

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**AUGUST 17, 2015
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, August 17, 2015, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members present as follows:

Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., President
John Michael Burdine, M.D., Vice-President
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Roderick V. Clark, M.D.
Kenneth Barton Farris, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

Joseph D. Busby, Jr., M.D.
Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.

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
Lesley Rye, RN, Compliance Investigator
Cathy Storm, RN, Compliance 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:

Philip O. Bergeron
George M. Papale

- 1. Minutes of July 20, 2015 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held on Monday, July 20, 2015. On the motion of Dr. Amusa duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings with any and 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. Communication and Information; Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition; Stephanie Haynes, Chairman, Steering Council.** The Board noted receipt of correspondence received from Stephanie Haynes, Chairman, Steering Council, Greater New Orleans Drug Demand Reduction Coalition expressing concern about the passage of Senate Bill 143, Medical Marijuana. Ms. Haynes also included a copy of information forwarded to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
- 4. Communication and Information; The American Board of Laser Surgery.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Warren B. Seiler III, M.D., Executive Director, The American Board of Laser Surgery in which he provided a report that describes "issues surrounding the use of lasers and light in medical, surgical and cosmetic practices". No further action was required or taken on this matter.
- 5. Communication and Information; Federation of State Medical Boards ("FSMB"); Tri-Regulator Symposium.** The Board reviewed an invitation from the FSMB to attend a Tri-Regulator Symposium to be held on October 6-7, 2015 in Arlington, Virginia focusing on state-based medical, nursing and pharmacy regulations in the United States. Board members wishing to attend were asked to contact the FSMB staff no later than September 21, 2015.
- 6. General Administrative Matters; President's Report.** The Board received the report of its President on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Dawson reported that he had met with Senator Mills and other interested parties regarding the passage of Act 261 (SB 143), Marijuana for Therapeutic Use. He stated that the Board is expected to move forward with the development of the rules by the end of the year. He also informed the Board that Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC") is active in research on medical marijuana usage. Following his report, on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved appointment of a representative from PBRC to the Special Committee on Medical Marijuana.
- 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 on the progress of the software upgrade and concerns relative to acupuncturists and

their request for a rule change. She concluded her report with a follow-up on the Telehealth Task Force.

8. General Administrative Matters; Statement of Position; The Use of Social Media by Physicians and Other Healthcare Providers. The Board reviewed a copy of the draft Statement of Position; The Use of Social Media by Physicians and Other Healthcare Providers (“SOP”) that had been previously submitted for approval. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by the unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved the SOP.

9. General Administrative Matters; Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee. The Board reviewed the response from the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Committee (“Committee”) on whether laboratory managers who are not actually performing laboratory assays should as a requirement be licensed by the Board. It was the opinion of the Committee that because laboratory managers are ultimately responsible for all test results produced by the laboratory, they should hold a current appropriate laboratory license issued by the Board. Following review and discussion on this matter, it was the consensus of the Board to form a sub-committee of the Board to research this issue with respect to CLIA regulations.

10. General Administrative Matters; Joint Statement of Position; Collaboration and Collaborative Practice. The Board reviewed a copy of the draft correspondence prepared for transmission to Karen C. Lyon, PhD, APRN, ACNS, NEA, Executive Director, Louisiana State Board of Nursing (“LSBN”), regarding the Joint Statement of Position; Collaboration and Collaborative Practice. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved the correspondence for submission to the LSBN for acceptance.

11. General Administrative Matters; Pennington Biomedical Research Center; Exemption to Obesity Rules. The Board reviewed the draft response prepared relative to the request of Kishore M. Gadde, M.D., and William T. Cefalu, M.D., Pennington Biomedical Research Center, for an exemption from several sections of the Board’s Rules on Medications Used in the Treatment of Obesity. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved dissemination of the response as amended.

12. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports. The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending June 30, 2015, and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of June 30, 2015. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending June 30, 2015 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of June 30, 2015.

