

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**MAY 8, 2017  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, May 8, 2017, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana,

Board Members present as follows:

Kennth Barton Farris, M.D., President  
Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D., Vice-President  
Roderick V. Clark, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer  
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.  
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.  
J. Kerry Howell, M.D.  
Daniel K. Winstead, M.D.

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

Keith C. Ferdinand, M.D., FACC, FAHA, Interim Executive Director  
Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Director of Investigations  
Jennifer Stoler, Attorney, General Counsel 1  
Lesley Rye, RN, Compliance Investigator  
Cathy Storm, RN, Compliance Investigator  
Lillie Rodgers, Investigations Manager  
Shelley Humphrey, Assistant Investigations Manager  
Aloma James, Licensing Analyst Supervisor  
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 April 10, 2017 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meetings held April 10, 2017. On the motion of Dr. Clark duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings with all necessary corrections.
- 2. Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted the action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings.
- 3. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Telemedicine Services.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Douglas Tucker, M.D., TelePain Associates, LLC, (“TPA”) seeking clarification of the Board’s telemedicine rules with respect to the services provided by TPA and seeking an exception to certain aspects of the telemedicine rules. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this request pending further research.
- 4. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Telemedicine; Scope of Practice.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Lauren L. Gardner, Esq., Onebane Law Firm, requesting an advisory opinion relative to telemedicine services provided on behalf of their physician client. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have staff prepare a response in accordance with the Board’s rules for approval at the next meeting of the Board.
- 5. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Dispensing Home Sleep Equipment.** The Board reviewed electronic correspondence from Lori Speyrer, Chair, Polysomnography Advisory Committee seeking clarification on the dispensing of home sleep equipment, specifically whether home sleep equipment can be mailed to the patient with instructions on a DVD. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Ms. Speyrer that in line with previous opinions, the delivery of home sleep equipment may include an explanation of rudimentary information essential to the operation and maintenance of the equipment (i.e., connection to electrical power source, turning on and off and cleaning). Delivery and installation would not include an explanation, initiation or modification of any therapy procedure, strategy, technique or any other function constituting the practice of polysomnography that is reserved to and may only be performed by licensed personnel.
- 6. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice; Administration of Tuberculin Skin Testing.** The Board reviewed the request for an advisory opinion received from David Phelps, RRT, Cardiopulmonary Supervisor, Riverside Medical Center, relative to the administration of tuberculin skin testing by respiratory therapists. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Mr. Phelps that if properly trained in the procedure, a licensed respiratory therapist may, consistent with the laws governing the practice of respiratory therapy, administer but not diagnose TST skin testing under the direction and supervision of a physician.
- 7. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Performance of Allergy Testing.** The Board reviewed electronic correspondence received from Joe Bell, Sr. VP of Sales, Safe Harbor Compliance and

Clinical Services, seeking guidance of who can perform allergy testing in a physician's office. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Mr. Bell that as a matter of law there are no limitation on the scope of practice for a Louisiana licensed physician. However, there are limitations as a matter of professional standards in that the Board fully expects that physicians would not provide care or testing, including supervision of those activities, he/she is not fully qualified by education, training and experience to provide or perform. If such allergy testing includes dispensing allergen extracts, the Board would expect the physician to have documented training in the preparation of allergy extracts and to obtain dispensation registration from the Board and comply with the Board's dispensing rules.

**8. Communication and Information; American Academy of Medical Acupuncture.** The Board reviewed communication from Gerald J. Leglue, Jr., DABMA, President, American Academy of Medical Acupuncture. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**9. General Administrative Matters; Interim Executive Director's Report.** The Board received the report of its Interim Executive Director on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Ferdinand reported on security, personnel, and financial matters.

**[10.] General Administrative Matters; Interview of Executive Director Applicant.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to conduct a second interview of an applicant applying for the position of Executive Director pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3).

**11. General Administrative Matters; Prescription Monitoring Program ("PMP") Advisory Council.** The Board received the report of the quarterly meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Advisory Council held on April 12, 2017 in Baton Rouge attended by Joseph Bonck of the Board's staff. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**12. General Administrative Matters; Newsletter.** The Board reviewed a draft of the next issue of the *Newsletter*. Following review, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the *Newsletter* for publication.

**13. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.** The Board reviewed the Income Statement for the period ending March 31, 2017 submitted by Denise Businelle, Director of Operations.

