

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**FEBRUARY 15, 2016  
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, February 15, 2016, 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., President  
Kenneth Barton Farris, M.D., Vice-President  
Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer  
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.  
Joseph D. Busby, Jr., M.D.  
Roderick V. Clark, M.D.  
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.

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

Eric D. Torres, Executive Director  
Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Director of Investigations  
Emily Diana Eisenhauer, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations  
Jennifer Stoller, Attorney, General Counsel  
Lesley Rye, RN, Compliance Investigator  
Cathy Storm, RN, Compliance Investigator  
Aleshia B. Madison, MBA, 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 Michael G. Bagneris (Ret)  
Philip O. Bergeron

- 1. Minutes of January 11, 2016 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meetings held on January 11, 2016. On the motion of Dr. Dawson duly seconded by Dr. Clark 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. In follow-up to the comments submitted to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing on the proposed substantive changes relative to Licensure; Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Dr. Mouton reported she attended the public hearing held January 26, 2016 in Baton Rouge. It was noted that if any changes were made a Potpourri Notice would be published in the *Louisiana Register*.
- 3. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Delegation of Local Anesthetics to Registered Nurse.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Bill Dedo, M.D., Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette asking for clarification as to whether an anesthesiologist may delegate to a RN the role of administering local anesthetic in the context of assisting that physician with a regional block, specifically, a physician standing on one side of the patient with an assisting RN on the other, during which the physician is positioning the needle and periodically directs the RN to depress the plunger previously filled with a local anesthetic solution. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Dedo that in its view it is permissible for a physician to utilize the services of an RN to provide assistance as outlined in the context of the circumstances described.
- 4. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Occupational Therapy; Scope of Practice; Performance of Dry Needling.** The Board reviewed electronic correspondence received from Michel A. Barnes, MS, OTR/L, CHT, Barnes Rehabilitation Center, seeking approval from the Board to allow for the application of systemic dry needling to his occupational therapy scope of practice. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to confirm its previous opinion that it does not consider dry needling to be an area for potential expansion for the scope of practice for OTs.
- 5. Communication and Information; Public Citizens; Report on Physician Sexual Misconduct.** The Board reviewed a copy of a report released by Public Citizen giving a cross-sectional analysis of the 1039 U.S. Physicians Reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank for Sexual Misconduct, 2003-2013. No further action was required or taken on this matter.
- 6. Communication and Information; Federation of State Medical Boards; Special Meeting.** The Board noted receipt of information on a special one day meeting of the Federation of State Medical Board ("FSMB") scheduled for March 8, 2016 at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel at Dallas Fort Worth Airport North. Following discussion, the Board authorized Eric Torres, its newly hired Executive Director to represent the Board.

**7. Communication and Information; Federation of State Medical Boards; Annual Meeting.** The Board noted the annual meeting of the FSMB was scheduled for April 28-30, 2016. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform the FSMB that Dr. Amusa would serve as the voting delegate.

**8. Communication and Information; Fox Business Network.** The Board reviewed a communication received from Patricia Chi, Producer, TALK BUSINESS 360 "Industry Innovators" TV show, which airs nationally on the Fox Business Network, offering the Board the opportunity to produce and distribute a two minute video. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Ms. Chi that the Board would not be interested in producing a two minute video.

**9. 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 introduced Jennifer Stolier as a new member of the investigations staff; reported that the online renewals were functioning smoothly and that initial applications should be online by March 2016. She concluded her report stating reorganization of staff to accommodate the workflow had been submitted to the Department of State Civil Service for approval.

**10. General Administrative Matters; Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council.** The Board received the report of the quarterly meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Advisory Council meeting held on January 20, 2016 in Baton Rouge given by Leslie Rye, RN, MSN who was in attendance. Statistics were reported on the usage of the PMP for 2015 as well as plans for legislation relative to record retention to be established by rules promulgated by the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy. It was noted that on April 30, 2016, the DEA would be sponsoring a Take Back (of controlled medications) with more details to follow. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**11. General Administrative Matters; Podiatry; Scope of Practice; Performance of H&Ps.** The Board noted receipt of information as requested from the Podiatry Advisory Committee relative to the performance of H&Ps by podiatrists. (See item 12(c) below)

**12. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. Final Rules/Amendments: None since the later meeting of the Board.
- b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed of Intent: **Physicians; Complaints and Investigations**: During its October 2015 meeting, the Board considered a draft containing various changes (Sections 8315, 9707, 9709 and 9711) to its proposed rules on Complaints and Investigations of physicians, which were *Noticed for Intent* in the September 2015 *Louisiana Register*. Following discussion and consideration, the Board elected to proceed with a new rule effort and provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the changes in the *Louisiana Register*. Such notice appeared in the December 2015 edition of the *Register*. Neither comments nor a request for a public hearing were received during the comment period.
- 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 has been received and it is being reviewed by staff. A revised draft was presented for review and consideration incorporating the suggested changes along with technical and drafting changes. The Board approved the rule amendments at its January 2016 meeting and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated the notice will appear in the March edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

**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. The Board directed that a draft be prepared and presented for review and discussion. 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*. The Board reviewed the draft as presented at the April 2015 meeting. It is anticipated the notice will appear in the February edition of 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*. An additional wording change was discussed and pre-notice input was received (as noted above) from interested parties. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to defer this effort to allow further consideration and input by other stakeholders.

