

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**MAY 18, 2015  
JUNE 27, 28, 29, 2015  
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 18, 2015, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members present as follows:

John Michael Burdine, M.D., Vice-President  
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer  
Joseph D. Busby, Jr., M.D.  
Roderick V. Clark, M.D.  
Kenneth Barton Farris, M.D.  
Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., President

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

Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Executive Director  
Emily Diane Eisenhauer, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations  
Thania Elliott, RN, Investigator  
Grace Hammons, Administrative Manager  
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  
John W. Greene  
Philip O. Bergeron

***First Session***  
***May 18, 2015***

- 1. Minutes of April 13, 2015 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held on Monday, April 13, 2015. On the motion of Dr. Busby duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings with all necessary corrections.
- 2. Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted the action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings.
- 3. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Jonathan D. Thompson, M.D., Neuroscience & Pain Institute.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Jonathan D. Thompson, M.D., Neuroscience & Pain Institute, requesting an opinion from the Board on the usage of *BioD's Restore Elemental Tissue Matrix* for patient care. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to seek input from the members of the committee used to formulate the Board's Statement of Position on The Use of Non-FDA Approved Stem Cell Products and to ascertain whether this product is FDA approved.
- 4. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Medical Director; Chemical Skin Treatment; Facial Peels and Dermaplaning.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Harold G. Bienvenu III, M.D., asking whether there were any other regulations he should be aware of other than the Board's Statement of Position ("SOP") on the Use of Medical Laser, Alphahydroxy Acid regarding the chemical treatment of skin. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Bienvenu that the Board's view remains as stated in the SOP and to provide him with a copy of the rules on Unprofessional Conduct, LAC 46:XLV.7603A.5 for his ease of reference for additional reference.
- 5. Communication and Information; Craig Castleman Greene, M.D.; Telemedicine Services.** The Board reviewed correspondence from Craig Castleman Greene, M.D., to Senator David R. Heitmeyer expressing his opinion that telemedicine is inappropriate for administering pain medication. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
- 6. Communication and Information; Jeremy A. Comeaux, M.D.; Diagnostic and Intervention Medicine.** The Board reviewed correspondence from Jeremy A. Comeaux, M.D., expressing his opinion that the standard of care for his practice required an in-person physical examination to be able to properly diagnose a patient. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
- 7. General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report.** The Board received the report of its Executive Director on her activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Mouton reported that the new IT vendor would have the renewals back online by July; introduced the

Board to Denise Businelle, the newly hired Director of Operations and reported on the status of concerns relative to allied health professionals and its advisory committees. She also reported that she had met with a group of young professional midwives and concluded her report with an update on her discussions regarding ADHD medications.

**8. General Administrative Matters; Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council.**

The Board reviewed the report of the quarterly meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Advisory Council meeting held on April 8, 2015 in Baton Rouge. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

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

Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending February 28, 2015 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of February 28, 2015. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending February 28, 2015 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of February 28, 2015.

**10. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; George Lovecchio, Senior Inspector/Interim Executive Director; Bob Broadus, R.Ph., Chairman and Randall Brooks, R.Ph., Secretary/Treasurer; Louisiana Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors (“LBWDD”).**

George Lovecchio, Senior Inspector/Interim Executive Director, Bob Broadus, R.Ph., Chairman, and Randall Brooks, R.Ph., Secretary/Treasurer, Louisiana Board of Wholesale Drug Distributors, appeared before the Board to discuss the law requiring suppliers of legend drugs or devices to possess a license issued by their Board. This requirement is for each facility or physician location for which it is issued, and distributors must notify the LBWDD of a change of location. They also provided the Board with a guide to information entitled, “Authentic Botox Cosmetic” and website links to FDA activity regarding illegal imports. They concluded their appearance noting that if distributors are not listed on their website indicates they are not licensed as wholesale distributors and thus are not legally authorized to sell drugs. No further action was taken or required on this matter.