**14. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. **Final Rules/Amendments:** None published since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. **Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent to Adopt: Athletic Trainers:** The Board's Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee worked on amendments to the athletic trainer rules to conform them to the 2014 amendments to the Athletic Trainer Practice Act. The Board reviewed an initial draft of rule amendments presented for review and discussion at its July 2016 meeting. Following further review and consideration at its August 2016 meeting, the Board approved the amendments for publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the March 2017

edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A request for a public hearing was not received; however one commenter submitted suggestions for substantive changes for the Board's consideration. **Physician Assistants:** Act 453 (SB 115, Sen. Mills) modified the law governing physician assistants ("PAs) in a number of ways. The Bill created the necessity of a rulemaking effort 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 solicited the input of its PA Advisory Committee ("PAAC") and the Louisiana Association of Physician Assistants ("LAPA") respecting the amendments made necessary by virtue of Act 453. The PAAC in conjunction with the LAPA submitted a draft of proposed amendment in August 2016. Following a meeting between staff and representative of the PAAC/LAPA, a revised draft presented for consideration received the Board's approval. At its January 2017 meeting, the Board approved suggested amendments and authorized with one additional change to 1521B.5 respecting the development of an educational activity, and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. Said *NOI* appeared in the March 20, 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A request for a public hearing was not made nor was any written comment received. **Acupuncture:** Act 550 (HB 557 Rep. Jay Morris) of the 2016 Session of the Louisiana Legislature made several changes to the laws governing the practice of acupuncture in this state. A rulemaking effort conforms the Board's existing rules to the changes. In the interim, the law as amended by Act 550 controls any disparity with the rules. The Board has received the input of the Acupuncture Association of Louisiana. At its December 2016 meeting the draft amendments were presented for initial review and consideration. Following further consideration at its January 2017 meeting, the Board approved the amendments and approved publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. *Notice of Intent* appeared in the April 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. The comment period closed on May 22, 2017.

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 meeting of the Board. During the May 2016 meeting, the Board reviewed the additional information submitted by the various stakeholders and entertained brief presentations by interested

parties. Following discussion, the Board voted to defer action on this rule-making effort pending further review and voted to designate a Special Committee consisting 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. During its January 2017 meeting, the Board received the committee's input. Following discussion, the Board requested certain changes to the draft previously appearing on its agenda, along with additional information for its consideration. Following further discussion and consideration at its April 2017 meeting, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt Draft 2(A). **Physicians; Training**: During its December 2015 meeting, the Board received a further report from staff outlining the review and analysis of data, which correlates 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 IMGs. Finally, it considered staff's recommendation that an increase in PGY training should result in a decrease in physician disciplined by the Board. 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 considered an initial draft during the April 2016 meeting. Following further review and discussion 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 IMGs commencing January 2019. **Physicians; Collaboration with APRNs**: The President of the Board directed staff to reach out to the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to address a number of issues previously identified as problematic for collaboration between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses. Representatives of the respective agencies met in December 2016 to discuss the effort, which focused on solutions within the structure of the current law. This meeting was collegial and productive. The reviewed a draft of the rules dealing with physicians who collaborate with APRNs. (Last month (April 2017), the Louisiana State Board of Nursing considered amendments to its rules on APRN collaborating that incorporate the same concepts) Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments.

**15. Legislative Matters; 2017 Proposed Legislation.** The Board reviewed the list of proposed legislation for 2017 that may have an impact on the Board. All members were encouraged whenever possible to attend legislative hearings regarding these and other matters relating to the Board. The Board instructed staff and counsel to continue monitoring proposed legislation.

**[16.] General Administrative Matters; Interview of Executive Director Applicant.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to conduct a second interview of an applicant applying for the position of Executive Director pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3).

**[17.] Minutes of April 10, 2017, 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 April 10,

2017. 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 April 10, 2017.

**[18.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, 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.** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, 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.

