

**THE LOUISIANA STATE  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**MINUTES  
OF  
MEETING**

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**JULY 16, 17, 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, August 13, 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  
Trenton L. James II, M.D., Interim Director of Investigations  
Jennifer Stoler, Attorney, General Counsel  
Lesley Rye, RN Practice Consultant  
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

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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  
Derrell Cohoon – Capitol Partners for Teledoc

***First Session  
Monday, July 16, 2018***

- 1. Minutes of June 11, 2018 Meeting.** The Board reviewed the minutes of its meeting held June 11, 2018. On the motion of Dr. Winstead, duly seconded by Dr. Howell 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; Physician Compounding.** The Board reviewed follow-up information provided by staff in connection with correspondence received from Stephanie Sabillon seeking clarification with respect to physician compounding of sterile products without the presence of a pharmacist. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to have staff prepare a response stating that the physician would be required to be registered as a dispensing physician and to adhere to federal regulations passed earlier this year and to place that correspondence on the agenda of the next meeting of the Board for approval.
- 4. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Private Radiologic Technologist Training.** On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to take up an item of new business, the draft response to Lyn S. Savoie, Esq., regarding the ability of private radiologic technologist (“PRT”) to participate in the training of a private radiologic technologist trainee without conflicting with the licensing regulations issued by the Louisiana State Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (“LSRTBE”). Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the draft correspondence informing Ms. Savoie that while the rules of the Board and the Louisiana Radiologic Technologists Law allow for the training of PRT students, the Board was not in a position to advise that such training would not run afoul of the rules of the LSRTBE. The Board in the interim would inform the LSRTBE that it would be willing to issue a permit to those PRT performing such training if this was acceptable to them.

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**5. Rulings and Advisory Opinions; Reporting Impaired Physicians by Addictionologists; Sarah C. Hamauei, M.D., DABAM, DABFM.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Sarah C. Hamauei, M.D., DABAM, DABFM, requesting clarification on the reporting of an impaired physician by an addictionologist. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Hamauei that there is no provision in the Medical Practice Act that requires a physician to report the behavior of another physician and advise that the physician could always self-report.

**6. Communication and Information; Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee.** The Board reviewed correspondence received from Ellen Palmintier, Attorney, Director, Office of the Governor, Boards and Commissions, asking the Board to submit four nominees to serve on the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee by August 1, 2018. An e-mail blast forwarded to all physicians solicited their interest in serving on the Committee. The Board noted the deadline for submission was Friday, July 27, 2018. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to await the list of interested parties.

**7. Communication and Information; United States Medical Licensing Examination (“USMLE”).** The Board reviewed an update from the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Board of Medical Examiners with key collaboration from the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (“ECFMG”) on the USMLE. No further action was required or take on this matter.

**8. Communication and Information; Sarah C. Hamauei, M.D., Cannabis Derivative.** The Board reviewed the communication received from Sara C. Hamauei, M.D., providing her opinion that if a cannabis derivative has less than the psychoactive cutoff for THC, then it should not be considered a controlled substance. Following review and discussion it was the consensus of the Board to confirm this opinion but note that if a cannabis derivative has a trace amount of cannabis, it is considered a Schedule I controlled substance.

**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 shared communication forwarded to her for dissemination and thanked everyone for their cooperation during this transitional period. She concluded her report stating she had been in communication with Dr. Rebekah Gee, Louisiana Department of Health on several issues and Pamela Huffman, Governance Support Associate, Leadership Services, FSMB regarding scheduling a visit from Liaison Director, Dr. Patrick King, in the near future.

**10. Communication and Information Rodney Lyons, State Representative, House District No. 87.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to take up an item of new business, a communication from State Representative, Rodney Lyons. Representative Lyons asked the Board to develop and issue public information concerning patient access to medical marijuana and to make a concerted effort to train physicians on the use of medical marijuana. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to inform Representative Lyons of the Board’s plans.

**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 reported on his various meetings. He provided information that the FSMB is approving CME and

he was looking to utilize a company who would be able to provide tracking of CME, at the conclusion of which the Board could audit all physicians for CME instead of 10%. Dr. Culotta stated he would seek approval after their presentation. Dr. Culotta informed the Board of the negotiated hotel rate with the NOPSIS Hotel and the New Board Member Orientation scheduled for August. Dr. Culotta informed the Board he had received an invitation to attend the LAMMICO Defense Counsel Seminar, August 14-17, 2018 in Point Clear, Alabama. On the motion was made by Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved Dr. Culotta attendance at the seminar on behalf of the Board. Dr. Culotta further reported on the Emergency Preparedness Plan of the state with respect to disasters, more specifically during the hurricane season. He concluded his report asking the Board to consider removing disciplinary history from the webpage one year and one day after the physician died.

