

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**MARCH 17, 2014  
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, March 17, 2014, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Board Members present as follows:

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

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

Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Executive Director  
Emily Diane Eisenhauer, M.D., Assistant Director of Investigations  
Thania Elliott, RN, Investigator  
Grace Hammons, Administrative Manager  
Christine Holder, Administrative Program Specialist A  
Lilly Rodgers, Administrative Program Specialist A  
Merian Gasper, Director of Licensure  
Rita L. Arceneaux, Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Judge Frederick S. Ellis  
Judge John W. Greene  
Philip O. Bergeron

- 1. General Administrative Matters; Oath of Office; Roderick V. Clark, M.D., and Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.** The Board welcomed Drs. Roderick V. Clark and Christy Lynn Valentine, recently appointed by Governor Jindal to the Board, replacing Drs. Bourgeois and Montgomery as new Board members. The Oath of Office was administered by Philip O Bergeron, Esq. Staff was directed to mail the oaths to the Secretary of State for senate confirmation
- 2. Minutes of February 10, 11, 2014 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held February 10, 11, 2014. On the motion of Dr. Farris duly seconded by Dr. Montgomery and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings with all necessary corrections.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Department of Health and Hospitals; Physician Delegation.** The Board reviewed electronic correspondence received from Terry Cooper, RN, Supervisor, ICF/DD and Home and Community Based Services, Department of Health and Hospitals, Health Standards Sections, regarding the Board's published statement regarding physician delegation. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to advise Ms. Cooper that the Board's position remains unchanged that delegated activities may be undertaken or performed by an unlicensed individual in this state who functions solely under a Louisiana licensed physician's direction and immediate personal supervision- i.e., where the physician is physically present in the office or suite *at all times* that an unlicensed assistant is providing the service and retains full responsibility to patients for the training, delivery and results of all services rendered. An unlicensed individual filling such a position could not and may not be permitted under any circumstances to act independently of a licensed physician or exercise independent medical judgment in starting, selecting or implementing modalities of treatment. If an unlicensed individual acts beyond this scope he or she (and perhaps the physician as well) would be in violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act.
- 5. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Podiatry; Scope of Practice; Epidermal Autograft.** The Board reviewed electronic correspondence received from Irma R. Carrasco, KCI, seeking clarification on the scope of practice of podiatry relating to epidermal autograft. Following review and discussion, with consideration of the Podiatry Advisory Committee, on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to inform Ms. Carrasco that depending on the category of advanced licensure, a podiatrist may either harvest from the foot or the lower leg, i.e., calf and would not include harvesting epidermal skin from the thigh, and in the event of such a need, a podiatrist would be required to consult with an appropriate trained and qualified physician.
- 6. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice; Services on Order of a Dentist.** The Board reviewed an inquiry from Raymond Pisani, BS, RRT-NPS,

Chairman, Advisory Committee on Respiratory Care, asking whether respiratory therapists could perform services on the order of a dentist. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Mr. Pisani that neither the Respiratory Therapy Practice Act nor the rules of the Board allow a respiratory therapist to practice respiratory therapy on the order of a dentist.

**7. Communication and Information; TELE-MED Act of 2013; Senator David Vitter.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Senator David Vitter regarding the Board's position on The TELE-MED Act of 2013. Senator Vitter informed the Board that he will keep its views in mind if the bill is considered in the U.S. Senate. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**8. Communication and Information; Capital Punishment; Physician Participation in Legal Executions; Follow-up.** In follow-up to the communication presented last month, the Board reviewed the statement to be placed on the Board's website relative to "Capital Punishment -- Physician Participation in Legal Executions" stating that Louisiana law states that no health care professional can be compelled to administer a lethal injection and a physician who chooses to participate in a legally authorized execution is immune from administrative disciplinary action against his or her license along with the American Medical Association's Code of Ethics, Opinion No. 2.06 that expresses a view that physicians should not participate in a legally authorized execution. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**9. Communication and Information; Board of Ethics; Financial Disclosure Reporting Forms.** The Board reviewed copies of the Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Forms required for filing their personal financial disclosure statements, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1124.2.1.

**10. General Administrative Matters; President's Report.** The Board received the report of its President on his activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Dawson reported on legislative matters. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**11. General Administrative Matters; Executive Director's Report.** The Board received the report of its Executive Director on her activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Mouton reported that a draft Statement of Position on Bio-identical Hormone Replacement Therapy would be placed on the Board's agenda next month.

**12. General Administrative Matters; Midwifery; Scope of Practice; VBACs.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Kira Smith, CPM, LM, requesting documentation from the Board on the criteria to be used in considering a candidate for vaginal birth after caesarean section ("VBAC). Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending the advice of an obstetrician-gynecologist.

