Participation. The Board reviewed electronic correspondence received from Leigh Lamonica, JD, CIPP/US, CHC, CHRC, Director of Legal and Regulatory Compliance, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, LSU System, asking whether an out-of-state physician can serve on a research panel without the necessity of licensure in Louisiana. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Mr. Lamonica that as long as the research panel is making a recommendation that is given to a physician licensed in Louisiana for final determination, the panelist would not be required to be licensed in Louisiana as it would be viewed as a true physician-to-physician consultation.

5. Communication and Information; American Academy of Sleep Medicine; American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. The Board reviewed correspondence received from Samuel A. Fleishman, M.D., President, American Academy of Sleep Medicine and B. Gail Dembok DDS, President, American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, providing a copy of the Joint Policy Statement on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Obstructive Sleep Apnea. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

6. Communication and Information; Federation of State Medical Boards, “Highlights”. The Board reviewed the February 2013 issue of the Federation of State Medical Board’s publication, “Highlights”. The Board noted that a resolution had been proposed to have the FSMB work in collaboration with the American Osteopathic Association to study the value of shortening the duration of undergraduate medical education from four years to three years. Following review and discussion it was the consensus of the Board to write to the FSMB informing them that it was the Board’s position that it is not the FSMB’s role to become involved in undergraduate medical education.

7. Communications and Information; Federation of State Medical Boards. The Board reviewed correspondence from Humayun Chaudhry, DO, FACP, President and Chief Executive Office, Federation of State Medical Boards, informing the Board of action taken by the USMLE Composite Committee discontinuing state medical Board sponsorship for USMLE, Step 3 examination beginning in mid-2014. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

8. Legislation; Personal Appearance; Mack Jay Groves, DPM; Podiatry Advisory Committee; Mack Jay Groves, DPM, Member, Podiatry Advisory Committee appeared before the Board to discuss a proposed amendment to the Podiatry Practice Act, R.S., 37:611-628, to allow for the performance of a history and physical examination prior to a podiatric procedure by podiatrists. Dr. Groves explained to the Board problems encountered by podiatrists with the current CMS ruling that requires an H&P to be performed within 24 hours of surgery. Following his dismissal, it was the consensus of the Board to support an amendment to the Podiatry Practice Act subject to rules subsequently adopted by the Board.

9. Legislation; Podiatric X-Rays. The Board reviewed a draft amendment that proposed to allow diagnostic x-rays by podiatry assistants that are directly related to a service or procedure that the podiatrist is authorized to perform under the scope of his or her license as well as those who may perform x-rays in the private office or clinic of a podiatrist under the prescription and direct supervision of a podiatrist. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending further research.

10. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Medical Psychology; Scope of Practice Psychiatric Examination. The Board reviewed the response prepared by its Executive Director to a request for an advisory opinion received from Jim Quillin, PhD., MP, Chairman, Medical Psychology Advisory Committee, asking whether the Medical Psychology Practice Act allows a medical psychologist to perform single system psychiatric examination as defined by CMS. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board moved to affirm the response as written.

11. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Board Orientation. The Board reviewed the evaluations submitted on the Board Orientation Program held February 8, 2013 in New Orleans. No further action was taken or required on this matter.

12. New Business; Interview of Applicants. 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, interview of applicants. Dr. LeBlanc informed the Board that he had interviews scheduled for April which he was willing to do and asked the Board should he proceed with the interviews even though he would no longer be on the Board. Following review and discussion on the necessity of the continuation of the personal appearance by applicants, on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board authorized Dr. LeBlanc to interview the applicants as scheduled on behalf of the Board and for the Board's continuation of the interview process.

[13.] 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.

[14.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar. On the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, 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.

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

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

Peggy Sue Stoddard Scogin, RRT, Docket No., 13-I-127
Kendall Joseph Mathurin LeRay, CLP-Gen, Docket No., 13-I-025
Victor Jay Zuckerman, DO, Docket No., 12-I-221
Alan Arnold Godofsky, M.D., Docket No., 12-I-533
Margo Lynn Maxwell, CLP, Docket No., 12-I-831

- b. The following matters were close/dismissed with Letters of Concern:

Docket No., 12-I-735
Docket No., 12-I-818

- c. The following matter was closed/dismissed:

Docket No., 12-I-803

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

Zizhuang Li, Sr., M.D., Docket No., 12-I-018

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

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

Docket No., 12-I-1085

[16.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Rickey Lee Hughey, LRT.

On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board reconvened in executive session for conclusion of the formal hearing in the matter of Rickey Lee Hughey, LRT, as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:17A(4) and (10) and conduct an administrative hearing as provided by the legislature in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act., La.Rev.Stat.49:951, et.Seq. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, the Board rendered a decision in the matter of Rickey Lee Hughey, LRT, and instructed Judge Ellis to prepare a written opinion and order to reflect the ruling.

[17.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Anthony Stephen Jase, M.D.