**11. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. Final Rules/Amendments: None published since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed of Intent - **Physicians and Surgeons – Unprofessional Conduct**: During its April 2013 meeting, the Board expressed a desire to consider the development of rules correlating a physician representing himself/herself as a specialist in a particular field of practice without appropriate formal training in that field. The rule was also to include a prohibition against physician prescribing of controlled substances to one’s self or immediate family members in the absence of an emergency. Pursuant to the Board’s directions, a draft was submitted for initial review and discussion at its August and September 2013 meetings. At its October 2013 meeting, the Board decided to defer that part of the proposed rule dealing with self-prescribing and to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules. Staff presented additional information concerning physician’s self/immediate family prescribing of controlled substances. Following

consideration and discussion of the latest revised draft at its June 2014 meeting, the Board approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Said *Notice of Intent* appeared in the October 2014 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. At its December 2014 meeting, the Board considered the written comments received in response to the *Notice of Intent*. Following review and discussion, the Board rejected some of the comments and decided to accept and address others by technical and substantive amendments. An annotated draft of the changes appeared in the January 2015 edition to the *Louisiana Register* noting a public hearing was scheduled for February 26, 2015. At the February 2015 meeting, the Board discussed the current status of the rule project. The Potpourri hearing that was noticed was postponed to discuss additional changes. At the March and April 2015 meetings, the Board discussed potential ways to further address concerns over the proposed amendment to Section 7603A.9 regarding a physician representing himself or herself as a specialist. Following discussion, the Board voted to defer this aspect of the amendments and to rely on the prohibition contained in the Medical Practice Act on false advertising as a basis to deal with future complaints along those lines. The Board also voted to proceed only with that part of the amendments addressing self-prescribing.<sup>1</sup> Following review and discussion, the Board voted to defer proceeding at this time on the amendments original proposed in §7603A.9 (e.g., holding one's self out as a *specialist*) and proceed only with the proposed amendments to §7603A.11 and to provide *Notice of Intent* in the *Louisiana Register*. **Occupational Therapy:** The Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee has proposed a number of amendments to the Board's rules respecting occupational therapists. Following review by staff and a number of revisions to conform the rules to the law, a revised draft was returned to the Committee Chair for review. Minor substantive suggestions for revision or modification were received and incorporated into the draft. In sum, the proposed amendments update the rules generally, insert additional language provided in the law, update definitions and practice standards, rearrange various provisions and delete others that are no longer needed. The initial draft was presented for Board consideration at its July 2014 meeting. A revised draft incorporating additional changes was presented at the August 2014 meeting at which time the Board approved providing a *Notice of Intent* in the *Louisiana Register*. Such *Notice of Intent* appeared in the October 2014 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Comments received during the comment period were included for the Board's consideration. Following a review of the comments received, the Board voted to forward the comments to the OT Advisory Committee for their input. The Committee's input will be presented for consideration in due course. **Physician Assistants:** During the October 2014 meeting, the Board elected to undertake a rulemaking effort to remove the co-signature requirement for PA services from its existing rules and replace it with alternative methods of physician oversight (e.g., chart review) based on experience and changes in a PA's major area of practice. At its December 2014 meeting, the Board considered suggestions based on the discussions at its October meeting and direction from the President, along with separate suggestions offered by the LAPA. Following discussion and further suggested modifications to the draft at its January 2015 meeting, the Board elected to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments. Said *Notice of Intent* appeared in the February 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The comment period closed during which the Board received a number of comments in support of the proposed amendment. No adverse comments were received.

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Farris was not in favor of the motion.

