

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**APRIL 9, 2018  
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, April 9, 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  
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  
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  
Jacintha Duthu, Administrative Program Specialist  
Rita L. Arceneaux, Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Philip O. Bergeron  
Michael G. Bagneris (Ret)

Member of the public present as follows:

Jeff Williams, Executive Vice-President & CEO, Louisiana State Medical Society  
Jeremy Walton, Legislative Auditors  
Mickey J. Viator, M.D., Abbeville Hospital Rural Health  
Stacy Hall, Louisiana Department of Health  
Michael Williams, M.D., Professional Renewal Center  
Betsy Williams, M.D., Professional Renewal Center

- 1. Minutes of March 12, 2018 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held March 12, 2018. On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the minutes of the meeting with all necessary corrections.
- 2. Personal Appearance; Betsy White Williams, PhD., MPH, Professional Recovery Center.** Betsy White Williams, PhD., MPH, Professional Recovery Center, Kansas, accompanied by Michael Williams, PhD., Wales Behavioral Assessment, addressed the Board regarding their perspective on physician burnout as it relates to suicide. Drs. Williams reported that the leading indicator of suicide is depression and that the three major signs of pre-depression are emotional stress, depersonalization and low sense of accomplishment. They concluded their presentation offering assistance and further insight as the Board deemed appropriate.
- 3. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Personal Appearance; Mickey Viator, M.D., Rural Health Pain Management Protocol.** Mickey Viator, M.D., Abbeville General Hospital, appeared before the Board to discuss the establishment of pain management protocol for Abbeville General Hospital Rural Health Clinics who are primarily staffed with family practice nurse practitioners. Inasmuch as these rural pain clinics are not licensed as chronic pain facilities, they are unable to prescribe controlled substances. Dr. Viator outlined the pain management protocol intended for these clinics and asked for guidance from the Board. On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved drafting a letter of guidance for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the Board.
- 4. General Administrative Matters; Personal Appearance; Stacy Hall, Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health; HCR No. 51; Reporting of Immunization.** Stacy Hall, Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health addressed the Board relative to HCR 51, Reporting of Immunization Information. Ms. Hall asked the Board to assist them in complying with HCR51 by requesting information regarding immunization on the renewal application. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to work with the Board of Pharmacy to provide the information needed.

**5. Status Report on Action Items of Prior Board Meetings; Report on Assignments to Counsel.** The Board noted the action items as assigned to staff and counsel from previous meetings.

**6. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Home Sleep Equipment.** The Board reviewed electronic correspondence received from Chris Harr, LRPSGT, Premier Sleep Medicine Center, seeking clarification on whether home sleep equipment/studies can be mailed directly to the patient for testing. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board directed staff to draft correspondence stating that this mail order service did not comply with the law.

**7. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Physician Assistant (“PA”); Scope of Practice; Exception to PA Rule.** The Board reviewed the correspondence received from Cheri Leary, PA, requesting an exception to the PAs rules, §1508.A.3. Ms. Leary asked the Board to allow her to provide PA services at a behavior health company of which she is co-owner. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board denied her request.

**8. Communication and Information; K. Thomas Noell, M.D.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from K. Thomas Noell, M.D., informing the Board that more precaution should be taken in treating patients to prevent the spread of communicable disease, especially during the height of influenza season. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to thank Dr. Noell for his communication.

**9. 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 that her presentation at the Shreveport Medical Society quarterly membership meeting was well received. At the meeting, she stressed the Board’s interest in physicians’ self-reporting and its efforts to expound on the confidentiality of such reporting. She noted there was a request for a listing of treatment facilities and the need to share the list with licensees.

**[10.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Howell, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to take up an item of new business, pending litigation to which the Board was a party, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(2). The Board received the report of its President on the Performance Audit being conducted by the Louisiana Legislative Auditors. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to move forward with the subsequent appeal.

**11. 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 gave a legislative update on various proposed bills for this legislative session and concluded his reported that he would participant in the Louisiana Opioid Healthcare Summit scheduled for April 13, 2018 in Lafayette.

**12. General Administrative Matters; Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee.** The Board received the information submitted by the Athletic Trainers Advisory Committee relative to the

performance of dry needling for changes in the rules. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action on this matter pending a review of the applicable laws with respect to athletic trainers and other allied health professionals with respect to the performance of dry needling.

**13 General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.** The Board reviewed the Income Statement, for the first two months of 2018 presented by Danny Allday, CPA. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**14 General Administrative Matters; Physicians, Podiatrists, PAs, Medical Psychologists; Controlled Dangerous Substances, Continuing Medical Education.** Alan Phillips, IT Director, appeared before the Board to give an update on the CDS, CME compliance. He reported on the requests for approval of additional courses had exceeded well over 50. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board not to approve any other additional courses.

**15. Rules and Regulations.**

a. **Final Rules/Amendments: 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. Following review and discussion at its October 2017 meeting, the Board suggest several substantive amendments to address the concerns raised by commenters. These amendments appeared in the Potpourri Section of the December 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Thereafter, the Board did not receive written comments during the Potpourri comment period and no one appeared at the January 24, 2018 public hearing to offer comment on the substantive changes. The final rules appeared in the March 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*, thereby concluding this rule-making effort.

b. **Rules/Amendments – Noticed for Intent to Adopt: 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 it will provide a link on its website of approved courses that licensees may utilize to meet the requirements of Act 76 of the 2017 Louisiana Legislature. Further revisions providing for acceptance of CME from all approved CME providers was considered by the Board at its October 2017 meeting, following which the Board voted to provide *Notice of Intent* to adopt the rules in the *Louisiana Register*. Said notice appeared in the December 2017 edition of the *Louisiana Register*. Following such *Notice of Intent*, the Board did not receive any written comments or a request for a public hearing. It is anticipated that the rules will be noticed for final adoption in the April 2018 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

c. **Rules/Amendments Under Development: Physician Compounding Medication:** At its December 2014 and January 2015 meetings, the Board reviewed Emergency Rules adopted by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to reflect certain changes in federal law concerning compounded medication. Following review and discussion, the Board elected to undertake a rulemaking effort as to physicians who compound medication in order to insure consistency with federal and state law and regulations. A draft will be presented for initial review and 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** - 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 in order to fully 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.

