

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**OCTOBER 15, 2018  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

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A meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was convened and called to order at 8:30 a.m., Monday, October 15, 2018, 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  
Rita Y. Horton, M.D.  
Lester Wayne Johnson, M.D.  
Kim S. Sport, JD  
James A. Taylor, Jr., M.D.  
Terrie R. Thomas, M.D.  
Daniel K. Winstead, M.D.

Board Member absent as follows:

Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.

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

Vincent A. Culotta, Jr., M.D., Executive Director  
Lawrence H. Cresswell, DO, JD, Director of Investigations  
Trenton L. James II, M.D., Interim Director of Investigations  
Jennifer Stolier, Attorney, General Counsel  
James H. Hritz, Compliance Counsel

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Cathy Storm, RN Compliance Officer  
Leslie Rye, Compliance Investigator  
Lillie Rodgers, Administrative Program Director (Investigations)  
Aloma James, Director of Licensure  
Kieshan Falls Williams, Administrative Program Specialist  
Jacintha Duthu, Administrative Program Specialist  
Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Philip O. Bergeron  
Michael G. Bagneris (Ret)

Members of the public present as follows:

List attached

- 1. Minutes of September 17, 2018 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held September 17, 2018. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Ms. Sport and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting 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; Home Sleep Testing (“HST”).** The Board reviewed the electronic correspondence received from Ronda Buhrmester, CRT, CFm, Director of Reimbursement, VGM Group, Inc., requesting information regarding the delivery, instruction and billing for home sleep testing. Specifically, whether the instructions with respect to HST must be in person and not via telephone or video conferencing. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending receipt of additional information.
- 4. General Administrative Matters; President’s Report.** The Board received the report of its President on her activities since the last meeting of the Board. Dr. Valentine reported she had the honor attending a Breastoration event entitled “Galatoire’s Goes Pink” on Monday, October 1, 2018 at Galatoire’s Restaurant. Kim S. Sport, Board member, is one of Breastoration’s founding members. Dr. Valentine stated it was a fitting occasion honoring breast cancer awareness month. She further reported that the Board was able to set up temporary licensure provisions for physicians who may have been misplaced after Hurricane Michael in Florida. She concluded her report thanking Dr. James, whose last day was October 16, 2018, for his service as Interim Director of Investigations.

**5. 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 his meeting with the Genetic Counselor's Advisory Committee as well as the Louisiana Department of Health's meeting regarding a single Medicaid formulary and the opioid crisis. He further reported on his research regarding the number of passage attempts on the USMLE by other states. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to invite representatives from the medical schools to discuss exceptions to the licensure attempts. Dr. Culotta also reported on his research regarding how other states handle personal appearances of initial applicants. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to secure a date and time to have members of the Board's subcommittee review the process in place.

**6. General Administrative Matters; Bandwidth.** The Board reviewed several quotes from various companies to increase the bandwidth to 1 GB or five times the current bandwidth for the agency. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved CenturyLink as the new bandwidth provider.

**7. Communication and Information; Federation of State Medical Boards ("FSMB").** The Board noted receipt of information that the FSMB and the National Board of Medical Examiners ("NBME") will implement a new version of the Special Purpose Examination ("SPEX") which will include enhancements to the system. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**8. General Administrative Matters; Memorandum of Understanding; Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists ("LSBEP").** The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding executed with the LSBEP in 2010. Jaime T. Monic, Executive Director would like to negotiate a new agreement in order to collaborate on certain matters. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action pending further direction from Ms. Monic following the meeting with her Board.

**9. General Administrative Matters; Polysomnography Proposed Rule Amendments.** The Board reviewed the proposed rule amendments prepared by the Polysomnography Advisory Committee made necessary by the passage of Acts 2017, No.,304,§2. It was noted that the Committee needed to address issues relating to the issuance of a permit. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Ms. Sport, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to await receipt of further input from the Committee.

**10. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.** The Board reviewed the Income Statement, for the first seven months ending August 31, 2018. The Board discussed investment of the Board's funds. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have staff gather information on investment opportunities in accordance with State regulations.