At its April 2015 meeting, the Board voted to adopt the rule amendments upon publication in the May 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. In conformity with the Board's instructions, a final report was submitted to the Legislature, commenters were notified and the final rule was submitted for promulgation in the May 20, 2015 edition of the *Register* in the identical form as previously noticed. **Telemedicine:** Act 442 of the 2014 Legislative Session, which amended R.S. 37:1271 of the Medical Practice Act necessitates various changes to the Board's existing Telemedicine Rules. Preliminary suggestions were presented to the Board at its July 2014 meeting and a revised draft was presented at its August 2014 meeting at which time the Board authorized publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments. Said *Notice of Intent* appeared in the October 2014 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. At its December 2014 meeting, the Board considered the written comments received in response to the *Notice of Intent*. Following review and discussion, the Board rejected some of the comments and decided to accept and address others by technical and substantive amendments. An annotated draft of the changes appeared in the January 2015 edition of the *Louisiana Register* noting a public hearing was scheduled for February 26, 2015. At the February 2015 meeting, the Board discussed the current status of the rule project. The Potpourri hearing that was noticed was postponed to discuss additional changes. A clean draft was thereafter prepared showing how the rules would appear if all the proposed changes in the original *Notice of Intent* and Potpourri notice were adopted by the Board. At the request of the Chair of the House H&W Committee, a meeting was held with representatives of the Board, lobbyists for the LSMS, LHA and various other stakeholder organizations to discuss the Board's proposed telemedicine rule amendments. It was clear that the concerns focused on the limitations on the physician's ability to prescribe controlled substances by telemedicine. The Board reviewed proposed revisions to the rule amendments. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and approved by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved publication of the proposed technical and substantive changes to the rule amendments in the next edition of the *Louisiana Register*. c. Rules/Amendments Under Development: **Midwifery:** The Board reviewed the initial draft of rule amendments to the existing rules governing licensed midwife practitioners. The amendments incorporate changes made to the Louisiana Midwifery Practice Act during the 2012 session of the Legislature, update the rules generally and rearrange sections for ease of reference. The amendments were presented for initial review at the Board's December 2014 meeting. The Board further reviewed and discussed the proposed changes at its January and February 2015 meetings. At its April 2015 meeting, the Board considered a suggestion that a licensed midwife be permitted to continue providing prenatal care to a woman with *one* prior cesarean section provided arrangements have been made with a physician and documented in the midwife's chart, for a planned hospital delivery at the onset of labor. The Board asked staff to solicit comments on the draft rules from the obstetrics-gynecology community and to have a follow-up draft presented at a subsequent meeting of the Board. **Physician Compounding Medication:** At its December 2014 and January 2015 meetings, the Board reviewed Emergency Rules adopted by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to reflect certain changes in federal law concerning compounded medication. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to undertake a rulemaking effort as to physicians who compound medication in order to insure consistency with federal and state law and regulations. A draft will be presented for initial review and discussion in due course. **Clinical Laboratory Personnel:** At the request of its Clinical Laboratory Personnel ("CLP") Advisory Committee, the Board agreed to undertake a rulemaking effort

to amend its CLP Rules to reduce the term of a temporary permit from six months to three months. It directed that a draft be prepared and presented for review and approval. In conformity with the Board's direction, a draft was presented for initial review and discussion at the April 2015 meeting. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physician Advertising; Board Certification:** At its March 2015 meeting, the Board determined to undertake a rulemaking effort to establish a process for its approval of certifying boards, alternative to the ABMS and AOA, for purposes of physician advertising of *Board Certification*. The Board directed that a draft be prepared and presented for review and approval. In conformity with the Board's direction, a draft is presented for initial review and discussion at the April 2015 meeting. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, the Board approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*.

**12. Licensure and Certification; Personal Appearance; Valerie Louise Viosca, Acupuncturist.** Ms. Valerie Louise Viosca, Acupuncturist, appeared before the Board to discuss the subject of dry needling by other allied health professionals. She passed out literature regarding dry needling as well as samples of needles used for this procedure. She expounded on the proposed changes to the Acupuncture Law presented during her appearance at the last meeting and stated they wished to create an Acupuncture Advisory Committee to which the Board had no objection.

**13. Proposed Legislation..** The Board reviewed a report on 2015 proposed legislation having an impact on the Board, particularly HB 486 and HB 573. It was reported that HB 573 would be debated the following day and everyone was encouraged to attend.

**[14.] Minutes of April 13, 2015; Executive Sessions.** On the motion of Dr. Busby, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to review the minutes of its executive sessions conducted during the meeting of April 13, 2015. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Busby, and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of April 13, 2015 with all necessary corrections.

**[15.] General Disciplinary Matters; Cindy A. Leissing, M.D.; Tulane University Health Sciences Center.** On the motion of Dr. Busby, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to review the correspondence received from Cindy A. Leissing, M.D., Tulane University Health Sciences Center, Department of Medicine, Section of Hematology and Medical Oncology along with that of James E. West, M.D., Chairman/Executive Director, State of Alabama Medical Licensure Commission, regarding the remediation program created for David G. Morrison, M.D. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, voted to advise Dr. Leissing that inasmuch as Dr. Morrison does not hold a license or permit to practice medicine in Louisiana, it was not in a position to approve the remediation program and to further advise that the Board fully trusted that they would insure that Dr. Morrison would not engage in the unauthorized practice of medicine and receive proper supervision.

**[16.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Busby, 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.

**[17.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** Continuing in executive session, the Board reviewed 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.