**13. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Raymond Pisani, BS, RRT-NPS, Chairman, Advisory

Committee on Respiratory Care, asking the Board for a definitive statement of its advisory opinion as to whether or not the scope of practice for respiratory therapy practice in this state includes the analysis of arterial blood gases on blood gas instrumentation analyzers by respiratory therapists. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to inform Mr. Pisani, as well as the Louisiana Hospital Association that it is the long-held opinion of the Board that the practice of respiratory therapy in Louisiana includes blood gas analyses performed by respiratory therapists on blood gas instrumentation at the point of care, when conducted on the written prescription or verbal order of a licensed physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

**14. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Respiratory Therapy; Scope of Practice.** The Board the follow-up information provided by its Advisory Committee on Respiratory Care with respect to electronic correspondence received from Donna Guillory, Cardio-Pulmonary Manager, CRT, ICP, Promise Hospital of MISS/LOU, asking if it is within the scope of practice of respiratory therapy for respiratory therapists to “administer injections in a clinical setting”. Following review and discussion, the Board to advise Ms. Guillory that the practice of respiratory therapy does not include the administration of any medication that is not common to respiratory therapy, e.g., asthma or flu vaccinations..

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

Financial Statement - The Board reviewed a statement on the revenue and expenses for the period ending December 31, 2013 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments as of December 31, 2013. The Board also reviewed a balance sheet and income statement for Clinical Laboratory Personnel for the period ending December 31, 2013 and approved all expenditures as noted therein. The Board also reviewed the status of investments for Clinical Laboratory Personnel as of December 31, 2013.

**16. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. Final Rules/Amendments: None published since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. Rules/Amendments – Noticed of Intent - Perfusionist: The Perfusion Advisory Committee prepared an initial draft of rules for this category of allied health care professionals. A revised draft was received and studied. Following a number of revisions to conform the rules to the law and rule format and reviewed by staff, a revised draft was forwarded to the Committee’s Chair for initial review and/or consideration. A draft of the rules was presented for initial review and consideration by the Board at the September 2013 meeting. A revised draft was reviewed at its October 2013 meeting, and following review and discussion, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the February 2014 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.
- c. Rules/Amendments Under Development: Physicians and Surgeons – Office-Based Surgery: The Board considered suggestions for amendment to its office-based surgery

rules. A revised draft incorporating the suggested changes was considered by the Board, and following review, discussion and further suggestions, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Prior to publication, staff suggested additional changes relative to the performance of office-based procedures using moderate or conscious sedation. A revised draft incorporating comments and suggestions was considered by the Board at its December 2013 and January and February 2014 meetings at which time the Board noted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rule amendment in the *Louisiana Register*. **Midwifery:** Given changes to the Louisiana Midwifery Practice Act during the 2012 session of the Legislature, staff anticipates presenting revisions to its existing rules in due course for the Board's consideration and discussion. **Physicians and Surgeons – Unprofessional Conduct:** During its April 2013 meeting, the Board expressed a desire to consider the development of rules correlating a physician representing himself/herself as a specialist in a particular field of practice without appropriate formal training in that field. Pursuant to the Board's directions, a draft was submitted for initial review and discussion at its August and September 2013 meeting. The draft also includes a prohibition against physician prescribing of controlled substances to one's self or immediate family members in the absence of an emergency. At its October 2013 meeting, the Board decided to defer that part of the proposed rule dealing with self-prescribing and to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules. Prior to publication, staff is gathering additional information for consideration. **Physicians and Surgeons – Collaborating Physicians:** The Board expressed a desire to consider the development of rules relative to physicians who collaborate with advanced practice registered nurses. A draft was prepared by staff for initial consideration at its October 2013 meeting. A revised draft incorporating comments and suggestions was considered by the Board at its December 2013 meeting. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to preview the draft to several professional organizations (the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Louisiana Medical Association and the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians) and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing. The Board reviewed a revised draft incorporating comments and suggestions received to date. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rule depending on the substantive comments of the Louisiana Medical Association.

**17. Communication and Information; Louisiana State Board of Nursing; Proposed Rules.** The Board reviewed a copy of the Board of Nursing's proposed rules relative to the issuance of Disaster Relief Permits/Special Health Care Event Temporary Permits. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**18. Legislative Matters; Proposed Legislation.** The Board received the status report on legislation currently pending in the 2014 Legislative Session impacting the Board.

**[19.] Minutes of February 10, 11, 2014; Executive Sessions.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Busby 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 February 10, 11, 2014. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Amusa duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of February 10, 11, 2014 with all necessary corrections.

**[20.] Communication and Information; Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy; Proposed Rules.** The Board reviewed a copy of the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy's proposed rules on compounding of drugs. No further action was required

**[21.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Chidiadi Alozie Dike, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Busby, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board reconvened in executive session for conclusion of the formal hearing in the matter of Chidiadi Alozie Dike, M.D., as a matter relating to allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:17A(4) and (10) and conduct an administrative hearing as provided by the legislature in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act., La.Rev.Stat.49:951, et.Seq. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Busby, the Board rendered a decision in the matter of Chidiadi Alozie Dike, M.D., and instructed Judge Ellis to prepare a written opinion and order to reflect the ruling.

**[22.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa duly seconded by Dr. Valentine 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). The Board discussed the appeal process and the handling of a stay of the Board's decision. Following the discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded and passed by unanimous vote, the Board voted to develop a form to be used to file an appeal of a stay of a Board decision.

