

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**JULY 18, 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, July 18, 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.  
Roderick V. Clark, M.D.  
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

Joseph D. Busby, Jr., 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 Dianne Eisenhauer, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations  
Jennifer Stoller, Attorney, General Counsel 1  
Lesley Rye, RN, Compliance Investigator  
Cathy Storm, RN, Compliance Investigator  
Aleshia B. Madison, MBA, Administrative Manager  
Lillie 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

- 1. Minutes of June 13, 2016 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meetings held on June 13, 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. General Administrative Matters; Aloma James, Licensing Analyst Supervisor, Personal Appearance.** Mr. Torres introduced Aloma James, who had recently been promoted to Licensing Analyst Supervisor, to the Board Members. Mrs. James informed the Board of her employment record and personal information. She concluded her appearance thanking the Board for the opportunity to be of service to the Board and its staff.
- 3. General Administrative Matters; Alan Phillips, IT Director, Personal Appearance.** Alan Phillip, IT Director, appeared before the Board to give an update on the licensing software, Big Picture. Mr. Phillips reported on the number of renewals processed since the implementation of online renewals with Big Picture, discussed the initial application process and the cost associated with credit card payments with more information on this subject to follow.
- 4. General Administrative Matters; Susan Allen, Dr.Ph, MBA, Research Analyst, Personal Appearance; Online Orientation Courses.** Susan Allen, Dr.Ph, MBA, appeared before the Board to give a presentation on the online orientation courses developed for licensees to demonstrate their knowledge of their respective law and rules and regulations of the Board. The presentation focused on the physician online course and the eLearning management system. Following discussion at the conclusion of her presentation, a motion was made by Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa that each member of the Board take the online orientation course before it is made available to all physicians.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Scope of Practice Podiatry; Procedural Sedation; Surgical Procedures.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Cynthia York, MSN, CGRN, Director, RN Practice/Credentialing Department, Louisiana State Board of Nursing seeking an opinion from the Board as to whether it is within the scope of practice of a podiatrist to order "procedural sedation". Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Ms. York that since procedural or moderate sedation is a drug-induced depression of a patient's level of consciousness to a "moderate" level of sedation and involves the use of the same sedatives and/or analgesics employed in monitored anesthesia care ("MAC") and inasmuch as the podiatry law with respect to podiatric surgery states that "in any podiatric surgery requiring general or spinal anesthesia, the anesthetic shall be administered by a physician anesthesiologist or by a certified registered nurse anesthetist under the direction and supervision of a physician anesthesiologist who is proximately present in the operative site, and that providers

of moderate sedation must be qualified to recognize instances when the level of sedation becomes deeper than initially intended and adjust the level of sedation to a moderate or lesser level, it is the opinion of the Board that the order for or administration of moderate sedation does not fall within the scope of practice for podiatry as defined by the Podiatry Practice Act.

**7. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Prescribing Controlled Dangerous Substances to Family Members.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Lawrence W. Christy, M.D., asking whether the recent rules changes related to unprofessional conduct prohibit a physician from prescribing CDS to immediate family members. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Christy that he was correct in his understating of the Board amendments that state in pertinent part “except of cases of emergency, physicians shall not prescribe controlled substances for themselves or their immediate family members”.

**8. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; New Business; Podiatry; Conscious Sedation.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to consider new business relative to the request from Gerry Pedersen, CRNA, Anesthesia Department Leader, Lane Regional Medical Center, for an advisory opinion concerning anesthesia relative to podiatry surgery procedures, specifically whether during podiatric surgery can sedation or monitored anesthesia care be administered by a CRNA or RN without an anesthesiologist present; whether the physician who signs the history and physical would be required to be available in the hospital while the procedure is being performed and finally, does the presence of a physician in the emergency room meet the standards of a “physician” present while the procedure is being performed. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Mr. Pedersen that the Podiatry Practice Act requires the presence of a physician anesthesiologist or a certified registered nurse anesthetist in the operative site during podiatric surgery, that there is no provision in the law or the Board’s rules that requires the same physician who signs the H&P on a patient undergoing podiatric surgery to be available in the hospital while the procedure is being performed and that the presence of a physician in the emergency room would not suffice for a physician anesthesiologist who is proximately present in the operating suite.