**12. General Administrative Matters; Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy; Data Sharing.** The Board reviewed the correspondence received from Michael J. Broussard, Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, along with correspondence from Rebekah Gee, M.D., Louisiana Department of Health, requesting the sharing of data for the automation of access by prescribers to the Prescription Monitoring Program ("PMP") in accordance with Act 76. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to defer action pending the result of communication with the Board's President.

**13. General Administrative Matters; Therapeutic Marijuana Up-date.** The Board reviewed the report prepared by Susie Allen, DrPH, MBA, of the Board's staff, on therapeutic marijuana giving the status of therapeutic marijuana nationwide as well as changes to the law in Louisiana. She reported that the product would be ready for dispensing in early 2019.

**14. General Administrative Matters; Professional Legal Contract; Judge Michael G. Bagneris.** The Board noted that the professional legal contract with Judge Michael G. Bagneris expired August 31, 2018. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board authorized renewal of the contract and struck the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Judge Michael Bagneris, provides professional legal services to the Board, relative to disciplinary hearings and adjudications regarding alleged violations of the various practice acts under jurisdiction of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Judge Michael G. Bagneris, will appear and advise the Board at its regular and special meetings, represent the Board in formal and informal disciplinary matters, provide legal advice and assistance to the Board, provides other legal services that are required by the Board and agreed on by the parties to this agreement and represents the Board in litigation filed against or by the Board.

WHEREAS, Judge Michael G. Bagneris may provide such other legal or other professional services and assistance as the Board may from time to time deem necessary or appropriate in the discharge of its responsibilities under the Act and Other Governing Laws. Such services, however, shall not include any professional legal services with respect to the defense or other representation of the Board, its members, officers, employees or agents in any suit, action or claim in tort or for worker's compensation benefits; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:262, does hereby retain and employ, Judge Michael G. Bagneris, as independent counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and proposed contract be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

**15. General Administrative Matters; Financial Reports.** The Board reviewed the Income Statement, for the first five months ending May 31, 2018. No further action was required or taken on this matter.

**16. Rules and Regulations.**

- a. **Final Rules/Amendments:** None published since the last meeting of the Board.
- b. **Rules/Amendments:** None published since the last meeting of the Board.
  - 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.

**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. A draft has already been developed. It is being reviewed by staff with an eye to then forward it to the advisory committee for input, with placement on the August 2018 agenda for the Board's initial review and consideration. 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. **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. A draft has already been developed. It is being reviewed by staff with an eye toward forwarding it to the advisory committee for input, after the committee has been appointed by the Governor, followed by placement on the Board's agenda for review and consideration. **Physician Assistants:** Pursuant to the Board's request, a rulemaking effort has been commenced to accommodate several changes in the law resulting from Act 475 (SB 528, Sen. LaFleur) of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature. A draft has already been developed. It is being reviewed by staff with an eye towards forwarding it to the advisory committee for input, followed by placement on the August or September 2018 agenda for the Board's initial review and consideration. 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. **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 is being developed for review by staff with a view of subsequent placement on the Board's agenda for initial review and consideration. **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.

**17. General Administrative Matters; Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., President.** The Board noted that Mark Henry Dawson, M.D., reached his term limits and expressed their appreciation along with staff for his years of service and ordered that a plaque be struck in his name stating the following:

AWARDED BY

THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

WHEREAS, DR. MARK HENRY DAWSON HAS FAITHFULLY AND CONSCIENTIOUSLY SERVED THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AS MEMBER FROM JANUARY 7, 2005 THRU JUNE 30, 2018; AND

WHEREAS, DOCTOR DAWSON HAS DILIGENTLY DISCHARGED HIS DUTIES TO THE GREAT BENEFIT OF THE BOARD AND THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND

WHEREAS, DURING HIS YEARS OF SERVICE DOCTOR DAWSON HAS CONTINUALLY AND GRACIOUSLY GIVEN HIS EFFORTS, TIME AND ABILITIES TOWARD MAINTAINING THE HIGH STANDARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE FOR WHICH THE STATE OF LOUISIANA IS NOTED, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BY MEANS OF THIS RESOLUTION EXPRESS TO DR. MARK HENRY DAWSON ITS GRATITUDE AND APPRECIATION FOR HIS SERVICE DURING THE YEARS HE HAS DEVOTED TO THE BOARD AND THE STATE OF LOUISIANA; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE PUBLISHED IN THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD AND THAT A PLAQUE BE SERVED CONTAINING THIS RESOLUTION AND GIVEN TO DOCTOR DAWSON, EXPRESSING TO HIM THE HIGHEST ESTEEM OF THE BOARD.

JULY 16, 2018

*Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D., President*  
*Roderick V. Clark, M.D., Vice-President*  
*Jerry Kerry Howell, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer*

*Kweli J. Amusa, M.D.*  
*Lester Wayne Johnson, M.D.*  
*Daniel K. Winstead, M.D.*

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

**[19.] Minutes of June 11, 2018 Executive Sessions.** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to review the minutes of its executive sessions conducted during the meeting of June 11, 2018. 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, approved the minutes of the executive sessions conducted during its meeting of June 11, 2018 with any necessary corrections.

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

**[21.] Investigative Reports.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, to consider the investigative report 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. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board made the following decisions:

a. Procedural Changes: The Board approved the procedural format change relative to requests for preliminary review and requests for extensions of a preliminary review presented by staff.

b. Administrative Complaint: The following Administrative Complaints were accepted and approved for scheduling of a formal hearing and pre-trial conference:

Docket No., 17-I-900

Docket No., 18-I-080<sup>1</sup>

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

Investigation No., 18-I-406

Investigation No., 18-I-365

Investigation No., 15-I-512

Investigation No., 18-I-382<sup>2</sup>

Investigation No., 18-I-250<sup>3</sup>

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

Investigation No., 18-I-395<sup>4</sup>

Investigation No., 18-I-232

Investigation No., 17-I-625

Investigation No., 18-195

Investigation No., 18-266

Investigation No., 18-371

Investigation No., 18-332

e. Consent Orders: The following Consent Orders were accepted:

Gregory J. Allen, M.D., Docket No., 17-I-813

Scott Mitchell Sondes, M.D., Docket No., 17-I-109

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

Docket No., 18-I-067

Docket No., 18-I-449

Docket No., 17-I-263

Docket No., 17-I-838

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1 Dr. Clark recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

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

3 Dr. Valentine recused herself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

4 Dr. Johnson recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

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

Docket No., 18-I-098<sup>5</sup>  
Docket No., 18-I-118  
Docket No., 17-I-513<sup>6</sup>  
Docket No., 18-I-023<sup>7</sup>  
Docket No., 17-I-461

h. Referral: A matter was referred to the Louisiana State Board of Chiropractic Examiners:

i. Closed Complaints Cases: The Board reviewed the Closed Complaint Cases Report for the month of June 2018.

**[22.] Professional Liability Report.** 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 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.] General Disciplinary Matters; Personal Appearance; Richard J. Guillot, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Richard J. Guillot, 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. Guillot, accompanied by his attorney 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. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved reinstatement of the license of Dr. Guillot to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.

**[24.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Scott Mitchell Sondes, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Scott Mitchell Sondes, 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. Sondes appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order.

**[25.] Investigative Report; Personal Appearance; Gregory J. Allen, M.D.** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session, for the personal appearance of Gregory J. Allen, M.D., M.D., as a matter relating to the character and professional conduct and allegations of misconduct of a

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5 Dr. Valentine recused herself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

6 Dr. Clark recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

7 Dr. Winstead recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter.

licensee, La.Rev. Stat. § 42:17A(1) and (4). Dr. Allen appeared before the Board in connection with the acceptance of his Consent Order.

**[26.] 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.

**[27.] 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). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to move forward with all pertinent appeals.

**[28.] General Disciplinary Matters.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell, 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. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson and passed by unanimous voice vote, made the following decisions:

- a. Morris, Paula, OTT – To approve the reinstatement of the license of Paula Morris, OTT, to a full, unrestricted status, off probation.
- b. Allied Health Monitoring Report – To note the Allied Health Monitoring Report for the second quarter of 2018.