**11. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. **Final Rules/Amendments:** None published since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. **Rules/Amendments; Noticed for Intent to Adopt: La. Uniform Prior Authorization Form:** Pursuant to Act 423 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature, the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy and the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners were required to jointly promulgate rules establishing a single prior drug authorization form to be used by all payors of prescription drug claims and any other entity

requiring prior authorization of prescription drug claims. At a special call meeting of the Board held on July 23, 2018, a draft of the proposed rules was presented to the Board for consideration and review. Following due discussion, the Board approved a rule-making effort to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the proposed rules in the *Louisiana Register*. The proposed rules appeared in the August 20, 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. A public hearing for both boards to receive comments on the proposed rules was held on September 28, 2018. One commenter appeared and presented comments to supplement written comments provided to the Boards. Another commenter presented written comments prior to the close of the comment period. The Board reviewed the comments along with the hearing transcript. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to adopt the rules in the same form as previously noticed by and upon publication in the *Louisiana Register*. It is anticipated that the final rules will appear in the December 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, thereby concluding this rule-making effort.

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). During the March 2018 meeting, the Board determined to defer moving forward to the next step of the rulemaking process until it had an opportunity to further explore and consider all other available options, as well as the outcome of a bill introduced in this session of the Louisiana Legislature that would remove its jurisdiction to act in this matter (See SB 186). **Physicians; Licensure:** Amendments to the physician licensure rules as suggested by staff was presented for initial review and discussion to update generally for consistency with current standards and make other

substantive and technical modifications made necessary by the passage of time and current practices. Following review and discussion at its January 2018 meeting, the Board suggested proceeding slowly with the proposed changes to consider how such changes may affect other Sections of the rules. In the interim, the Board approved moving forward with the suggested amendment to §417B to clarify that a renewal reminder would be mailed to licensees in lieu of an actual application. **Acupuncture:** Pursuant to the Board's request, a rulemaking effort commenced to amend the acupuncture rules, to accommodate several changes in the law resulting from Act 93 (HB 421, Rep. Leger) of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature. In conformity with Act 93, the proposed changes: (i) update the licensure qualifications for acupuncturists; (ii) remove the requirement that acupuncturists have a relationship with a referral physician, who practices at a physical practice location in this state, for referrals and any follow-up care which may be necessary; and (iii) make associated or necessary changes to the rules. Staff and Counsel developed a draft that was reviewed by the Acupuncture Advisory Committee ("Committee"). The Committee offered additional changes with respect to CME for licensure renewal that was incorporated into a revised draft that was presented for review by the Board. Ms. Sport made a motion, duly seconded by Dr. Thomas and passed by unanimous voice vote to accept the changes to the draft rules and forward them for publication as a *Notice of Intent* in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*. **Genetic Counselors:** Pursuant to the Board's request, a rulemaking effort commenced to develop rules for Genetic Counselors, to accommodate the new law contained in Act 593 (HB 753, Rep. Stokes) of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature, which established this category of health care providers under the Board's jurisdiction. Staff and counsel developed a draft set of rules and forwarded the draft to the Genetic Counselors Advisory Committee for review. The Committee approved the draft and requested additional changes relative to CME renewal. Following review and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, to approve the changes to the draft rules and forward them for publication as a *Notice of Intent* in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*. **Physician Assistants:** Pursuant to the Board's request, a rulemaking effort was commenced to accommodate several changes in the law resulting from Act 475 (SB 528, Sen. LaFleur) of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature. The advisory committee reviewed a draft set of rules. In conformity with the law, the proposed changes: (i) increase from 4 to 8 the number of PAs for whom a physician may serve as the primary supervising physician; (ii) restate and clarify the physician assistant qualifications for PA prescriptive authority previously contained in the law; (iii) remove any qualifications for PA prescriptive authority other than those set forth in Act 475; and (iv) make associated or necessary changes to the rules. In addition, because PAs are the only category of providers licensed by the Board whose rules do not contain a penalty for late renewal/reinstatement, the proposed changes include such a penalty. The Committee approved the draft rules. Following review and discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the draft rules as written for publication as a *Notice of Intent* in the next issue of the *Louisiana Register*. **Physicians; Complaints and Investigations:** – Pursuant to the Board's request, a rulemaking effort is being commenced to conform its rules on complaints and investigations to various changes in the law resulting from Act 599 (HB 778, Rep. K. Jackson) of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature. A draft was presented for initial review and consideration. Following review and discussion it was the consensus of the Board to provide a preview draft to various stakeholders prior to providing *Notice of Intent* to adopt the amendments. **Therapeutic Marijuana:** Pursuant to the Board's request, a rulemaking effort has been