**9. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Scope of Practice Podiatry; Podiatric Procedures.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Leon Shingledecker, DPM, FACFAS, asking the Board for guidance as the “exact privileges” he is able to do in or around the ankle. Following review and discussion it was the consensus of the Board to provide Dr. Shingledecker with a copy of the Podiatry Practice Act and advise him that as a licensed podiatrist he may engage in the treatment of foot, as defined by the Act and any treatment beyond the foot is dependent upon his advanced education and training deemed sufficient by the Board and requiring advanced certification issued by this Board.

**10. Communication and Information; Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (“DAFOH”).** The Board reviewed a copy of correspondence received from DAFOH providing information on certain organ procurement practices. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**11. Rules and Regulation; Rules Under Development; Physicians; Advertising, Board Certification.** The Board reviewed follow-up information provided by Joseph C. Giglio, Jr., Esq.,

Liskow & Lewis on behalf of the Louisiana Society of Plastic Surgeons (“LSPS”), correspondence from Mary Short, PhD., providing information from the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery, Paul Hebert, Esq., Ottinger Herbert, LLC on behalf of his client, Kevin Duplechain, M.D., and the American Board of Cosmetic Surgeons and Keith E. Brandt, M.D., Executive Director, of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**12. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports. Financial Statement** – The Board reviewed the budgeted expenditures versus actual through June 30, 2016, the Balance Sheet through May 31, 2016 and a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending May 31, 2016 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of May 31, 2016. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending May 31, 2016 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of May 31, 2016. Finally, the Board noted the Income Statement for the Physicians Health Program through May 31, 2016. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**13. General Administrative Matters; Board Security.** In line with recent world events, the Board asked staff to research the feasibility of increased security of its employees, building and other areas that may be of concern.

**14. General Administrative Matters; Executive Director’s Report.** The Board received the report of its Executive Director on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. Mr. Torres reported on his meetings with the advisory committees, the Physicians Health Foundation of Louisiana, now known as the Healthcare Professionals of Louisiana, the Collaborative Practice Workgroup, and Larry Daniels, M.D., President of the Louisiana Medical Association. He also reported that he attended the GETP Health Fair in Shreveport. He concluded his report with follow-up information on legislative matters, including several House and Senate Concurrent Resolutions requiring participation and/or input by the Board and informed that in connection with HR 248, a meeting of the various stakeholders regarding the promulgation of rules relative to patient access to recommended medical marijuana for therapeutic use.

**15. General Administrative Matters; Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee.** The Board reviewed the nomination of Lani Corbin Litchfield, Ath, to the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee replacing Ed Evans, Ath, in the northern part of the state. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the appointment of Lani Corbin Litchfield, Ath., to the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee.

**16. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. Final Rules/Amendments: None since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed of Intent: **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 provided input on the suggested changes and input from another stakeholder was received and 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*. Said *Notice of Intent* appeared in the April 20, 2016 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A request for a public hearing was requested but withdrawn. Therefore, a public hearing was not held. However, written comments were received from the Louisiana Midwives Association which were considered by the Board at its June 2016 meeting along with input from staff. Thereafter a Final Legislative Report that incorporated the Board's responses to the commenter was mailed to the Legislative Oversight Committees and the commenter. It is anticipated that the rules and amendments noticed in the April 2016 *Louisiana Register* will be formally adopted by and upon promulgation in the August 2016 edition of the *Register*. **Podiatry; Eligibility for Advanced Practice:** The Podiatry Advisory Committee ("PAC") requested amendments to the Board's Podiatry Rules to remove the requirements for board certification or eligibility for an applicant for advanced practice who has completed a three year podiatry medical surgical residency training (PM&S 36) program. The draft was presented during its May 2015 meeting and was revised per the input of the Podiatry Advisory Committee ("PAC"). Following discussion and consideration, the Board approved the draft during the August 2015 meeting and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the June 20, 2016 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