**[23.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Busby, 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.

**[24.] Investigative Reports.** Continuing in executive session, the Board considered 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. Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

- a. Administrative Complaint: The following Administrative Complaint was accepted:

13-I-449

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

Edward Babigumira, M.D., Docket No., 03-I-220  
Kimberly Dawn Law, M.D., Docket No., 12-I-767  
Paul Arthur Jackson, Jr., M.D., Docket No., 13-I-676

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

Docket No., 13-I-660  
Docket No., 13-I-245  
Docket No., 12-I-339

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

Docket No., 13-I-1095

- e. Cease and Desist: The Board reviewed follow-up information regarding the following matters:

Docket No., 14-I-042  
Docket No., 13-I-1329

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

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

Docket No., 13-I-1074  
Docket No., 14-I-143  
Docket No., 13-I-1276

**[25.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. Busby, 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.

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

**[27.] New Business; Physicians Health Program.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Busby, the Board voted to take up an item of new business, Physicians Health Program. On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, to receive the annual report of the Physicians Health Program prepared by Julie Alleman, M.Ed., LPC, LMFT, LAC, Administrative Director, Physicians' Health Foundation ("PHP"). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[28.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Brian Allen Heise, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Brian Allen Heise, 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. Heise appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his suspended license in accordance with the terms of the Superseding Consent Order dated January 12, 2009. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved reinstatement of the suspended license of Brian Allen Heise, M.D., on probation subject to compliance with terms, conditions and restrictions.

**[29.] General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Theresa Jones Ross, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Theresa Jones Ross, 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. Ross appeared before the Board in connection with her request for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status. Following her dismissal, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved reinstatement of the license of Theresa Jones Ross, M.D., to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

**[30.] General Disciplinary Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine, 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 motion made and passed by unanimous voice vote, took the following action:

- a. Burnham, Jerry David, Jr., LRT. – To approve the request of Jerry David Burnham, RRT, for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

**[31.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Laboratory Personnel.** Upon 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 non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competency, 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 motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements has been met:

Laboratory Assistant

Daigle, Lucille Delane  
Prather, Page Nicole

Smith, Laneisha LaReice

Phlebotomist

Windsay, Irish Mickin

Generalist

Wilkerson-Clark, Melissa Dale

**[32.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapy.** On motion of Dr. Busby, 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 motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all other requirements had been met:

Occupational Therapist

Sova, Josie Mason

**[33.] Licensure and Certification; Physician Assistants.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Busby 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 motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following provided all requirements had been met:

Hebert, Andrew Patrick, PA

**[34.] Licensure and Certification; Acupuncture Assistant.** On motion of Dr. Valentine, duly seconded 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 motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following provided all requirements had been met:

Eanes, Noell Rene, ACA

**[35.] Licensure and Certification; Polysomnographer.** On motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the 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 motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all other requirements had been met:

Olivier, Natalie Nicole

**[36.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapy.** On motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded 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 upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all other requirements had been met:

Bordelon, Kristie Lane

Cole, Kelly Rene

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

Camp, Darryl Shane  
Conway, Susan Carol  
Dujon, Jay Edgar  
Fernandes, Joshua Kiran

Guidry, Benjamin Valere  
Koga, Sebastian F.  
Pettiford, Brian Lamar, DO  
Stone, Rowlinda Ann

**[38.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; Foreign Medical Graduates.**

On motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Busby and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

a. Hassan, Tahmina, M.D. –To deny the request of Tahmina Hassan, M.D., for a waiver of an examination attempt on the USMLE Step 2 examination.

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

Javed, Fahad  
Makhija, Pooja Parshotam

Sayedahmad, Waleed Hamed

**[39.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Fingerprint Discrepancies Report.**

On motion of Dr. Busby, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to review the report of Cecilia Ann Mouton, M.D., Investigating Officer, on the applicants for licensure with fingerprint discrepancies 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 motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Clinical Laboratory Personnel

Cousin, Alison E.

McLain, Terry L.

Physician and Surgeon

Grewal, Perveshinder H.

**40. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Board Orientation Program.**

The Board reviewed the evaluations submitted of the Board Orientation Program held February 7, 2014 in New Orleans. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**41. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Licensees for Suspension.**

The Board reviewed the list of licensees, who had failed to renew their licenses by February 28, 2014. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**42. General Administrative Matters; President's Report; Election of Officers.** The President called for the election of the office of Secretary-Treasurer. On the motion of Dr. Farris, duly seconded by Dr. Valentine, Dr. Amusa was nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer. There being no further nominations and the nominations duly closed, Dr. Amusa was elected Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation. It was noted that Dr. Amusa would take office at the conclusion of this meeting.

**[43.] General Administrative Matters; Review of Board Decisions.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Farris and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for a presentation on Board decisions following a formal administrative hearing, as matters dealing with the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of licensees. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**44. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 14, 15, 2014.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, March 17, 2014.

**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 March 17, 2014 as approved by the Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

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

Attest:

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Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.  
President