commenced to accommodate several changes in the law resulting from Acts 496 (HB 627, Rep. Lyons) and 708 (HB 579, Rep. James) of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature. In conformity with the law, the proposed changes: (i) add various conditions to the definition of a *debilitating medical condition*, for which therapeutic marijuana may be recommended by a physician; and (ii) clarifies two provisions in conformity with the Board's prior advice (e.g., 7705A.5, 7714A.4). The draft also highlighted several provisions that were the subject of a request for rule making, which the Board denied/deferred pending the conclusion of the 2018 legislative session. During the September 2018 meeting, the Board reviewed the proposed amendments and gave consideration to the items noted in a request for rulemaking. Following discussion and comment from numerous members of the public, the Board voted to adopt a number of proposed amendments including (i) to include post-traumatic stress disorder and chronic/intractable pain as debilitating medical conditions, given their addition to the law by Act 709 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature (7705A) See: definition of *Debilitating Medical Condition*; (ii) eliminate the 100 patient limit (impose no limit) on the number of patients for whom a physician registered with the Board may recommend therapeutic marijuana (7707A.2, 7709B.); (iii) remove the requirement that the physician re-examine the patient at intervals not to exceed 90 days and instead leave the frequency of follow-up examinations to the judgment of the treating physician (7717A.6); adopt other changes made necessary for conformity with the law and consistency with prior Board advice. Given that requirement of the law that defines a recommendation for therapeutic marijuana to be an "order from a physician...authorized by the Board to recommend medical marijuana that is patient-specific and disease-specific", the Board did not modify the rule requirements relative to form, amount, dosage and instruction for use (7721A.4: 7729D). In addition, the Board suggested additional amendments to the rules for conditions associated with autism spectrum disorder (Act 496 of the 2018 Regular Session) for review. Following review, it was the consensus of the Board to seek additional information on autism spectrum disorder from a member of the pediatric community. **Physician; Fellowship Training Permit:** Pursuant to the Board's request, a rulemaking effort has been undertaken to amend its rules to provide for a short-term training permit that would accommodate fellowship training that is not accredited by the ACGME, that is offered by a Louisiana medical school or major teaching hospital with an underlying ACGME accredited residency training program in the same specialty as the fellowship. The Board reviewed a draft of the rules presented for review and discussion.

**12. Public Comments.** The President asked if anyone from the public had questions and/or any further comments. Derrell Cohoon, Capitol Partners inquired about the process for the proposed rules on Complaints and Investigations and the timeframe for moving forward. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to forward a copy of the proposed rules to all stakeholders for their review and input before moving forward. Jeff Williams, Executive Vice-President & CEO, Louisiana State Medical Society inquired about the communication forwarded to the Board in September 2018 regarding the telemedicine rules. He also asked if the list of debilitating condition for marijuana use could be circulated to the LSMS and other organizations.

**[13.] Minutes of September 17, 2018 Executive Sessions.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Ms. Sport 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 September 17, 2018. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Ms. Sport and passed by unanimous voice vote, the

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Board approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of September 17, 2018 with any necessary corrections.

**[14.] Personal Appearances/Docket Calendar.** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor, 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.

**[15.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead, 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.

**[16.] Rules Under Development; Complaints and Investigations.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider definitions contained in the rules under development; complaints and investigations as matters relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La .Rev. Stat.§ 42:17A(1) and (4). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the draft rules as written.

**[17.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; David G. Morrison, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of David G. Morrison, M.D., concerning a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat.§ 42:6.1A(1) and (4). Dr. Morrison appeared before the Board in connection with his request for reinstatement of his license. Dr. Morrison's had voluntarily agreed to surrender his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana. Following his dismissal, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the request of Dr. Morrison for reinstatement of his license to a full, unrestricted status.

**[18.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, to consider the investigative reports as a matter 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. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board made the following decisions:

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

Luke Poyee Lee, M.D., Docket No., 17-I-995  
Lawrence Anthony Giambelluca, M.D., Docket No., 16-I-867<sup>1</sup>  
Flori Leger Rhodes, CLP-PHY, Docket No., 18-I-620

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

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

Docket No., 17-I-273

Docket No., 17-I-937

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

Investigation No., 18-I-427

Investigation No., 17-I-723

Investigation No., 18-I-218

Investigation No., 18-I-306

Investigation No., 18-I-756

Investigation No., 18-I-673

Investigation No., 18-I-685

d. Formal Investigations: The Board approved an extension of 180 days to commence a formal investigation in the following matters:

Investigation No., 18-775

Investigation No., 18-664

Investigation No., 18-558

Investigation No., 18-589

Investigation No., 18-645

Investigation No., 18-689

Investigation No., 18-374

Investigation No., 18-380

Investigation No., 18-386

Investigation No., 18-664

Investigation No., 18-588

Investigation No., 18-602

Investigation No., 18-603

Investigation No., 18-803

Investigation No., 18-726

Investigation No., 18-661

Investigation No., 18-184

Investigation No., 18-515

Investigation No., 18-219

Investigation No., 18-505

Investigation No., 18-611

Investigation No., 18-687

Investigation No., 18-265

Investigation No., 18-643

Investigation No., 18-678

Investigation No., 18-231

Investigation No., 18-056

Investigation No., 18-489

Investigation No., 18-390

Investigation No., 18-262  
Investigation No., 18-692  
Investigation No., 17-989  
Investigation No., 18-723

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

File No., 18-I-672  
File No., 16-656  
File No., 17-978  
File No., 18-I-570  
File No., 18-I-699  
File No., 18-I-776

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

File No., 18-I-042  
File No., 17-I-826

g. Closed Complaints Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report for the month of September 2018.

**[19.] Personal Appearance/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Victor Tabi Enoh, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for the conclusion of the formal hearing in the matter of Victor Tabi Enoh, M.D., as a matter relating to the allegations of misconduct and the character and professional conduct of a licensee, La.Rev.Stat§42:17A(4) and (10) and to conduct an administrative hearing as provided by the Legislature in the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La.Rev.Stat.49:951, et.Seq. Following the conclusion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, rendered a decision in this matter and ordered Judge Michael G. Bagneris ((Ret.)), Independent Counsel to prepare an Opinion and Order reflective of its decision.

**[20.] Investigative Matters; Personal Appearance; Lawrence Anthony Giambelluca, M.D.<sup>2</sup>** 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 Lawrence Anthony Giambelluca, 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. Giambelluca appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order.

**[21.] Investigative Matters; Personal Appearance; Luke Poyee Lee, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Thomas, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Luke Poyee Lee, M.D., as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La

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

.Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). Dr. Lee, accompanied by his attorney, Deborah J. Juneau, Esq., appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order.

**[22.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. Winstead, 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.

**[23.] Investigative Matter; New Business; Anonymous Complaint.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to take up an item of new business, anonymous complaint., 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). The Board reviewed the request of the Director of Investigations to commence a preliminary investigation based on an anonymous complaint. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session. A motion made by Dr. Horton, duly seconded by Dr. Taylor failed to obtain the majority votes needed to commence a preliminary investigation based on the anonymous complaint. Therefore, the motion failed.

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

- a. Pulakhandam, Sreelatha, M.D. – To approve the request of Sreelatha Pulakhandam, M.D., for reinstatement of her license to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.
- b. Allied Health Monitoring Report – To note receipt of the Allied Health Monitoring Report submitted for the third quarter of 2018.

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

Laboratory Assistant

Hughes, Sharris

**[26.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead 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. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

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

Almonte, Casey  
Hughes, James Allen<sup>3</sup>  
Kaplan, Glenn Steven

Nash, Clayton Holt  
Stewart, John Edward

**[27.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; Foreign/International Medical Graduates.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Thomas and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for licensure as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Ms. Sport and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Shukla, Anuj Kumar<sup>4</sup>

**[28.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates; Training Permits.** On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine applications for issuance of a training permit as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Ms. Sport and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following for issuance of a training permit provided all requirements had been met:

Alexander, Douglas Joel

Catton, Raymond Manuel

**[29.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; Foreign/International Medical Graduates; Training Permits.** On the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine application for issuance of a training permit as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Taylor, duly seconded by Dr. Thomas and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for issuance of a Graduate Education Temporary Permit provided all requirements had been met:

Grimmer, Samuel Bateman, M.D.

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3 Drs. Horton and Johnson recused themselves from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

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**30. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Short-Term Residency Training.** The Board reviewed the request for approval of a short-term residency program in Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery at Children's Hospital of New Orleans received from Joseph A. Gonzales, M.D., Chairman. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the short-term residency program.

**[31.] General Administrative Matters; Personnel Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to discuss the unclassified position currently held in accordance with the state law pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Thomas, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to have the Executive Director work with staff to handle this matter favorable to all parties involved.

**32. Next Meeting of the Board.** The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for December 10, 11, 2018.

**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 October 15, 2018 and approved by the Board on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

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Joseph Kerry Howell, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.  
President