c. **Rules/Amendments Under Development:** **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. **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 from interested parties. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to defer this effort to allow further consideration and input by other stakeholders. Inasmuch as further input had not been received, it was the consensus of the Board to write to several interested parties to ask for their input by the May 2016

meeting of the Board. During the May 2016 meeting, the Board received input of interested parties present who wished to speak on the agenda item. It also gave initial consideration of the voluminous materials submitted by the various organizations and individuals. Following discussion, the Board voted to defer action on the rule-making effort pending further review of the information submitted and the receipt of additional information. To that end, it was the consensus of the Board to designate a special committee comprised of individuals recommended by the Deans of the state's medical schools and a former Board member, to provide information on the processes involved in the accreditation of physician post-graduate training. This item will be returned to the agenda following receipt of the Committee's input. **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. The Committee had additional changes which were incorporated into the current draft presented to the Board for initial consideration. **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 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 staff's recommendation 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. The Board gave initial consideration to the draft during the April 2016 meeting. Following further discussion and consideration at its June 2016 meeting, the Board approved providing a *Notice of Intent* to adopt rules requiring three years of post-graduate training for both US and International Medical Graduates commencing July 2019.<sup>1</sup> **Podiatry; Histories and Physicals:** During its December 2015 meeting, the Board heard the request of the Louisiana Podiatric Medical Association ("LPMA") 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 the 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 was presented during the April 2016 meeting during which the Louisiana Podiatry Association provided input and a communication on behalf of the Louisiana Orthopaedic Association was considered. Following further discussion and consideration

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Clark opposed the motion.

at its June 2016, noting that the LPMA and the PAC were in support of the proposed rules, the Board voted to provide a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians, Medications Used in the Treatment of Obesity**: At its March 2016 meeting, the Board requested amendments to its obesity rules that would permit the prescribing of the individual ingredients of any non-controlled drug approved by the USFDA in the treatment of exogenous obesity. An initial draft of amendments were presented to the Board for review and consideration at its April 2016 meeting. Following review and discussion at its May 2016 meeting, the Board voted to provide a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments. It is anticipated that the *Notice of Intent* will appear in the July 2016 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians; Telemedicine**: Acts 630 (Rep. Schroder) and 252 (Rep. K. Jackson) of the 2016 Session of the Louisiana Legislature made several changes to the laws applicable to telemedicine. In order to accommodate such changes, an initial draft of amendments was prepared and presented to the Board for review and discussion along with copies of the Acts and an annotated version of the resulting changes to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act. **Physicians; Medical Marijuana**: Act 96 (SB271, Sen. Mills) of the 2016 Session of the Louisiana Legislature made several changes to the law applicable to therapeutic marijuana. Among other items, the amendments: (i) change the terminology of the act of ordering the drug for a patient from “prescription” to “recommend;” (ii) change the term for, and expand the medical conditions by, “eligible diseases and conditions” to a “debilitating medical condition;” (iii) provide for certain exceptions in the event of approval of the drug by the USFDA; and (iv) necessitate various other changes to the Board’s current rules. In order to accommodate such changes, an initial draft of the amendments were prepared and presented to the Board review and discussion.

**17. General Administrative Matters; Online Orientation Course.** The Board revisited the matter of the online orientation course. It was noted the current online orientation course was developed several years ago for physicians practicing out-of-state and renewing for the first time. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to replace the current online orientation course for out-of-state physicians with the new eLearning course developed by Susan Allen, Dr.Ph, MBA, Research Analyst.

**[18.] Minutes of July 18, 2016; Executive Sessions.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa 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 18, 2016. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of July 18, 2016 with any necessary corrections.

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

**[20.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session,

to review the calendar of personal appearances and docketed hearings, as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. 42:17 A(1), (4). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[21.] Investigative Reports; New Business.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to take up matters of new business relative to 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).