13. Rules and Regulations.

Rules/Amendments Under Development Complaints and Investigations: The President directed that staff/counsel commence a rule-making effort detailing the processes used by the Board for handling complaints and investigations given the concerns raised by HB 576, subsequently HB 843 (Act 442, Rep. Hazel). The matter appeared on

the Board's May 2015 agenda for consideration and discussion of the rulemaking effort. The new law requires the Board to promulgate rules by January 1, 2016. The Board reviewed the draft of the rules which had been presented at the July 2015 meeting. Following a lengthy review of the draft, upon the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved the draft as amended for publication as a *Notice of Intent* in the September edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

14. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Lena Opitz Osborne, PA; Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants. Lena Opitz Osborne, PA, Louisiana Academy of Physician Assistants, appeared before the Board to discuss the concerns associated with the passage of Act 453 in the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature, specifically the ability of PAs to prescribe Schedule II controlled substances and the necessary forms required by the Board. Ms. Osborne indicated that the Board of Pharmacy needed certain information from the Board to update the PAs CDS license. Following discussion, on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board voted to forward a letter to the Board to Pharmacy providing clarification on this matter and to modify the Board's paperwork to include the PAs ability to prescribe Schedule II medications. It was noted that in connection with the passage of this Law a rulemaking effort will be needed to conform the Board's existing rules to the changes in the law. It was the consensus of the Board to utilize the workgroup that provided input on the previous rule amendment project to formulate a draft for the Board's consideration.

15. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Robert L. Marier, M.D., Chairman, Ochsner Health Systems, Department of Hospital Medicine. Robert L Marier, M.D., Chairman, Ochsner Health Systems, Department of Hospital Medicine, appeared before the Board to discuss the rule making effort under way with respect to passage of Act 453. He presented other areas the rule making effort should address that would prove beneficial to large institutional settings which also included co-signature requirements for occupational and physical therapists. The Board informed Dr. Marier that they will include him as part of the stakeholders on this matter to provide input relative to the rulemaking effort.

16. Rules and Regulations.

- a. Final Rules/Amendments: None 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 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. 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.¹ 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 addressing self-prescribing. A Potpourri Notice was sent to the *Louisiana Register* and a hearing scheduled for August 20, 2015 at 10:30 a.m., to receive comments on the substantive changes.

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*. 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 during the comment period and voted to forward the comments to the OT Advisory Committee for their input. In furtherance of this issue, the Committee/staff reached out to the commenters and the Louisiana Association of Occupational Therapists ("LOTA"). Their input and the Committee's suggested revisions were received; however, given the resulting delay there was insufficient time to make substantive changes, hold a public hearing and conclude the rulemaking effort within the 1 year limit provided by law. Following consideration at its July 2015 meeting, the Board voted to proceed with formal adoption of the rules without amendment by publication in or before the October 2015 *Louisiana Register* and commit to commence a new rule effort to amend two (2) of the sections of the rules (§1939 and §4919) made the basis of the comments.

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

¹ Dr. Farris was not in favor of the motion.

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. In an effort to accommodate these concerns, additional changes were made and presented for the Board's consideration. Despite this effort, HCR 4 (Rep. Simon) was filed, heard and passed by the House H&W Committee. At its May 2015 meeting, the Board reviewed the status of the rulemaking effort, reviewed HCR 4, which has been adopted by the Legislature and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* of the additional substantive changes previously suggested in the *Louisiana Register*. A Potpourri Notice was sent to the *Louisiana Register* and a hearing scheduled for August 20, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., to receive comments on the substantive changes.

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 suggested language was included in a revised draft for review and consideration. The Louisiana Midwives Association has provided input on the suggested changes and input for another stakeholder is anticipated. As soon as it is received, a report will be made with any additional revisions necessary to the draft. **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 compounding 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. At its May 2015 meeting 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 was presented for initial review and discussion at the April 2015 meeting. At its May 2015 meeting, the Board approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. **Athletic Trainers:** The Board's Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee is working on amendments to the athletic trainer rules to conform them to the 2014 amendments to the Athletic Trainer Practice Act. The Committee's draft has been received. It is anticipated that a draft will be presented for initial review and consideration at the October meeting. **Podiatry:** The Podiatry Advisory Committee ("PAC") has requested amendments to the Board's Podiatry Rules to: i) remove the requirements for board certification or eligibility as to an applicant for advanced practice who has completed a three year podiatry medical surgical residency training (PM&S 36) program; ii) make the Board's rules on unprofessional conduct equally applicable to podiatrists; and iii) include podiatrists in the Board's current effort on Board certification for advertising purposes. As to item i., the draft presented during its May 2015 meeting has been revised per the input of the PAC and item ii will require a separate effort that will be presented in due course; and, item iii requires further research. **Physician Assistants:** Act 453 (SB 115, Sen. Mills) modified the law governing physician assistants ("PAs) in a number of ways. A rulemaking effort will be needed to conform the Board's existing rules to the changes in the law. In the interim, the law as amended by Act 453 controls any disparity with the rules. In the interim, notification is being posted on the Board's web page as to how a PA may apply for Schedule II controlled substances that have been delegated by the SP. **Marijuana for Medical Purposes:** Act 261 (SB 143 Sen. Mills) of the 2015 Session of the Louisiana Legislature directed the Board to: i) promulgate rules by January 1, 2016 authorizing physicians to prescribe marijuana for specified conditions (glaucoma, symptoms resulting from administration of chemotherapy cancer treatment and spastic quadriplegia); and ii) annually submit a report to the Senate and House Health & Welfare Committees as to any additional conditions that should be added to the list. The Act was provided to the Board for review and discussion at the July 2015 meeting. A draft of the proposed rules was presented for review and consideration at this meeting. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and unanimously passed by the members present, the Board approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the September edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

