

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2017
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, September 18, 2017, by order of the President, at the offices of the Board, 630 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana,

Board Members present as follows:

Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D., President
Roderick V. Clark, M.D., Vice-President
Joseph Kerry Howell, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer
Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.
Mark Henry Dawson, M.D.
Lester Wayne Johnson, M.D.
Daniel K. Winstead, M.D.

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

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D., Executive Director
Jennifer Stolier, Attorney, General Counsel 1
Lesley Rye, RN, Compliance Investigator
Cathy Storm, RN, Compliance Investigator
Lillie Rodgers, Investigations Manager
Aloma James, Licensing Analyst Supervisor
Kieshan Falls Williams, Administrative Program Specialist
Rita L. Arceneaux, Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Philip O. Bergeron

Members of the general public present as follows:

Jeff Williams, Executive Vice-President, CEO, Louisiana State Medical Society
Jacob Irving
Jesse McCormick

- 1. Minutes of August 14, 2017 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meetings held August 14, 2017. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meetings with all necessary corrections.
- 2. Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted the action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings.
- 3. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Peer Review.** The Board reviewed the inquiry submitted by Paul Grandon, M.D., as to whether physicians making necessity review determinations for health insurance companies are “practicing medicine when they are approving or denying tests,” and therefore, “should be licensed in Louisiana and have performed some sort of minimal examination...” Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Grandon that the Board shares his concerns that determination of medical necessity or appropriateness of proposed medical care constitute the practice of medicine and should be made for patients located in Louisiana by a Louisiana licensed physician. However, Louisiana insurance laws amended in 2013, effective January 1, 2015, established no requirement that medical necessity determinations for health insurance benefits must be made by a Louisiana licensed physician who has undertaken an evaluation of the patient.
- 4. Ruling and Advisory Opinions; Orders for Diagnostic Testing by Out-of-State Physicians.** The Board reviewed the electronic correspondence received from Annie S. Cormier, BS, CPCS, Director, Medical Staff Services, Mission Integration, Heart Hospital of Lafayette, seeking clarification on the Board’s rules pertaining to orders for diagnostic testing by out-of-state physicians. Ms. Cormier sought clarification as how to determine, in accordance with the rules, the patient is that of the out-of-state physician. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Ms. Cormier that the Board thought it best to leave that determination to that of the hospital using the same guidelines they employ to establish patients of Louisiana physicians.
- 5. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Sonographers; Scope of Practice.** The Board reviewed a request to re-visit the advisory opinion issued in January regarding the ability of sonographers to start an intravenous line and administer contrast. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to reaffirm its previous opinion that inasmuch as Louisiana law does not provide a class of licensure for sonographers, as such, sonographers would be considered unlicensed individuals who function solely under a Louisiana licensed physician’s direction and immediate onsite supervision where the physician retains full responsibility to patients and the Board for the training, delivery and results of all services rendered.

6. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physicians and Surgeons; Intent of the Medical Marijuana Rules. The Board reviewed electronic correspondence received from Christine Arbo Peck, Louisiana State Senate, Senate Committee on Health and Welfare presenting an inquiry from a constituent regarding the intent of the Board's rules, LAC 46:XLV.7707A(5) with respect to the prohibition for a physician to "have an ownership or investment interest..." "in or with a licensed pharmacy or a producer licensed by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to produce marijuana." Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Ms. Peck that as with the other items in §7707A, the prohibition is intended to apply only to physicians who are registered with the Board to issue a written request or recommendation for marijuana for therapeutic use. In addition, the Board would clarify that and other issues at its first opportunity in amendments to these rules.

7. 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. Dr. Culotta reported on various administrative issues. He presented a logo developed by staff and asked the Board for approval to use as the Board's official logo/seal. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the logo/seal. Dr. Culotta concluded his report with a presentation on software proposed to handle the monthly agenda. Following the presentation, the Board deferred action on this matter pending receipt of additional information.

8. General Administrative Matters; Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee. The Board reviewed the list of nominees for appointment to the Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee submitted by the Louisiana Occupational Therapy Association. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the appointment of Brenda A. Martin, LOTR and Gretchen Crosbie Reeks, MA, LOTR, C/NDT to the Occupational Therapy Advisory Committee replacing the two oldest members.