**16. Legislative Matters; 2018 Proposed Legislation.** The Board reviewed a list of proposed legislation for 2018 that may have an impact on the Board. The Board members were encouraged to contact their legislators regarding proposed legislation.

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

**[18.] Minutes of March 12, 2018 Executive Sessions.** On the motion of Dr. Winstead, 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 March 12, 2018. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of March 12, 2018.

**[19.] Personal Appearance; Betsy White Williams, PhD., MPH, Professional Recovery Center.** 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 matters relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a licensee, La .Rev. Stat.§ 42:17A(1) and (4). Betsy White Williams, PhD., MPH, Professional Recovery Center, Kansas, accompanied by Michael Williams, PhD., Wales Behavioral Assessment, addressed the Board regarding their assessment of the Board's role relating to the health and well-being of its licensees. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**[20.] Healthcare Professionals' 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, relating to physician health and well-being 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). No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**21. General Administrative Matters; Personnel Matters; Director of Investigations; Succession Plan.** Dr. Mouton discussed with the Board the actions that have taken place with regard to the advertisement/recruitment of her replacement as Director of Investigations (“DOI”). She reviewed with the Board the results of the search which commenced in November 2015 under the direction of SSA Consultants, LLC. At their recommendation, advertisements were placed in various media markets and Board members were asked to reach out to colleagues/nominating organizations to recruit qualified applicants. Initially five physicians submitted applications, but did not possess the qualifications and were not interviewed. Several physicians who learned of the position thru contacts expressed interest in learning more about the position, and two went through the interview process with the Executive Director and Board President. In June 2017, the Board offered a contract to Princess E. Dennar, M.D., to serve as the Assistant to the Director of Investigations with the possibility that she would be considered for the position of DOI upon Dr. Mouton’s retirement. The Board discussed the results of the more recent posting of the position and possible candidates for consideration. Following discussion, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board stated it would begin the transition plan starting with the interview process with the hope of having a replacement for the Director of Investigations by December 31, 2018 and create a position for Dr. Mouton that would focus on research and education for the Board.

**[22.] Report on Pending Litigation.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, 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).

**[23.] 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.

**[24.] Personal Appearance/Docket Calendar; Formal Hearing; Jonathan N. Degnan, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session for conclusion of the formal hearing in the matter of Jonathan N. Degnan, 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 the conclusion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell, 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.

**[25.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Jonson, 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. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following:

- a. Administrative Complaints: The following Administrative Complaints were accepted and approved for scheduling of a formal hearing:

Docket No., 17-I-253  
Docket No., 16-I-621

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

Docket No., 18-I-183

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

Investigation No., 18-I-120  
Investigation No., 17-I-690  
Investigation No., 17-I-657  
Investigation No., 17-I-693  
Investigation No., 17-I-995

- d. Formal Investigation: The Board approved a three month extension to gather information to commence a formal investigation in the following matter:

Investigation No., 17-I-885

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

Lynnette Denise Lee, LRT, Docket No., 17-I-708

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

Docket No., 16-I-082  
Docket No., 17-I-775  
Docket No., 16-I-914

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

Docket No., 17-I-745

h. Closed Complaints Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report for March 2018.

**[26.] Professional Liability Report.** On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the report on professional liability cases reviewed since the last meeting of the Board as matters relating to the character and professional conduct of a licensee and allegations of misconduct, La. Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). No further action was required or taken on these matters.

**[27.] 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. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decision:

a. Nicholson, Robert Joseph, M.D. – To deny the request of Robert Joseph Nicholson, M.D., for approval of his clinical practice setting.

b. Mixon, Keely Nicole, PA – To note the additional supervising physicians for Keely Nicole Nixon, PA.

**[28.] Licensure and Certification; Polysomnography.** On motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to consider the non-routine 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. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

Rovira, Alexis Ann

**[29.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, 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. Johnson, 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:

Bhatia, Ajay Kamal

Perez, Rolando Nmn

Blake, Donald Cary  
Miller, Robert Neils, Jr.

Simpson, Travis Lane<sup>1</sup>  
Woods, George Washington, Jr.

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

Gibson, Steven G.

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

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

Seeni, Ramya Pratima

b. Approved – To approve the waivers of the licensure requirements for the following in accordance with §315 of the Board's rules:

Barata, Pedro C., M.D.<sup>2</sup>

Chang, Brent A., M.D.

**[31.] Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Reinstatement/Relicensure.** 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 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. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the following for reinstatement/relicensure provided all requirements had been met:

Gates, Philipp Edwin, M.D.

**[32.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; USMLE; Sponsorship.** On motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to reconsideration of the non-routine applications for USMLE sponsorship as a matter of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an applicant, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 42:17A(1). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session, and on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr.

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

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

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Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, approved the following for USLME Sponsorship:

McLaughlin, Nathaniel James, M.D.

Beurlot, Michelle R.

**33. Next Meeting of Board.** The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for May 14, 2018.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 9, 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 April 9, 2018 and approved by the Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

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Joseph Kerry Howell, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.  
President