**[20.] Investigative Reports.** 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 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. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

- a. Interim Actions: The Board approved the Interim Actions handled by the President:

- Docket No., 17-I-274
  - Docket No., 17-I-338

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

- Investigation No., 17-I-181
  - Investigation No., 17-109
  - Investigation No., 17-I-995
  - Investigation No., 16-I-1092
  - Investigation No., 17-I-040

- c. Preliminary Review: The Board approved a three-month extension to complete the preliminary review of the following matter:

- Investigation No., 16-986

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

- Ronnie Ali, DO, Docket No., 16-I-1083
  - Shannon Christopher Ceasar, M.D., No., 16-I-626

John Joseph Palopoli, M.D., Docket No., 15-I-423<sup>1</sup>  
Paul Edward Perkowski, M.D., Docket No., 16-A-012  
Randy Joseph Lamartinere, M.D., Docket No., 14-I-1084  
Vicki H. Mulligan, CLP-TCH, Docket No., 17-I-279

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

Docket No., 16-I-987

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

Docket No., 16-I-1080

Docket No., 15-I-445

- g. The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report for April 2017.

**[21.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the report 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.

**22. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Regine Dade, LOTR, Chair, Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee.** Regine Dade, LOTR, Chair, Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee, appeared before the Board to offer the Committee's input on the concerns of the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association dealing with the current tenure of the members of the Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee, submission of biannual continuing education units and adding physician assistants to the list of referring practitioners. Following her appearance, it was the consensus of the Board to request that the LOTA submit additional names for consideration as appointees to the Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee.

**[23.] Physicians Health Program.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of James David Hammond, M.D., Medical Director, Physicians' Health Foundation ("PHP"), on the participants in the Physicians' Health Program who were either appearing before the Board or had matters before the Board for review and discussion, as matters relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La .Rev. Stat.§ 42:17A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[24.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Jose Antonio Silva, M.D.<sup>2</sup>** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote,

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Valentine was opposed to the acceptance of this Consent Order.

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

the Board convened in executive session for the personal appearance of Jose Antonio Silva, 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. Silva 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. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the request of Dr. Silva for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation in accordance with the terms of his Consent Order dated May 9, 2016.

**[25.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Clifton Lee McGinness, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for the personal appearance of Clifton Lee McGinness, 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. McGinness appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation, having complied with the terms of his Consent Order entered May 19, 2014. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the request of Dr. McGinness for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status.

**[26.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Kevin Govan Work, 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 Kevin Govan Work, 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. Work appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his inactive license. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board deferred action on his request pending receipt of additional information.

**[27.] General Administrative Matters; Interview of Executive Director Applicant.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to conduct a second interview of an applicant applying for the position of Executive Director pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3).

**[28.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** 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 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. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Phlebotomist

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Venable, Natasha Renee

Laboratory Assistant

Williams, Tiffany Shanee

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

Bohrmann, Ana Maria

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

Marcello, Gabrielle Marie

**[31.] 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 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. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

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

Adair, Stefan Rene  
Burke, Gail Ann  
Burke, Rebecca V.  
Chukwe, Emmanuel Eze  
Engler, Michael A.  
Jubert, Angela Kim

Lee, Michael Hyun-Tae  
Nipper, Elliott Branscome  
Nnaji, Ifeoma  
Van Gerpen, Marchant Woodhouse  
Southerland, Thomas Edward

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

Elster, Allen William II

c. Canadian Applicants – In light of the recent Canadian applicant for licensure dealing with acceptance of the LMCC examination, it was the consensus of the Board to review the rules on reciprocity.

**[32.] Licensure and Certification; U.S. Graduates/Training Permits.** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded 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 the review, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following for issuance of a temporary permit provided all requirements had been met:

Dykes, Jonathan Paul, M.D.

**[33.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Reinstatement/Relicensure.** On 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 reinstatement/relicensure 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. Valentine and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for reinstatement/relicensure provided all requirements had been met:

Physician and Surgeon

Reeves, John David, M.D.

**[34.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy.** On the 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 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 approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Barks, Alex

Robinson, Latrisha

**35. Licensure and Certification; Short-Term Residency Program.** The Board considered the application for a short-term residency program submitted by Susana L. Dipp, M.D., Program Director, Department of Endocrinology, Ochsner Medical Center. Following review and

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discussion, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the Short-Term Residency Program.

**[36.] General Administrative Matters; Executive Director.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to discuss the three applicants interviewed for the position of Executive Director pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead, the Board made a first, second and third choice for the position.

**37. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 12, 13, 2017.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, May 8, 2017.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a full, true and correct account of the proceedings of the meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, save for executive session of the Board conducted therein, held on May 8, 2017 and approved by the Board on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.

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Roderick V. Clark, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Attest:

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Kenneth Barton Farris, M.D.  
President