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

[18.] Physicians Health Program.

On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa 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") 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). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[19.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Christopher Adams Gayle, 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 personal appearance of Christopher Adams Gayle, 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. Gayle appeared before the Board to request reinstatement of his license to an unrestricted status. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine, and passed by unanimous voice vote, denied his request for reinstatement.

[20.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Roy Estel Brandhurst III, M.D.

On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Roy Estel Brandhurst 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). Dr. Brandhurst appeared before the Board to request early reinstatement of his license, off probation. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc, and passed by unanimous voice vote, denied his request for early reinstatement of his license, off probation.

[21.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Claude Vernon Lockhart, Sr., M.D.

On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Claude Vernon Lockhart, Sr., 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. Lockhart appeared before the Board to request early reinstatement of his license. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery, and passed by unanimous voice vote, denied his request for early reinstatement of his license, off probation.

[22.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Robert Fernando Ordonez, 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 Robert Fernando Ordonez, 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. Ordonez appeared before the Board to request reinstatement of his license, off probation. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session, on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of his license, off probation in accordance with the terms of his Order.

[23.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Carlos Ruben Vazquez-Borrero, M.D.

On the motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa 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. Vasquez-Borrero, accompanied by Ed Middleton, Case Manager, Physicians' Health Foundation, appeared before the Board to request reinstatement of his license, off probation in accordance with the terms of his March 15, 2010 Consent Order. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session, on the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of his license, off probation in accordance with the terms of his Order.

[24.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, 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.

[25.] General Disciplinary Matters. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the Collaborative Practice Report and requests relating to the execution or modification of a Decision and/or Consent Order as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of licensees, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon motion made and passed by unanimous voice vote, took the following actions:

- a. Tejedor, Richard Steven, M.D. – To deny the request of Richard Steven Tejedor, M.D., for modification of the status of his license as listed on the Board’s website.
- b. Edwards, Antonio Dessell, M.D. – To deny the request of Antonio Dessell Edwards, M.D., for reconsideration of the terms and conditions placed upon his license.

26. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.

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

[27.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel. Upon the motion of Dr. Burdine, 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 competency, or physical or mental health of an applicant pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements has been met:

Phlebotomists

Dale, Pamela B.

Ross, Kaja Charnac-Breon

Laboratory Assistants

Davis, Dana Lee

Jones, Ebony L.

Jackson, Richard B.

Marshall, Michelle

Generalist

Sittig, Kayla Nicole

[28.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy. On motion of Dr. Montgomery, duly seconded by Dr. LeBlanc and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

- a. Brodnax, Peggy Denise, LRT – To grant the request of Peggy Denise Brodnax, LRT, for an extension of her temporary permit for three months.
- b. Dennis, Tonya Renee, LRT – To grant the request of Tonya Renee Dennis, LRT, for a waiver of an examination attempt due to extenuating circumstances thereby making her eligible for licensure provided all other requirements had been met.
- c. Gilbert, Garrett Darden, LRT – To defer action on the application of Garrett Darden Gilbert, LRT, pending receipt of additional information.
- d. Approved – To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Caskey, Christopher Sean
Greggs, Tiffany Brendell

O'Connor, Joani Lyn

[29.] 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:

Gallman, Kendall Andrew

[30.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates. 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 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, upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Khirfan, Mohamed Wael J.

[31.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians & Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates. 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 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. Carreras, Jorge Luis, M.D. – To deny the request of Jorge Luis Carreras, M.D., for a waiver of all three steps of USMLE.
- b. Approved – To approve the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Bern, Andrew Ira
Caudill, Gregory B.

Smith, Kathleen Jeanne

[32.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, 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

Zhao, Lingzi

[33.] Licensure and Certification; Polysomnography. On motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the 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, denied the request of the following for an extension of her temporary permit:

Porter, Ladio S.

34. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension. The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by February 28, 2013. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

35. Licensure and Certification; Short Term Residency Program. The Board reviewed the request received from Bonnie Desselle, M.D., Director, Residency Training Program, Louisiana State University Health New Orleans, School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics, for approval of a short term residency program for pediatrics residents doing short-term rotations. Following review and discussion, the Board, upon motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the short-term residency program for pediatrics residents.

[36.] New Business; General Administrative Matters; Retirement of Executive Director. On the motion of Dr. LeBlanc, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to take up an item of new business, the position of Executive Director. Dr. Marier advised the Board that it was his intent to retire at the end of June 2013 having reached his 70th birthday and no longer wishing to work full time. He recommended Dr. Mouton to succeed him. After his announcement, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, and unanimously carried, the Board appointed Dr. Mouton to take over when Dr. Marier leaves office and to work with him on the transition starting immediately.

37. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 29, 2013.

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 18, 2013 as approved by the Board on the 29th day of April, 2013.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 29th day of April, 2013.

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

Attest:

Melvin G. Bourgeois, M.D.

President