**[22.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, 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. Clark duly seconded by Dr. Amusa 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., 15-I-997<sup>2</sup>

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

Docket No., 16-I-543  
Docket No., 16-I-344  
Docket No., 16-I-911  
Docket No., 16-I-576  
Docket No., 16-I-334  
Docket No., 15-I-1070  
Docket No., 15-I-1057

- c. Formal Investigation: The Board approved commencing a formal investigation in the following matter:

Investigation No., 16-I-521

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

Eric Edward Holt, M.D., Docket No., 15- I-982  
James Fredrick McGuckin, Jr., M.D., Docket No., 15-I-947  
Kamran Mohammad Chaudary, M.D., Docket No., 16-I-108  
Maranda Michelle Howard, CLS-GEN, Docket No., 15-I-1057<sup>3</sup>

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2 Added as an item of new business under agenda item 21.

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

Docket No., 16-20  
Docket No., 16-63  
Docket No., 15-I-448  
Docket No., 15-I-954  
Docket No., 15-I-773

- f. Closed/Dismissed: The following matter was closed/dismissed with a Letter of Concern:

Docket No., 16-63 (Sanchez)

- g. Unauthorized Practice of Medicine: To review the follow-up correspondence relative to the unauthorized practice of medicine:

Docket No., 16-I-455

- h. Closed Complaint Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report for June 2016.

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

**[24.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Jerry Dwayne Helms, M.D., Emeritus.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Alvin Darby, 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. Darby, accompanied by William Oliver, classmate, appeared before the Board in connection with their request for reinstatement of the license of Jerry Dwayne Helms, M.D., who passed away on July 3, 2016, to a full, unrestricted status, off probation. Following the presentation of their request, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Jerry Dwayne Helms, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

**[25.] Physicians Health Program.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of Seth Kunen, PhD, PsyD., MP, Executive Director, Healthcare Professionals Foundation of Louisiana ("HPFL"), 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 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.

**[26.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Fred M. Sullivan, Jr., M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Fred M. Sullivan, Jr., 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. Sullivan appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation in accordance with the terms of his Consent Order dated May 18, 2011. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the request of Dr. Sullivan for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

**[27.] Investigative Matters; Personal Appearance; Martha L. Coppage-Hoover, M.D.**<sup>4</sup> On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Martha L. Coppage-Hoover, 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. Coppage-Hoover, accompanied by her attorney, Paul White, Esq., appeared before the Board in connection with her request for reinstatement of her suspended license. Following her dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, authorized the President to approve her request in the event she demonstrated full compliance prior to the next meeting of the Board.

**[28.] General Disciplinary Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine, the Board convened in executive session to consider the request relating to the execution or modification of a Decision and/or Consent Order as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct of licensees, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and upon the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Thomas, Kendall Marie, PA.<sup>5</sup> – To accept the proposal of Kendall Marie Thomas, PA, for the handling of this matter.

**[29.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Gordon Ellis White, M.D.**<sup>6</sup> On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Gordon Ellis White, 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. White 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. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, deferred action on this matter pending receipt of additional information.

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

Mazur, Mitchell Thomas

**[31.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy Assistant.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, 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. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Boatwright, Melissa Paige

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

Corley, Madison Bryant

**[33.] Licensure and Certification; Podiatry; Advanced Practice; Conservative Treatment of the Ankle.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the 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. Dawson, 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

Hilario, Henrique Carlos-Carreiro

Tookes, Toddrick Lamont

**[34.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy.** On the 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 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. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Bernard, Sharon Lea  
Pham, Mylinh Thanh

Scoggin, Stewart Hopkins

**[35.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

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

Norman, David Williams  
Jaberi, Parham

Jones, Christina Elaine<sup>7</sup>  
Turner, Richard Anderson

- b. Permit – To approved the application of the following for residency training purposes only:

Molina, Miguel Federico

**[36.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; International Medical Graduates.** 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 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. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Saiyed, Bilal Shabbir, M.D.

**37. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for August 15, 16, 2016.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, July 18, 2016.

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<sup>7</sup> Added as an item of new business under agenda item 21.

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**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 July 18, 2016 and approved by the Board on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

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Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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John Michael Burdine, M.D.  
President