**29. General Administrative Matters; Katharine J. Rose, M.D.; Exemption to Obesity Rules.** The Board reviewed the request of Katharine J. Rose, M.D., for an exemption to the Board's Rules on Medications Used in the Treatment of Obesity. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board denied the request of Dr. Rose for an exemption to the obesity rules.

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

Phlebotomist

Underwood, She'taria Perry

Laboratory Assistant

Walsh, Jennifer Putters

**[31.] Licensure and Certification; Occupational Therapist.** On the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson, 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. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for licensure provided all requirements had been met:

McAlister, Nicole Michell

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

Chiowanich, Peeropod  
Doehring, John Christopher  
Fanning, James, DO  
Girardeau, Jackson Yates  
Greenspan, Stacy Lynn

Henry, Elizabeth Robinson  
Middleton, Troy H.  
Nelson, Damon Lee  
Pinkus, Harry E.  
Woods, George Washington

**[33.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; U.S./Canadian Medical Graduates; Training Permits.** 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 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. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote made the following decisions:

a. Approved – To approve the following for issuance of a training permit provided all requirements had been met:

Adell, Ryan  
McMahill, Lauren  
Phillips, Alexa Leonard  
Reed, Devin Scott  
Robbins, Terry Scott

Sackey, Marian A.  
Stevenson, Jarod  
Tobin, Gregory Kingston  
Watson, Caroline Collins

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

Boullard, Nicholas G.  
Brown, Griffin Caballero

Hughes, James Allen<sup>8</sup>

**[34.] Licensure and Certification; Physicians and Surgeons; Foreign/International Medical Graduates; Training Permits.** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Dawson 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. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell and passed by unanimous voice vote approved the following for issuance of a Graduate Education Temporary Permit provided all requirements had been met:'

Leiker, Christopher Lee

**35. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Interventional Nephrology Fellowship; LSU Health, Department of Health.** The Board reviewed the request for approval of an Interventional Nephrology Fellowship, Department of Health, from G.E. Ghali, DDS, MD, FACS, FRCS(Ed), Chancellor, LSU Health, Shreveport, thereby making Ittikorn Spanuchart, M.D., eligible for licensure. Following review and discussion, upon motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved the Interventional Nephrology Fellowship Program.

**36. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Short-Term Training Permit; LSU Health, Department of Otolaryngology.** The Board reviewed the request for issuance of a short-term training permit received from G.E. Ghali, DDS, MD, FACS, FRCS(Ed), Chancellor, LSU Health, Shreveport, for Abhijit Gundale, M.D., to complete a two-year fellowship. Following review and discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to advise Dr. Ghali that the Board deferred action on the approval of issuance of a short-term training permit to Dr. Gundale until the Board investigates an appropriate pathway for licensure for non-ACGME accredited fellowship programs in ACGME accredited training programs.

**37. Licensure and Certification; Other Licensure Matters; Temporary Permit, Stephanie Sadick, M.D.** The Board reviewed the request for issuance of a temporary license pending passage of the last two parts of the Board recertification examination in pediatrics received from Randy Morris, Administrator/Owner West Carroll Health Systems. Dr. Sadick also asked for the ability to supervisor mid-level providers. Following review and discussion, upon motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Winstead and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved issuance of a temporary permit in accordance with §405B of the Board's rules with no supervision of mid-level providers.

**[38.] General Administrative Matters; Interview of Director of Investigations Applicants.** On the motion of Dr. Dawson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote,

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<sup>8</sup> Dr. Johnson recused himself from any and all participation in discussion and/or consideration of this matter

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the Board convened in executive session to interview applicants applying for the position of Director of Investigations pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3).

**[39.] General Administrative Matters; Interview of Attorney 3.** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to interview applicants applying for the position of Attorney 3 pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3).

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m., on Monday, July 16, 2018 to reconvene at 8:00 a.m., at the offices of the Board, Tuesday, July 17, 2018.

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The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners reconvened at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at the offices of the Board with Drs. Valentine, Clark, Howell and Johnson in attendance.

**[40.] General Administrative Matters; Interview of Attorney 3.** On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Clark, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to continue with the interview of applicants applying for the position of Attorney 3 pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3).

**41. Next Meeting of the Board.** The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for August 13, 14, 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 July 16, 17, 2018 and approved by the Board on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

Witness my hand and seal of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2018.

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Joseph Kerry Howell, M.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

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Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.  
President