9. General Administrative Matters; Acupuncture Advisory Committee. The Board noted that the rules promulgated in July 2017, created the Acupuncture Advisory Committee to the Board and reviewed the list of nominees for appointment. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to allow its Executive Director to make the appointments from the list provided.

10. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports. The Board reviewed the Income Statement, Budget vs Projected Costs for the period ending July 31, 2017 presented by Danny Allday, CPA. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

11. Rules and Regulations.

- a. **Final Rules/Amendments:** None since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. **Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent to Adopt: 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 rule amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. Prior to providing such notice, the Board approved additional amendments at its February 2017 meeting. The *Notice of Intent* appeared in the July 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Several written comments were received during the comment period and a public hearing was held on August 28, 2017, to receive data, views, arguments, information or comments. The written comments and a copy of the hearing transcript were presented for review and discussion.

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 consideration 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 word 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; 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 Board reviewed a draft of the rules dealing with physicians who collaborate with APRNs. In April 2017, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing considered amendments to its rules on APRN collaboration that incorporate the same concepts as the Board's draft rules. At its May 2017 meeting, the Board approved the draft amendments and voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that the *Notice of Intent* will appear in the October 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register* and the Board of Nursing will published their rules at the same time. **Physicians, Podiatrists, PAs, Medical Psychologists; Controlled Dangerous Substances, Continuing Medical Education**: At its July 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed Act 76 (2017 Reg. Session of the Legislature) which, among other items, requires health care providers who prescribe controlled dangerous substances (CDS) to obtain 3 hours of continuing medical education ("CME") pertaining to drug diversion training, best practices regarding prescribing of controlled substances, appropriate treatment for addiction, and any other matters pertaining to the prescribing of CDS that are deemed appropriate by the licensing board. The CME is a one-time requirement and the three credit hours are considered among those required by the licensing board for license renewal. Act 76 provides that the CME requirement may be waived if the practitioner submits a certification form developed by the licensing board, attesting that she/he has not prescribed, administered or dispensed a CDS during the entire applicable reporting period. The certification must be verified by the Board through the PMP, which must submit aggregate annual compliance documentation to the Senate and House Committees on Health and Welfare. The law makes professional licensing boards responsible for developing rules and enforcement of the new requirements. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to undertake a rulemaking effort to comply with Act 76. As part of that effort, the Board determined to develop its own CME, for both consistency in education among its licensees and to facilitate on-line documenting of compliance, which will be offered at no cost to the Board's licensees with prescriptive authority. A draft was presented for initial Board consideration at its August 2017 meeting and a revised draft, incorporating suggested changes and recommendations was presented at this meeting. Following review and discussion the Board authorized further revisions for acceptance of CME from all approved CME providers. In addition, to allow no recognition/advertisement relative to providers and/or course development on any website the course may be offered. **Physicians, Podiatrists, PAs; Mandatory Access and Review of Prescription Monitoring Program Data**: At its July 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed Act 76 (2017 Regular Session of the Legislature) which, among other items, also requires licensing boards regulating practitioners with prescribing authority that includes opioids, to adopt rules requiring the prescriber or his delegate to access and review a patient's Prescription Monitoring Program ("PMP") data prior to initially prescribing any opioid to the patient. The Act further provides that the prescriber or his delegate shall access and review the patient's PMP data at least every ninety days if the patient's course of treatment continues for more than ninety days. The Act also provides for specific exceptions and enforcement. Following review and discussion, the Board voted to undertake a rulemaking effort to comply with Act 76. A draft was presented for initial consideration at its August 2017 meeting. A revised draft, including suggestions and recommendations is presented for

further consideration. Following review and discussion on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the proposed rules and authorized publication of a *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that said *Notice of Intent* will appear in the October 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

12. Public Comments. The President asked if anyone from the public had questions and/or comments. Hearing none, the public session of the meeting ended.

[13.] Minutes of August 14, 2017 Executive Sessions. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell 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 August 14, 2017. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of August 14, 2017.

