

**THE LOUISIANA STATE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**MINUTES
OF
SPECIAL CALL
MEETING**

**JULY 23, 2018
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

A special call meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, pursuant to lawful notice, was duly convened and called to order at 3:30 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2018, by order of the President, at the offices of the law firm of Adams and Reese, 450 Laurel Street, Suite 1900, Baton Rouge, 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.
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
Warren Rivera, Compliance Investigator
Rita L. Arceneaux, Confidential Executive Assistant

Legal counsel to the Board was present as follows:

Philip O. Bergeron

Members of the public - None

1. Rules and Regulations:**Rules/Amendments under Development: Prescription Drug Prior Authorization**

Form – Pursuant to the Board’s request, a rulemaking effort has been commenced resulting from the passage of Act 423 496 (SB 29, Sen. Mills of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature. In conformity with the law, the law requires the promulgation of a form by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Examiners relative to a single uniform prescription drug prior authorization and to provide for the authority to impose sanctions pursuant to current regulatory and contract authority; to provide for licensure requirements, effective date and other related matters. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, the Board voted to approve the prior authorization form and the proposed rules and to provide *Notice of Intent* in the Louisiana Register.

2. General Administrative Matters; Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy; Data Sharing;

Follow-Up. Dr. Valentine reported that she spoke with Rebekah Gee, M.D., relative to the data requested by Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to facilitate the automation of access by prescribers to the Prescription Monitoring Program (“PMP”) in accordance with Act 76 as well as to combat the opioid epidemic. Following review and discussion, on the motion of Dr. Clark, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board approved sharing the requested data with the Board of Pharmacy.

[3.] General Administrative Matters; Personnel Matters. On the motion of Dr. Howell, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to discuss issues relating to personnel matters pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3). 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, the Board voted to offer the position of Director of Investigations to their first choice and wait their acceptance.

[4.] General Administrative Matters; Personnel Matters. On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Amusa, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board convened in executive session to discuss issues relating to personnel matters pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3). Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Amusa, duly seconded by Dr. Johnson, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to hire a medical consultant in the Department of Investigations and offer a rate of \$150.00/hour and await acceptance.

[5.] General Administrative Matters; Personnel Matters. On the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Howell, and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to take up an item of new business relating to personnel matters and convened in executive session to discuss issues relating to personnel matters pursuant to La.Rev.Stat. 42:17A(3). The Board discussed the items of an organizational chart as well as an operational chart for the Board and how to structure. Following review and discussion, the Board resumed in open session and on the motion of Dr. Johnson, duly seconded by Dr. Clark and passed by unanimous voice vote, the Board voted to authorize the President and the Executive Director to research the intent of the legislature with respect to the law and review the idea of an operational chart with various stakeholders in the Legislature and organizations around the state, such as the LSMS, LHA and the LMA.

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6. Communication and Information; Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee (“MPTC”); Follow-Up. The Board reviewed the list of physicians who submitted their resumes/CVs for nominations to serve on the MPTC. The Board noted the list of nominees was due to the Boards and Commission’s Office by August 1, 2018. Following review and discussion, the Board selected a preliminary list of nominees for appointment.

7. Next Meeting of Board. The President reminded the members that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for August 13, 14, 2018.

Upon motion made, duly seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, July 23, 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 23, 2018 and approved by the Board on the 13th day of August, 2018.

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

Joseph Kerry Howell, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

Attest:

Christy Lynn Valentine, M.D.
President