**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 and reviewed by staff. A revised draft was submitted to the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee for their final input. It is anticipated that the draft amendments will be presented at next month's meeting.

**Podiatry; Eligibility for Advanced Practice:** The Podiatry Advisory Committee ("PAC") has requested amendments to the Board's Podiatry Rules to 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; The draft resented during its May 2015 meeting has been revised per the input of the PAC. Following discussion and consideration, the Board approved the draft

during the August 2015 meeting and voted to *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that such notice will appear in the March 2016 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **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. The Board has solicited the input of its PA Advisory Committee and the Louisiana Association of Physician Assistants respecting the amendments made necessary by virtue of Act 453. **Physicians; Training:** During its December 2015 meeting, the Board received a further request from staff outlining the review and analysis of data which demonstrates a decrease in disciplinary action with an increase in post-graduate year medical education. It also discussed the PGY requirements of other state medical boards and considered the current requirements in Louisiana for both US and international medical graduates. Finally, it considered the notation of staff that an increase in PGY training should result in a decrease in the amount of discipline. Following lengthy discussion and consideration, the Board asked that a draft rule be prepared for its review that would prospectively require physician applicants to complete an ACGME residency as a prerequisite to medical licensure. A draft will be presented in due course. **Podiatry; Histories and Physicals:** During its December 2015 meeting, the Board heard the request of the Louisiana Podiatric Medical Association and the Board’s Podiatry Advisory Committee (“PAC”) for a rule-making effort or advisory opinion authorizing the performance of histories and physicals (“H&Ps”) by podiatrists in Louisiana. Following discussion, the Board asked the Association and the PAC to submit their suggestions to staff for its preparations of a draft rule addressing the topic for its further consideration. Following receipt of the suggestions from the LPMA and input from interested parties, the Board reviewed a draft prepared. Following review and discussion of the draft, several changes were suggested. A revised draft will be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

**13. Communication and Information; Personal Appearance; Valerie Louise Viosca, Acupuncturist.** Ms. Valerie Louise Viosca, ACU, accompanied by Changwei Li, M.D., and David Thomason, ACU appeared before the Board to discuss the draft legislation regarding the licensing of acupuncturists. She reported that she had a sponsor for the bill which proposed to define the practice of acupuncture, provide certification for physician acupuncturists, acupuncture detox specialists and licensed acupuncturists. Ms. Viosca sought the Board’s guidance on the legislation and the creation of an Acupuncture Advisory Committee. Following review and discussion, the Board offered their guidance on the matter and thanked Ms. Viosca for seeking their input.

**14. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports. Financial Statement -** The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending December 31, 2015 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of December 31, 2015. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending December 31, 2015 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of December 31, 2015. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[15.] Minutes of January 11, 2016; Executive Sessions.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, 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 January 11, 2016. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of January 11, 2016.

**[16.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, 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. Busby, 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. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Busby and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

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

Docket No., 14-I-1068

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

Docket No., 16-I-053

Docket No., 10-I-274

- c. Formal Investigations: The Board approved commencing formal investigations in the following matters:

Investigation No., 2016-70

Investigation No., 2015-702<sup>1</sup>

Investigation No., 2015-149

Investigation No., 2015-666

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

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Clark recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and /or consideration of this matter

Roger D. Hector, M.D., Docket No., 14- I-530<sup>2</sup>  
 Theresa Cobbs Adderley, M.D., Docket No., 15-I-224  
 Gene Joseph Neal, Jr., LRT, Docket No., 12-I-1129  
 Lester J. Prat, Jr., M.D., Docket No., 15-I-384  
 Joshua Darnell Jackson, M.D., Docket No., 15-I-1023

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

Docket No., 16-I-951  
 Docket No., 14-I-625<sup>3</sup>  
 Docket No., 15-I-060

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

**[19.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Farris 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.

**[20.] Physicians Health Program.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Busby and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of Seth Kunen, PhD, PsyD., MP, Administrative Director, Physicians' Health Foundation ("PHP"), on the participants in the Physicians' Health Program who were either appearing before the Board or had matters before the Board for review and discussion, as matters relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). He was accompanied by Michael Ellis, M.D., Chairman, Board of Trustees. Dr. Kunen reported that the PHP has changed its name to the Health Care Professionals of Louisiana. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[21.] 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. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present, took the following action:

Merced, Jose Edgardo, M.D. – To approve the request of Jose Edgardo Merced, M.D., for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

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<sup>2</sup> Dr. Burdine recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

<sup>3</sup> Dr. Burdine recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

Work, Kevin Govan, M.D. – To approve the request for modification of the terms of the Interim Consent Order in the matter of Kevin Govan Work, M.D., changing the effective date to March 1, 2016.

**[22.] Adjudication; Maurice Jean Gremillion, M.D<sup>4</sup>** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the Motion for a Rehearing, Reopening and/or Reconsideration of the Opinion and Order rendered January 11, 2016, 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) in accordance with 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. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by the unanimous vote, denied the motion.

**23. General Administrative Matters; New Business; Professional Services Legal Contract; Judge Glennon P. Everett.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to consider new business relative to a professional legal service contract. Noting the need to hire a back-up to Judge Michael G. Bagneris (Ret), the Board considered the resume of Judge Glennon P. Everett (Ret). Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board authorized that a professional legal service contract for Judge Everett and struck the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Judge Glennon P. Everett (Ret.), will provide professional legal services to the Board relative to disciplinary hearing and adjudications regarding alleged violations of various practice acts under jurisdiction of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Judge Glennon P. Everett (Ret) will appear and advise the Board when needed to represent the Board in formal and informal disciplinary matters, provide legal advice and assistance to the Board, provides other legal services that are required by the Board and agreed on by the parties to this agreement and represents the Board in litigation filed against or by the Board.

WHEREAS, Judge Glennon P. Everett (Ret.) may provide such other legal or other professional services and assistance as the Board may from time to time deem necessary or appropriate in the discharge of its responsibilities under the Act and Other Governing Laws. Such services, however, shall not include any professional legal services with respect to the defense or other representation of the Board, its members, officers, employees or agents in any suit, action or claim in tort or for worker's compensation benefits; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take June 1, 2016.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262, does hereby retain and employ, Judge Glennon P. Everett (Ret.), as independent counsel; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this Resolution and proposed contract be submitted to the Attorney General's office for the State of Louisiana for approval.

February 15, 2016

**[24.] General Disciplinary Matters; New Business; Maurice Jean Gremillion, M.D<sup>5</sup>** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to consider a matter of new business in the matter of Maurice Jean Gremillion, M.D. as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct of licensees, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat.

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4 Dr. Busby recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

5 Dr. Busby recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.



§42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by the unanimous vote, approved the request of Maurice Jean Gremillion, M.D.

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

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

Phlebotomist

Bayone, Lavance M.

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

Technician

Bullock, Kendall A.

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

Benton, Misty

**[27.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** On the 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. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following non-routine applicants for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Alexander, Jamile Yasmin  
Lindsey, Christian D.

Porche', Uzma Naeem  
Winston, Roy S.

Goldman, Michael Samuel, DO

**[28.] Licensure and Certification; Telemedicine Permit.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for issuance of a telemedicine permit 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. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions

a. Vecchione, Michael J. – To approve the application of Michael J. Vecchione, M.D., for issuance of a telemedicine permit.

b. Haws, Robert, M.D. – To deny the request of Robert Haws, M.D., for a waiver of a telemedicine permit in order to perform clinical trial research.

**29. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Short Term Residency Program.** The Board reviewed the request of Charles Hilton, M.D., Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans for approval of a short term residency program in Psychiatry, Substance Abuse. Following review and discussion, the Board, upon motion made of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the short-term residency program for LSU Health Sciences Center, New Orleans.

**[30.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Bruce Stocker Senter, 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 Bruce Stocker Senter, 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. Senter appeared before the Board in connection with his request to return to the practice of medicine in Louisiana. 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 Dr. Senter's request to return to the practice of medicine in Louisiana.

**[31.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Christopher James Rankin, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Bruce Christopher James Rankin, 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. Rankin appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the request of Dr. Rankin for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status.

**[32.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Steven Edward Lee, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Steven Edward Lee, 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. Lee appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the request of Dr. Lee for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status.

**[33.] Personal Appearance/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Talaya Nicole Battiste, CLP.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for the formal hearing in the matter of Talaya Nicole Battiste, CLP, 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.

**34. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for March 14, 15, 2016.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m., on Monday, February 15, 2016.

**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 February 15, 2016 and approved by the Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

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Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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John Michael Burdine, M.D.  
President