[14.] Report on Pending Litigation. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of legal counsel on pending litigation to which the Board was a party and the status of proceedings for judicial review of prior Board decisions, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(2). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[15.] Healthcare Professional' Foundation of Louisiana; Personal Appearance; James David Hammond, M.D., Medical Director. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to receive the report of James David Hammond, M.D., Medical Director, 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.

[16.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Reynard Charles Odenheimer, M.D. On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Reynard Charles Odenheimer, 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. Odenheimer 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. Howell duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved reinstatement of the license of Reynard Charles Odenheimer, M.D., to a full, restricted status, off probation.

[17.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar. On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, 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.

[18.] Investigative Reports. 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 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. Administrative Complaint: The following Administrative Complaint was accepted and for scheduling of a formal hearing:

Docket No., 16-I-940

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

Docket No., 17-I-243

Docket No., 17-I-229

Docket No., 17-I-561

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

Investigation No., 17-444

Investigation No., 17-I-514

Investigation No., 17-I-323

Investigation No., 17-243

Investigation No., 17-223

Investigation No., 17-224

Investigation No., 17-485

Investigation No., 17-490

- d. Consent Order: The following Consent Order was accepted:

Michael Wesley Driggs, ATH, Docket No., 17-I-537

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

Docket No., 16-I-486

Docket No., 17-554

Docket No., 16-735

Docket No., 17-I-181

Docket No., 17-I-517

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

Docket No., 16-I-1071

- g. Closed Complaints Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report for August 2017.

[19.] Professional Liability Report. On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell 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.

[20.] General Disciplinary Matters. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, 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. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Coppage-Hoover, Martha L., M.D. – To approve the request of Martha L. Coppage-Hoover, M.D., for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status.
- b. Sura, Ashwin Bachubbai, M.D. – To approve the request of Ashwin Bachubbai Sura, M.D., for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation in accordance with the terms of his Consent Order dated October 10, 2016.
- c. Kilpatrick, Noreen J., OT – To approve the request of Noreen J. Kilpatrick OT., for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation in accordance with the terms of her Consent Order dated August 19, 2013.
- d. Office-Based Surgery – The Board review the information provided regarding compliance with the Office Based Surgery Rules.

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

Jones, Timothy Barret

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

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Phlebotomists

Baynham, Brianna

Thigpen, Katlyne

Laboratory Assistant

Nix, Kasha

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

Powers, Shanna Nicole

Ridley, Michael Joe

[24.] Licensure and Certification; Respiratory Therapist. 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 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. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Lapeyrouse, Lanson A., Jr.

Brown, Michelle Nicole

[25.] 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. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

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

Felder, Diane Johnson
Koehler, John James

Ward, Christopher

b. Denied – To deny the request of the following for sponsorship to take the USMLE examination for the 7th time immediately instead of waiting the six months requirement:

McLaughlin, Nathaniel James, M.D.

[26.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; International/Foreign Medical Graduates. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded Dr. Clark 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 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, made the following decisions:

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

Joshi, Astik
Nazih, Khater

Rasul, Saleem

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

Kamal, Junaid

b. Denied – To deny the request of the following for sponsorship to take the USMLE examination for the 4th time immediately instead of waiting the six months as required:

Ibrahim, Ahmed Mohamed Said, M.D.

[27.] 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 application 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. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for reinstatement/relicensure provided all requirements had been met:

Physician and Surgeon

Uhl, John Llewellyn, M.D.

[28.] Licensure and Certification; Clinical Exercise Physiologist. On motion of Dr. Howell duly seconded by Dr. Johnson 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. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by majority voice vote¹, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Macedonio, C. Anne

[29.] General Administrative Matters; President's Report. On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to address administrative and other pertinent issues, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

[30.] Licensure and Certification; Other Miscellaneous Matters; Issuance of Permit/Full Licensure; Visa Status; Follow-Up. 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 issuance of permits or full licenses for applicants in the United States on a J1 Visa, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session. It was the consensus of the Board have staff research this matter for referral to investigations for handling.

31. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for October 16, 17, 2017.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m., on Monday, August 14, 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 September 18, 2017 and approved by the Board on the 16th day of October, 2017.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 16th day of October 2017.

Joseph Kerry Howell, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.
President

¹ Dr. Johnson was opposed to this motion.