[17.] Minutes of July 20, 2015 Executive Sessions. On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine 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 July 20, 2015. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of July 20, 2015 with any and all necessary corrections.

[18.] Report on Pending Litigation. On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, 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.

[19.] 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.

[20.] 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. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, the Board approved the following:

- a. Administrative Complaint: The following Administrative Complaint was accepted and scheduling of a formal hearing:

Docket No., 13-I-247²

- b. Interim Actions: The Board approved the Interim Actions that had been handled by the President:

Docket No., 15-I-318

Docket No., 15-I-449

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

Donnie F. Aultman, M.D., Docket No., 15-I-191
 Martin Fleming Schreeder, M.D., Docket No., 15-I-439
 Peggy Denise Brodnax, LRT, Docket No., 15-I-620
 Jason Robert Aucoin, Ath, Docket No., 15-I-631
 Dezaray Denyse Ponds, CLP, Docket No., 15-I-413
 Jill Diane Hancock, Ath, Docket No., 15-I-612
 Richael Davis Singley, OTA, Docket No., 15-I-647
 Martin Allen Caine, Ath, Docket No., 15-I-643

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

Docket No., 15-I-452
 Docket No., 15-I-433
 Docket No., 12-I-133
 Docket No., 14-I-1026
 Docket No., 14-I-993

² Dr. Burdine recused himself from any and all participation in this matter.

Docket No., 15-I-151
Docket No., 15-I-371

- e. Closed Complaint Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report.
- f. Order of Recalling Summary Suspension: The Board approved the Order of Recalling Summary Suspension for the following:

Kendall Marie Thomas, PA, Docket No., 15-I-119

[21.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Larry Gotfrey Thirstrup, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Burdine, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Larry Gotfrey Thirstrup, 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. Thirstrup appeared before the Board in connection with his request for approval of his application for reinstatement of his medical license in accordance with the terms of his Consent Order. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Burdine and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, approved reinstatement of the license of Larry Gotfrey Thirstrup, M.D., without restrictions..

[22.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, 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. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, took the following actions:

- a. Bayers, Elizabeth Ashley, CLP-GEN. – To approve the request of Elizabeth Ashley Bayers, CLP-GEN, for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.
- b. Sabatier, Richard Edward, M.D.– To deny the request of Richard Edward Sabatier, M.D., for early reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.
- c. Okpalobi, Ifeanyi Charles A., M.D. – To deny the request of Ifeanyi Charles A. Okpalobi, M.D., for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status.
- d. Crear-Perry, Joia, M.D. – To approve the request of Joia Crear-Perry, M.D., for an extension of the terms of the payment of administrative fees due the Board.

- e. Farber, George Allan, M.D. – To deny the request George Allan Farber, M.D., for reinstatement of his revoked license.

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

Laboratory Assistant

Landgrave, Dustin Thomas

[25.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates. On motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Farris 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. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, made the following decisions:

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

Anderson, Bonnie Louse
Barr, William Barr
Bass, Jamie Eudora, DO
Dixit, Gautam Deepak

Fiske, Nicole Elaine
Penaranda, Ruben Deuer
Vridhachalam, Sanjeevi

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

Kamal, Junaid, M.D.

26. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Personal Appearances. The Board reviewed the rules regarding the personal appearance of an applicant for licensure before the Board, a Board member, or its designee in accordance with §361G of the Board's rules. The intent of the personal appearance is to present originals of documents and for the interviewee to assess the applicant's fitness for licensure which is made a part of the applicant's file. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to continue to perform personal appearances and to give further consideration at the time of a rule amendment.

27. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded the members that the next regular meeting of the Board was scheduled for September 21, 22, 2015.

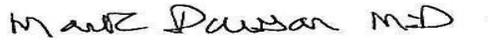
Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, August 17, 2015.

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 Monday, August 17, 2015.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 21st day of September, 2015.



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



Attest:

Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.
President