**[18.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Farris, 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. On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

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

Docket No., 14-I-648

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

Kenneth LeMoyne Wiley, M.D., Docket No., 11-I-498  
Alvin Darby, M.D., Docket No., 13-I-498  
Jennifer Ann Smith, OTA, Docket No., 15-I-121  
Jaime Lee Thornton, CLP-GEN, Docket No., 15-I-162  
Kendra Alicia Paul, CLP, Docket No., 15-I-270  
Robert F. Myers, CLP, Docket No., 12-I-976

- c. Closed/Dismissed: The following matters were closed/dismissed:

Docket No., 15-I-034  
Docket No., 15-I-153  
Docket No., 12-I-081  
Docket No., 14-I-1038  
Docket No., 15-I-027  
Docket No., 12-I-1085  
Docket No., 15-I-176  
Docket No., 15-I-156

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

Docket No., 15-I-012  
Docket No., 15-I-110

- e. Closed Complaint Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report.

**[19.] Physicians Health Program.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Busby and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of Louis Cataldie, M.D., Medical 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). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[20.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Casey Clark McVea, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Busby and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Casey Clark McVea, 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. McVea 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. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Casey Clark McVea, M.D., off probation in accordance with the Consent Order dated February 20, 2006.

**[21.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Karen Lynn Paul, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Busby and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Karen Lynn Paul, 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. Paul 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. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Karen Lynn Paul, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status.

**[22.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. Busby, duly seconded by Dr. Clark 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.

**[23.] General Disciplinary Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Farris, the Board convened in executive session to consider the 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 the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Busby and passed by unanimous voice vote, took the following actions:

- a. Cobb, Stephanie Celeste, CRT. – To approve the request of Stephanie Celeste Cobb, CRT for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.



- b. Piker, Jennifer Menard, PA – To approve the request of Jennifer Menard Piker, PA for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.
- c. O'Brien, Edward Joseph, M.D. – To approve the request of Edward Joseph O'Brien, M.D., for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.
- d. Noguchi, Barbara Ann, M.D. – To approve the request of Barbara Ann Noguchi, M.D., for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

**[24.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** On motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine 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 the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all other requirements had been met:

Phlebotomist

Moran, Kaitlynn Leigh

**[25.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistant.** On motion of Dr. Clark, 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 on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all other requirements had been met:

Fakier, Feizal, Jr.

**[26.] Licensure and Certification; Podiatry; Advanced Practice; Conservative Treatment of the Ankle.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Farris 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 on the motion of Dr. Busby, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for advanced practice, conservative treatment of the ankle licensure provided all other requirements had been met:

Conservative Treatment of the Ankle

Smith, George Raymond

**[27.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates.** On motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Busby 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 on the motion of Dr. Busby, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

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

Goorland, Jeffrey Ross, M.D.

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

McClanahan, Matthew Wayne, M.D.

**[28.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** On motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Busby 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 on the motion of Dr. Busby, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

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

Edwards, Robin Alisa  
Grant, Vincent Lothario

Gerson, Benjamin  
McKinney, Gerald

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

Byrne, Thomas John

Hollander, Susan Lindsay

- c. Denied – To deny the request of the following applicant for a waiver of an examination attempt:

Benavides, Moses B., M.D.

**29. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded the members that the next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for July 20, 21, 2015.

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 7:30 a.m., Saturday, June 27, 2015.

**Second Session**  
**Saturday, June 27, 2015**

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners reconvened at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, June 27, 2015 at the offices of the Board with Drs. Amusa, Burdine, Busby and Clark in attendance.

**[30.] Personal Appearance/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Ravish Vinay Patwardhan, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Busby, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for the continuation of the formal hearing in the matter of Ravish Vinay Patwardhan, 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.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, June 27, 2015, to reconvene on Sunday, June 28, 2015.

**Third Session**  
**Sunday, June 28, 2015**

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners reconvened at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, June 28, 2015 at the offices of the Board with Drs. Amusa, Burdine, Busby and Clark in attendance.

**[31.] Personal Appearance/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Ravish Vinay Patwardhan, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for the continuation of the formal hearing in the matter of Ravish Vinay Patwardhan, 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.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m., on Sunday, June 28, 2015, to reconvene on Monday, June 29, 2015.

**Fourth Session**  
**Monday, June 29, 2015**

The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners reconvened at 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 29, 2015 at the offices of the Board with Drs. Amusa, Burdine, Busby and Clark in attendance.

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**[32.] Personal Appearance/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Ravish Vinay Patwardhan, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for the continuation of the formal hearing in the matter of Ravish Vinay Patwardhan, 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.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, June 29, 2015.

**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 18, 2015 and June 27, 28, 29, 2015 as approved by the Board on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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

Attest:

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Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.  
President